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WFNP-FM Programs and Issues, 4th Quarter 2023

NOTICE CONCERNING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMMING

The Federal Communications Commission requires non commercial radio stations to report, on a quarterly basis, the programming it has aired to address the needs and issues confronting the community it is licensed to serve.

The attached document lists and describes the programming aired during the fourth quarter of 2023. WFNP-FM may transmit its programming, in compliance with its time share contract with WRHV, only during the months of February, March, April, September, October and November. Accordingly, the attached document lists Community Service Programming for the months of October and November, the only months in the year's fourth quarter during which WFNP operates.

WFNP broadcasts *Public Service Announcements* regularly three to six or more times each hour on a daily basis. A list of the public service announcements can be found on page 2 of this document.

WFNP regularly broadcasts the *Nightly News*, a half-hour live news program, weeknights at 7:00pm. The programs cover news features of local and regional relevance as well as international and national news topics. A list of the local news coverage can be found on pages 2 through 11 of this document.

WFNP broadcasts 30 minute talk shows, weeknights at 7:30pm. A list of community based talk show topics can be found on page 12 of this document.

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WFNP Public Service Announcements: October/November 2023

More Than Pink
Tea Pot PSA
Larry Smarter
Bobcat in the Cave
If Skin Could Talk
Forest (30)
Force Behind The Forces PSA
Youth Volunteering
Forest Animals
Live United
Rattlesnake at the Pond
GooGoo (30)
Sounds of the Forest
Buzzed Driving (30)
Homework
Cutlets 30
CarSeat Safety (30)
Foodie
HaircutPSA
Backyard
Did You Know
Monster
Pirate
Danica (30)
Hands Symphony
Be Safe RX
It's the Law PSA
Villain
Disaster Karen (30)
Brad Buzzed (30)
Coming Together (30)
GrowingUpTeacherPSA
Smoky Isabella (30)
Smoky Grilling (30)
Diversity (30)
Dorsky PSA
WFNP Music Department
Mario and Veronica
Goo Goo Dolls
Play Catch With Her
Love Fest
NPMC Halloween Show 2023 (FROM 10/23-10/27)

WFNP Nightly News: October/November 2023

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10/02/2023	<p>Hudson Valley: The Hudson Valley Film Commission is seeking locals to cast roles in a feature film, "After This Death," aiming to spread the opportunity to all residents, regardless of acting experience. The film has been granted a Screen Actors' Guild Interim Agreement.</p> <p>Sullivan County: Three people were seriously injured in a house explosion in Sullivan County, triggered by a propane leak, and the explosion demolished the house and damaged neighboring homes.</p> <p>Ulster County: Ulster County has launched its Climate Corps, attracting 17 paid interns who completed 10-week jobs. County Executive Jen Metzger praises the interns' work and emphasizes the need for new initiatives to align Ulster County's climate targets with New York's.</p>	The RSCA has announced the winners of the Academic Year Undergraduate Research Experience (AYURE) grants for the Fall semester, recognizing students and faculty for their intensive projects.
10/03/2023	<p>New Paltz: Village officials are shifting parking costs to users, with additional fees potentially increasing the cost to 72 cents. The fees include 30 cents for the vendor, 15 cents for the payment processor, and three percent for the bank.</p> <p>The Night of 100 Pumpkins returns after a COVID-19 hiatus, focusing on tradition, community, family, and celebration. Dawn Borrello, owner of The Bakery in downtown New Paltz, is honored to continue David Santner's legacy.</p> <p>Kingston: The Senate House State Historic Site is about to get a substantial revamp, thanks to a \$750,000 federal grant. Set to kick off in spring 2024, this vital rehabilitation work is part of the National Park Service's (NPS) recent award of \$10 million for its Semiquincentennial Grant Program, which celebrates the 250th anniversary of the United States' foundation</p> <p>Poughkeepsie: Camerata Trajectina, a Dutch musical ensemble, will perform 17th-century popular songs and Renaissance and Baroque masterpieces in Albany and Poughkeepsie, showcasing their rich musical history.</p>	ASAP/ACE, a program from Gov. Hochul's SUNY Transformation Fund, plans to support 3,750 students in 25 SUNY schools starting Spring 2024 to improve graduation rates, close opportunity gaps, and provide academic assistance.
10/04/2023	<p>Woodstock: The Woodstock Bear Task Force, formed in June, aims to minimize bear interactions with humans and educate people on reducing their attraction. The task force, consisting of nine members, was formed due to high bear complaints in Woodstock.</p> <p>Saugerties: The Saugerties Central School District's Board of Education approved six administrative changes, including the temporary and permanent replacement of business official Jane St. Amour and Colleen Mills. St. Amour resigned in August, while Mills will be appointed on October 30.</p> <p>Kingston: Kingston's O+ Festival, a decade-long collaboration between wellness and arts, returns with performances, art, comedy, and wellness activities. Headliners include Gail Ann Dorsey, Amythyst Kiah, and Bobcat Goldthwait, with over 100 acts.</p> <p>New Paltz: Village officials struggle with adopting mobile phone parking apps due to complaints and concerns about metal coins. They have explored solutions but must integrate with existing systems and processes. Privacy and data collection issues have led to cancellations and delays in app implementation.</p>	Board Game Night is this Friday, October 6th, at 6 pm. Stop by to play with friends or jump in solo for classic and modern games during an epic evening.
10/05/2023	<p>Ulster County: Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger unveiled her proposed 2024 budget, increasing spending by 8.4% over 2023. She proposes a new Housing and Homelessness unit, employee training program, and public transportation funding. Property taxes remain unchanged.</p> <p>Kingston: City council removed requirement for contractors over \$100,000 to have three annual graduates from apprenticeship programs, allowing smaller contractors to bid. Over 150 tradesmen and community members voted in favor of the change, despite opposition from union contractors.</p>	N/A

