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Kingston event on Friday will focus on domestic violence

By [Patricia Doxsey](#), Daily Freeman

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KINGSTON >> Elected leaders and law-enforcement officials from Ulster and Dutchess counties will mark the second annual “One Billion Rising Ulster County” event with a screening of the movie “SHELTER: A Concert Film to Benefit Victims of Domestic Violence” and a panel discussion focusing on developing a cooperative response to the issue of domestic violence.

The event, part of a worldwide effort designed to raise awareness of domestic violence, will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 14 at the Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St.

Beth Bengtson, of Hale Advisors, one of the sponsors of the event, said the program will feature a discussion of steps that have been taken since last year to address issues of domestic violence and explore additional ways to end violence against women.

The “One Billion Rising” campaign kicked off last year with 1 billion activists in 207 countries coming together

to strike, dance and rise to end violence against women and girls, according to the organization's website.

This year, "One Billion Rising For Justice" will focus on the issue of justice for all survivors of gender violence and "ending the rampant impunity that prevails globally," the website states.

Bengtson said the event held last year in Ulster County drew more than 200 officials and others. Singer Natalie Merchant, who lives in Ulster County, was so inspired by the effort that she held a concert at Bard College to raise funds for area shelters, Bengtson said.

"SHELTER: A Concert Film to Benefit Victims of Domestic Violence" was recorded at that concert, Bengtson said.

Among those scheduled to attend this year's local event are state Sens. Cecilia Tkaczyk, D-Duanesburg and Terry Gipson, D-Rhinebeck; Ulster County Executive Michael Hein and Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro; and Ulster County Senior Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Culmone and Dutchess County Senior Assistant District Attorney Marjorie Smith.

The event is free and open to the public with seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call Bengtson at (845) 383-1361.

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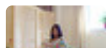
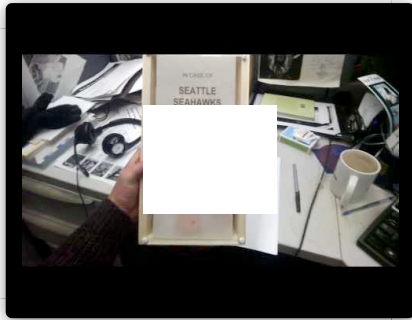


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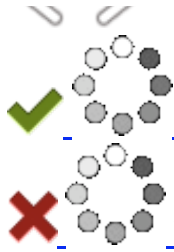
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