10/06/2023	<p>Ulster County: Ulster County Supreme Court Justice Richard Mott dismissed a lawsuit challenging the Planning Board's decision to grant site plan approval and a special use permit for the Kingstonian project, stating that challenges to past lawsuits and a two-year time frame were not invalidated.</p> <p>A 17-year-old driver was seriously injured in a two-car crash on Broadway, according to the Ulster County Sheriff's Office. The incident occurred near La Mirage restaurant and involved a 2004 Nissan Maxima and a 2017 Volvo.</p> <p>Poughkeepsie: Poughkeepsie city school district educators have reached a tentative contract agreement after months of negotiations. The agreement includes maintaining health insurance, a 1.71 percent pay increase annually, and retroactive pay for unpaid years. The agreement is due to be signed later today.</p>	U.S. News and World Report has named The State University of New York at New Paltz as the Number 8 best public university in the Northeast, an impressive feat for the institution.
10/09/2023	<p>Ulster County: Rep. Pat Ryan announced the October schedule for his Constituent Advocacy Resources Empowerment Services (C.A.R.E.S.) Van, which provides direct assistance to constituents in the 18th Congressional District, including accessing benefits, federal grant funding, immigration services, and resolving issues with federal agencies.</p> <p>Ulster Corps' 13th annual Zombie Escape run and walk event returns to Fifth Lake Hudson Valley, featuring 1K kids run, 5K Time Race, and 2K walk, with awards at 12:30 p.m.</p>	New York Governor Kathy Hochul prioritizes education with unprecedented funding in the 2024 FY budget, including \$1.3 billion for SUNY schools, \$106 million for community colleges, and \$75 million for transformational initiatives. [1]
10/10/2023	<p>Huntington: The former Nevele resort in Ellenville has been sold to 1100 Arrow LLC for \$5 million, part of a plan by Somerset Partners to demolish the Borscht Belt hotel and build a 126-unit housing development. The project aims to provide affordable housing for middle-income families.</p> <p>Ulster County: Former Ulster County Finance Commissioner Burt Gulnick pleaded guilty to two counts of grand larceny, admitting to stealing over \$100,000 from two organizations, and agreed to a state prison sentence and restitution payments.</p>	N/A
10/11/2023	<p>Ulster County: Alison Esposito, a 25-year New York Police Department veteran, announced her candidacy for New York's 18th Congressional District, a seat currently held by Democrat Pat Ryan. Esposito, the first openly gay candidate, aims to protect New Yorkers.</p> <p>Rosendale: International Pickle Festival returns to Ulster County Fairgrounds, featuring 140 vendors and 15 food trucks. Vendors will occupy a "Pickle Village" with their own lines, offering more space for visitors and vendors.</p>	Dress for Success Dutchess County is hosting a mobile boutique on campus, offering free women's professional attire before the Fall 2023 Career Fair, with walk-ins welcome.
10/12/2023	<p>Newburg: The New York Office of Cannabis Management is hosting public forums to discuss the marijuana retail market, addressing setbacks and challenges faced by early stakeholders, including court challenges and limited retail stores.</p> <p>Ulster County: Megan Sperry, a registered Democrat, is running uncontested for re-election in the District 17 seat of the Ulster County Legislature. She will focus on addressing housing crisis, food insecurity, and creating living wage jobs. Sperry has sponsored policy measures for affordable housing, food security, and universal free lunches.</p>	Join us tomorrow, Friday, October 13th for Sound Your Truth: Courage, an interactive evening of creative sharing and collective expression hosted to amplify and center underrepresented voices in particular.
10/13/2023	<p>Saugerties: 26th Annual Pickle Festival will take place on Sunday, October 15, 2023.</p> <p>Linda Mary Montano, a Saugerties native, will honor her life and career with special events and exhibitions from October 14-19, co-sponsored by ShoutOut Saugerties, including art therapy discussions, artist talks, and performances.</p> <p>Ulster County: Nine defendants indicted by federal grand jury in Albany face drug trafficking charges, including conspiracy to distribute fentanyl and cocaine. Seized items include cocaine, \$600,000, and firearms.</p>	The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz is pleased to announce the opening of the reimagined "A Living Collection" exhibition, which features the Museum's permanent collection on display in the Corridor Gallery and the Sarah Bedrick Gallery curated by Katie Hood Morgan.

10/16/2023	<p>Ulster County: Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger is rethinking converting a Midtown boarding house into a county-owned emergency shelter, citing concerns over costs and delays. She expects to issue qualifications by the end of the month.</p> <p>A 32-year-old Kerhonkson man, Vincent VanLeuven, has been charged with grand larceny and identity theft, stealing over \$150,000 from a 78-year-old victim's financial accounts since January.</p> <p>Hudson Valley: Gasoline prices in the Mid-Hudson Valley dropped last week, with Ulster County, Dutchess, Greene County, Columbia County, New York state, and the national average all experiencing a decline.</p>	N/A
10/17/2023	<p>Ulster County: Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger is running unopposed for a four-year term, focusing on environmental issues and affordable housing. She has signed an executive order aligning the county's climate goals with the state's Climate Leadership Act.</p> <p>Indian monks have purchased the Tibetan Center on Route 28, promoting Tibetan culture and promoting Tibetan Buddhism, without plans to take over a thrift store.</p> <p>New Paltz: Harry, a young man from New Paltz, is staking his claim on a new franchise of Bubbakoo's Burritos, a popular Mexican-fusion eatery chain, in New Paltz, a neighborhood with 120 locations across the Northeast.</p>	Looking for a summer internship? Looking for employers for a future career? Have nothing else better to do on a Wednesday afternoon? Then come on down to the Elting Gym for the Fall 2023 Career and Internship Fair!
10/18/2023	<p>Poughkeepsie: Minisink schools' volleyball players collided with a school bus on Interstate 84, causing both vehicles to engulf in flames. No injuries or medical attention were reported.</p> <p>Woodstock: Woodstock Town Board held its first public meeting to gather comments on the Housing Oversight Task Force's proposed amendments, addressing affordable housing issues. The meeting was crowded, with over 100 attendees trying to join via Zoom.</p>	Award-winning writer Sonali Kolhatkar's talk, named after her book "Rising Up: The Power of Narrative in Pursuing Racial Justice," will focus on cultural shifts in media and inclusivity. This event will take place tomorrow, October 19th, 2023 at 7 pm in the Lecture Center.
10/19/2023	<p>Dutchess County: Dutchess County is resuming in-person, supervised visits between parents and children in family court, following a lack of funding for security officers. The move aims to unify families and limit trauma to children.</p> <p>Ulster County: Over 45 speakers at a public hearing at the Ulster County Restorative Justice Center discussed Central Hudson's proposed double-digit rate hike for electric and gas delivery, describing nightmare situations including high bills, multiple billings, and insufficient resolutions.</p> <p>Saugerties: Kingston residents are struggling with bills from Central Hudson, a utility that has sent them 15 separate bills for their historic buildings. Historic Huguenot Street president, Lisabelle LaFrance, has struggled to understand the bills and has run out of resources. Alexis Danzig, a grassroots group forming to address grievances, has experienced billing problems and was kicked out of the Public Service Commission's process. Andrew Wilner, who owns solar panels, also reported issues with the utility's "solar department."</p>	N/A
10/20/2023	<p>Kingston: WMCHealth will shut down IT systems at HealthAlliance Hospital, Margaretville Hospital, and Mountainside Residential Care Center for 24 hours, causing ambulance divers and patient transfers to other facilities.</p> <p>Woodstock: Construction on a mixed-income apartment complex in Woodstock is set to begin next spring, transforming a former nursing home into 37 studio and one-bedroom units, with the project expected to be completed in 2024.</p> <p>Ulster County: Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher and County Executive Jen Metzger are reportedly in a showdown over the release of information and the jurisdiction of the two independently elected officials. Gallagher filed a special proceeding in state Supreme Court to force Metzger to turn over tips and results of a county-funded investigation into former Finance Commissioner Burt Gulnick.</p>	SUNY New Paltz is proud of the traditions it has created, and Alumni Reunion Weekend is one that the entire campus looks forward to each year. Reunion 2023 will be held on campus October 20-22.

10/23/2023	<p>Ulster County: A concert by Marco Benevento and Simi Stone raised funds to prevent the development of 600+ acres in the Zena Highlands. The goal is to convince Woodstock National LLC not to close on the property, which is a foraging area for bald eagles, long-eared bats, and box turtles.</p> <p>Westchester: HealthAlliance Hospital and Margaretville Hospital in Delaware County have resumed admitting patients after a cyberattack on their computer systems. The temporary ambulance diversion has ended, and both hospitals are now fully operational. Local emergency service operators have been notified to resume transporting emergency patients, except for emergency stroke patients who will be temporarily transferred to other area hospitals.</p> <p>Kingston: Kingston High School Tiger Marching Band achieved its highest score of the season at Saugerties High School, scoring 87.25. The largest competitive scholastic marching band in New York state, the band finished second in the Large School 2nd Division at the New York State Field Band Conference Championships in 2022. The 2023 show, "Apo11o," features Walt Disney Studios and Elton John music.</p>	Join us for the rare and beautiful experience of being guided into a state of deep relaxation while seated in the comfortable and star filled awe-inspiring space of the John R. Kirk Planetarium on the SUNY New Paltz campus.
10/24/2023	<p>Westchester: HealthAlliance Hospital is investigating a cyberattack on its computer system, but has not disclosed whether patient information was compromised. The state Health Department has not responded to inquiries about the breach.</p> <p>Kingston: A 35-year-old Kingston man was airlifted to a hospital after crashing his bicycle down a steep hill in the village. Police suspect he lost control and possibly lost footing on gravel.</p> <p>Ellenville: ShopRite supermarket in Ellenville, NY, will close next summer after 30 years. The community is disappointed and hopeful for another large supermarket chain to replace it. The Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce is investigating options.</p>	Join Amanda Sperber for a lecture on "Rethinking Foreign Correspondence" on November 2 at 7 p.m. in Science Hall room 181, followed by a reception and Q&A.
10/25/2023	<p>Ulster County: Halloween events in Ulster County are categorized into families, stage and screen enthusiasts, and adult participants. Kingston Farmers' Market encourages costumes, Seed Song Farm hosts a family fun weekend, and MyKingstonKids Halloween Fest offers live music, dancing, and carnival games. Ashokan Center offers a spooky scavenger hunt, while Esopus Library offers Halloween Story Time and Crafternoon. Ulstercorps' 13th annual Zombie Escape offers a wooded route, while New Paltz Youth Center hosts Barbie's Screamhouse. Woodstock's Woodstock Halloween celebration features a costume parade, contest, and special appearances.</p>	SUNY New Paltz will debut a new graduate degree program in Strategic Communication in January 2024 to help meet the need for skilled communication professionals across a range of industries in New York and beyond.
10/26/2023	<p>Hudson Valley: U.S. Rep. Pat Ryan is demanding the Coast Guard to uphold the Hudson River anchoring ban, arguing it would turn the river into a parking lot for hazardous materials.</p> <p>Ulster County: Ulta Beauty Supply in Kings Mall was targeted three times by thieves, stealing over \$12,000 in merchandise. Two incidents resulted in arrests, while seven suspects were arrested in the other two. The incidents are not related.</p> <p>Gregory Thayer, 50, was sentenced to 25 years in state prison for the shooting death of Bruce Swierc, his best friend. He was convicted of first-degree manslaughter and second-degree weapons possession. Thayer's attorneys sought a new trial after a confidential meeting with a local attorney and allegations of a psychotic break.</p>	Are you thinking of applying to graduate school? Curious about what programs are out there? Come to the Graduate and Professional School Fair on November 15th to meet representatives from 50 schools.

10/27/2023	<p>Ulster County: Former Ulster County Finance Commissioner Burt Gulnick and payroll supervisor Wendy Trojak have been dismissed in a lawsuit alleging gender discrimination and abusive behavior. Heather Mikes, a former confidential secretary, claimed she was subjected to hostility and harassment in a dysfunctional work environment. Gulnick resigned after embezzlement allegations.</p> <p>Former Hurley landfill has been designated a superfund site due to contamination concerns, potentially impacting the Ashokan Reservoir, a water source for New York City. The site has been identified as having leachate overflows with PFOA and PFOS, causing heightened concern.</p>	Trunk or Treat!!! This is a family friendly event that is open to students, faculty, staff, and the New Paltz community. Anyone is welcome to stop by to collect candy or participate by decorating your car and handing out candy.
10/30/2023	<p>Ulster County: Port Ewen Fire District officials are holding two public information sessions ahead of a Nov. 14 referendum on a \$7 million proposal for a new fire station near Town Hall, a move that will increase the district's funding.</p> <p>A public hearing is scheduled for November 2 to discuss Ulster Hospitality LLC's fifth attempt to construct a 100-unit Hilton hotel in Ulster Commons plaza, following extensions and an expired permit.</p> <p>Hudson Valley: The average price of a gallon of gasoline in Ulster County fell 11 cents to \$3.62 since Oct. 16, while Dutchess saw prices fall 8 cents to \$3.64. Greene County saw prices fall 7 cents to \$3.81. Columbia County also saw a 7-cent decrease to \$3.70. Over the past two weeks, the New York state average fell 7 cents to \$3.70, while the national average decreased 10 cents to \$3.45.</p>	Come down to the Sojourner Truth Library Lobby tomorrow on Halloween for 2 for \$1 books. If that's not enough, you can fill a bag with books for \$5. Talk about spooky sales! This spook-tacular event starts at 10 am and ends at 4.
10/31/2023	<p>Westchester: Oliver Kita, "chocolatier, chef, caterer, and restaurateur," died Saturday, Oct. 28, at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla. He was 66.</p> <p>Ulster County: Resource Recovery Agency revisits hydroquest study on potential solid waste disposal terminus locations.</p> <p>Kingston: The city and Ulster County have provided financial support to a low-income housing provider to assist landlords with apartment repairs if they promise to keep rents stable for a period of time, according to Mayor Steve Noble and Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger.</p>	It is with sadness that SUNY New Paltz shares news of the death of Diego Dominici, who taught in the Department of Mathematics for 20 years, on Oct. 16. He was 51.

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11/01/2023	<p>Ulster County: Three affordable house grants have been awarded to city projects. The projects are at 350 Broadway, 53 Garden St., and 58 Clifton Ave.</p> <p>Ulster County: Importance of the Hydroquest study in waste conservation efforts in Ulster County.</p> <p>Kingston: Owner of Oliver Kita Fine Confections, Oliver Kita died on Saturday, October 28th, 2023 at age 66.</p>	Black Solidarity Day events on campus hosted by the Black Student Union
11/02/2023	<p>Dutchess County: Dozens of people were injured in a gas explosion that caused the collapse of an apartment building at 4 Brick Row in the village of Wappingers Falls on Thursday afternoon.</p> <p>Woodstock: Residents in Woodstock are concerned about a landfill at a house with construction and demolition debris polluting their wells and endangering their water supply. Despite warnings, the town has declared the property safe, and residents are questioning why the debris hasn't been fully removed.</p> <p>Kingston: Kingston allocated \$1 million of its American Rescue Plan Act funding for the Affordable Housing Fund, with the goal of prioritizing development or rehabilitation projects that result in the creation of housing rented at no more than 60% of the Area Median Income for a period of 20 years.</p>	N/A

11/03/2023	<p>Poughkeepsie: Shantelle Whyte and her four children were in their Wappinger Falls home on Brick Row Thursday afternoon when a Central Hudson contractor reportedly struck a ¾-inch gas pipeline that runs into the multi-unit building. Moments later, an explosion trapped Whyte and her children inside under the rubble and caused the building to collapse. Whyte's sister, Shannon McInain, said in a GoFundMe fundraiser organized for them.</p> <p>Ulster County: Thursday afternoon in Ulster County. Sightings of the plane, "a multi-role bomber capable of delivering both conventional and nuclear munitions," were reported to the Freeman in New Paltz and Kingston at about noon Thursday, Nov. 2. The sightings were confirmed by Francis J. DeMaro Jr., a public affairs specialist at West Point, on Friday.</p>	The Office of Veteran & Military Services invites one and all to drop by and get to know some military-affiliated members of our campus community
11/06/2023	<p>Hudson Valley: Election Day in Mid-Hudson Valley municipalities features state, county, and local races. Two statewide propositions include removing small city school districts from special constitutional debt limitations and extending sewage project debt exclusion from debt limits. Candidates for 3rd State Supreme Court District and DA office are up.</p> <p>Ulster County: Two County Wide propositions are proposed: amending the Ulster County Charter to allow primaries and require the Legislature to confirm the Executive's selection of qualified electors, and improving transparency and accountability in financial operations. Uncontested town and county representative positions include an annual increase for the Elting Memorial Library.</p> <p>Comedian Pete Davidson is scheduled to perform at the Ulster Performing Arts Center at 601 Broadway at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15, the Bardavon announced on Monday. Tickets are on sale to Bardavon members now and go on sale to the general public on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m.</p>	Get three credits in three weeks, fully online! SUNY New Paltz is offering more than 70 online courses this winter across a range of majors at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Classes begin on Dec. 27 and run through Jan. 17.
11/07/2023	<p>Ulster County: The Ulster County Charter is set to be amended to allow time for primaries and require the Legislature to confirm the selection of qualified electors for the next General Election. The county also proposes to move bank reconciliation authority from the Office of the Comptroller to the Department of Finance, clarify audit authority, and allow access to digital records. The 3rd State Supreme Court District is up for election, with candidates Richard Rivera, Daniel Lynch, Sherri J. Brooks-Morton, and Dana Salazar.</p> <p>New Paltz: New Paltz's town proposal proposes an annual increase of \$721,000 for the Elting Memorial Library, a free association library, from \$65,000 to \$721,000.</p>	The final round of voting for the Springfest 2024 headliner has begun, with the survey closing on November 9th at 11:59 p.m.

11/08/2023	N/A	<p>SUNY New Paltz President Darrell P. Wheeler will deliver the 2023 Dennis O'Keefe Lecture on November 13, titled "Public Higher Education at the Crossroads." He will discuss challenges faced by institutions like SUNY New Paltz and how public colleges can serve as valuable community resources. Wheeler emphasizes providing excellent education and serving citizens.</p> <p>[1]</p>
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11/09/2023	<p>Kingston: The \$162.5 million project for J. Watson Bailey Middle School has begun with a focus on designing improvements that reflect district interests and ambitions. Consultant Armand Quadriini presented an option for a window replacement project with a music keyboard design, referencing the arts in Kingston. Other basic concepts include checkerboard, angled lines, and columns.</p> <p>E.R. Crosby Elementary School will increase law enforcement presence after an unidentified man was detained and questioned. Superintendent Dr. Paul J. Padalino stated that there is no confirmed threat to students, but increased security measures will continue for several days. The investigation is ongoing and the school encourages the public to use the online reporting form, iWitness.</p> <p>New Paltz: New Paltz restaurateur Susan Salanitri was sentenced to two years of probation and ordered to pay \$307,665 in restitution for filing false tax returns. Salanitri, who owns Rocco's Pizzeria and Rocco's Fine Dining, admitted to deliberately underreporting her restaurants' revenues from 2015 to 2019, resulting in a total underpayment of \$307,665. A plea agreement was signed by Salanitri in September 2022.</p>	<p>As the campus is gearing up to begin renovations in the Student Union Building, the Center for Student Engagement would like to inform you that a few of our 2nd and 4th floor rooms will become temporary office space beginning Monday, October 6, 2023. SUB 208, SUB 209, and SUB 408 will not be available for reserving until the completion of the renovation.</p>
11/10/2023	<p>Kingston: Pro-Palestinian demonstrators blocked Kingston's Wall Street in front of U.S. Rep. Pat Ryan's office, demanding a cease-fire in Gaza. A smaller crowd of pro-Israel counterdemonstrators supported Israel in its war against Hamas.</p> <p>Rondout Savings Bank (RSB) has acquired Key Bank's former Kingston location and plans to renovate and move into the building in late 2024. The bank's iconic logo, a stylized version of the Rondout Lighthouse, will be displayed on the brick outside wall. This move marks a local milestone in competition between commercial banks and community banks.</p> <p>Saugerties: Two drivers were taken to HealthAlliance Hospital after a head-on crash on John Joy Road. Benjamin J. Corley, 35, and Jay S. Lief, 80, were injured in the accident. Corley was unconscious and was taken to the hospital, while Lief's injuries were considered minor. The incident occurred on November 6.</p>	<p>A talk with the curator, Katie Hood Morgan, of a new gallery titled A Living Collection will be taking place this weekend. This event will take place on Saturday, November 11, 2023, 2:00 PM in the Dorsky Museum.</p>
11/13/2023	<p>Ulster County: Town Supervisor Fred Costello has announced that candidates for the town's next full-time police chief must submit their resumes by November 24. Interim Police Chief Lou Barbaria has filled the vacancy left by former chief Joseph Sinagra, who retired due to controversy. Barbaria, paid \$50 an hour, is not seeking the full-time position.</p> <p>Hudson Valley: Gasoline prices in the Mid-Hudson Valley dropped by 8 cents to \$3.50 in Ulster County, Dutchess, Greene County, and Columbia County. The New York state average fell 4 cents to \$3.62, closely pacing national trends. The decline has reached eight straight weeks, attributed to seasonal factors and economic headwinds. Motorists can be thankful for the decrease.</p> <p>Westchester: HealthAlliance Hospital, a member of the Westchester Medical Center Health Network, has been designated a level 3 trauma center by the State Department of Health. This designation allows patients to receive expedited care during early injury moments, benefit from a wide range of trauma services, and reduce the need for transfers to other facilities. The trauma service is composed of experienced physicians, nurses, and clinical specialists.</p>	<p>This weekend student-run theater club the Miami Theatre Players will put on a production of Seussical the musical! The production will take place in Studley Theatre on 2:00 and 7:00 on Saturday the 18th, and 2:00 on Sunday the 19th. Tickets are first come, first serve.</p>
11/14/2023	<p>Dutchess County: Ashley M. Hernandez, 27, of Hyde Park has been placed under arrest on suspicion of kidnapping a child during a verbal argument with her spouse at home. The incident took place at the Hyde Park Golden Manor Motel, where the infant was discovered to be in good health. Hernandez faces charges of endangering the welfare of a child and kidnapping in the second degree, both of which are class B felonies.</p> <p>The Wonderland of Lights returns to Rhinebeck's Dutchess County Fairgrounds for the third year, featuring festive displays and traditional sounds, aiming to create memorable experiences for visitors.</p>	<p>Darrell Wheeler, President of SUNY New Paltz, highlighted the importance of public colleges and universities in serving students and the community in a lecture titled "Public Higher Education at the Crossroads," highlighting their role as co-partners in seeking solutions. Dr. Wheeler's talk was part of the 2023 Dennis O'Keefe Lecture Series at SUNY New Paltz.</p>

11/15/2023	<p>Ulster County: Michael Kavanagh has ended his bid for Ulster County's district attorney, conceding the race to Democrat Emmanuel Nneji. Nneji gained an additional 58 votes after counting 98 absentee ballots, giving him a 368-vote lead. The vote tally now stands at 24,206 to 23,838. Additional absentee ballots are expected to be counted on Wednesday.</p> <p>Saugerties: Chris Keff and Tess Robinson, who owned a failing restaurant, were helped by renowned chef Gordon Ramsay on "Kitchen Nightmares." Ramsay's show revealed the restaurant's toxic environment and treatment of Robinson, who ran the dining hall. Despite the challenges, the couple sold Love Bites, which has since reopened as The Town Café, two months after filming.</p> <p>Kingston: Archtop Fiber, a company based in Ulster, plans to install high-speed fiber in Kingston, New York City, taking a year to 18 months. The company plans to expand its network to other areas in the Hudson Valley, including Woodstock, Rhinebeck, Red Hook, Hudson, and Catskill. With a \$350-million investment from Post Road Group, Archtop plans to roll out its fiber throughout the region.</p>	The SUNY New Paltz Department of Theatre Arts will present "Hooded, or Being Black for Dummies," a comedic drama by playwright Arvelle Chisholm, in the 2023-24 Mainstage Production series, from November 17-19 and November 30-December 3.
11/16/2023	<p>Newburgh: The Foundry, a housing redevelopment of a former factory in Washington Heights, has completed its final phase, opening 59 new lofts for rent. The project, which has faced numerous challenges, includes high ceilings, loft-style bedrooms, and industrial interiors. The lofts are currently available for rent at \$1,800 per unit and can be sold as condos within the next few years. Tenants will be part of the complex's homeowner's association.</p> <p>Kingston: Voice Theatre's "Refugee Stories" will feature 21st-century refugee stories from Central America and Gaza, alongside two older pieces by Bertolt Brecht. Director Shauna Kanter incorporated the Gaza Monologues, a play written by children in Gaza during the 2006 conflict, into the play due to the current conflict between Israel and Palestine. Kanter, who has worked in both the West Bank and Israel, aims to put a human face on the conflict.</p>	Please join the Center for Student Engagement on Thursday November 16th (thats today!) from 6 - 8 pm (thats right now!!) for a delightful evening of Dinner and Discourse on the topic of Affirmative Action. This event is open to all students, faculty, and staff, and we welcome all voices and perspectives
11/17/2023	<p>Ulster: A lawsuit has been filed against Ulster County Legislator Joseph Maloney and Donald Markle III, alleging that they slandered Charles Whittaker of the Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA) for "theft of compost from the Agency." Whittaker, employed by the agency, is the director of operations and compliance. Maloney, a member of the Energy, Compliance and Sustainability Committee, denied accusing Whittaker of theft but acknowledged his criticism of UCRRA's practices. The complaint also cites a 2022 comptroller's audit of UCRRA's composting operations.</p> <p>Kingston: Kingston City School District (KCSd) launched its 2023-24 Digital Resources Survey to assess community technical needs. The survey, available through a student-specific link, aims to help students meet their technical needs at home. Grade 4-12 students are assigned Chromebooks for working at home.</p>	N/A
11/20/2023	<p>Saugerties: People's Place distributed 1,500 Thanksgiving meals to needy individuals, with 1,475 handed out today. The meals included turkeys, apple pie, potatoes, and corn. The agency will host a Thanksgiving brunch on November 21 for those who missed the giveaway.</p> <p>Kingston: Mayor Steve Noble announced the opening of "Replace the Parks," a drop-in indoor playground program for pre-school-aged children in Midtown Kingston. The program will run weekly until March 2024, with no registration required.</p> <p>Dutchess County: Dutchess County's sales tax rate and hotel tax rates could increase by 0.25% and 4% respectively, with property taxes decreasing by \$50,000. Residents can vote on the proposed \$599.5 million spending plan.</p>	N/A
11/21/2023	<p>Ulster County: Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa has received a \$400,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to expand existing services, including the Opioid Response as County Law Enforcement (ORACLE) Team, by creating SAFE, a new Support & Advocacy through Frontline Engagement team.</p> <p>People's Place Community Café will host its first Thanksgiving brunch on November 23, featuring a free menu including various dishes and donations for the needy.</p>	N/A

11/22/2023	Kingston: The first Moon Trail box of free menstrual supplies was unveiled in Kingston, designed by Place Corps youth fellows to remove stigma and improve access for those in need.	N/A
11/23/2023	N/A	N/A
11/24/2023	Hudson Valley: Rep. Pat Ryan introduces legislation to lower prescription drug prices for Hudson Valley families, aiming to stop pharmaceutical companies' abuse of patent law and promote the production of generic alternatives.	N/A
11/27/2023	<p>Hudson Valley: Assemblywoman Sarahana Shrestha met with Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. executives to discuss customer complaints and opposition to potential rate increases. She emphasized that a rate increase would worsen trust in Central Hudson and that constituents feel helpless.</p> <p>Ulster County: A pilot program in Ulster county, involving 100 residents, provided a universal basic monthly income for 17 months. The program, analyzed by the University of Pennsylvania, improved financial health, self-worth, and quality of life.</p> <p>Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger released findings from a pilot study showing that despite global pandemic stressors and inflation, the treatment group experienced steady improvements in financial health, physical health, housing, and food security compared to the control group.</p>	Join the career resource center for an in-person graduate programs open house including 4+1 programs for undergraduate students! The event will take place from 5:30 to 7pm on Wednesday, November 29th.
11/28/2023	<p>New Paltz: Town Board members have adopted a \$9.29 million 2024 budget, increasing salaries for elected positions and reducing property tax levy. Supervisor Bill McKenna advocates for equal pay. Other changes include increased medical insurance.</p> <p>Ulster County: The Correctional Association of New York has released audits on two state-run correctional facilities in Ulster County, revealing allegations of abuse and inmates reporting poor access to essential services. The audits, based on interviews with prison population and staff members, found irregular access to services, high prices, and long wait times for medical and dental care. The report also highlighted issues with the correctional system's internal dispute program.</p>	SUNY New Paltz hosts senior portrait sessions for graduating seniors in December or May, featuring business attire, cap, gown, and academic attire. Appointments required for professional networking and job search sites.
11/29/2023	<p>Saugerties: Saugerties village hosts "Holiday in the Village" on Sunday, featuring holiday activities, breakfast, petting zoo, horse-drawn wagon rides, Festival of the Trees exhibit, Craft Fair, and Market at Boys and Girls Club.</p> <p>Kingston: Uptown Kingston's Snowflake Festival features tree lighting, Santa visits, ice carvings, fire jugglers, aerialists, campfires, photo buses, horse rides, and comedic jugglers. Musical and dramatic performances include Victorian carolers, KHS Brass Choir, and more.</p> <p>An 11-year-old boy sustained serious injuries after being struck by a Volkswagen on Zandhoek Road. The driver, Anthony J. Bonavist, was taken to HealthAlliance Hospital for treatment.</p>	SUNY New Paltz has been honored with an Honorable Mention on the 2023 Bike Friendly Universities list, thanks to its efforts in promoting sustainable campus transportation.
11/30/2023	<p>Ulster County: Ulster County lawmakers rejected numerous amendments to the proposed 2024 budget, including pay raises for legislators and proposals for new positions in county departments, including a Housing Counsel position.</p> <p>Ulster County has launched the Ulster County Medical Reserve Corp., an all-volunteer network to enhance community preparedness and response to public health emergencies and disasters, focusing on medically trained or certified members of the public.</p> <p>Kingston: Melik Davis, charged with 12 counts of second-degree murder, kidnapping, burglary, conspiracy, and robbery, denied knowing about the November 2019 killing of Myron Moye. During a trial, police tried to pressure Davis into admitting his involvement, despite the presence of evidence.</p>	The Department of Theatre Arts is hosting a community swap of gently used children's items in Parker Theatre's Costume Shop from Dec. 1 to promote a zero-waste and sharing economy strategy.

WFNP Talk Shows: October/November 2023

Host: Sophia Root

Show Name: Full Transparency

Show time: 7:30-8:00pm

Dates: 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30

- entertainment news and pop culture discussions, campus culture