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Tenney backs bill to deny bail to violent felons who reoffend

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Congresswoman Claudia L. Tenney is backing a bill that would force states to amend their bail and pretrial detention rules to deny release for anyone previously convicted of a violent felony.

On Tuesday, Tenney introduced the House version of a bill written by Senator Tom Cotton, R-Ar. called the "No Bail Post-Jail Act." The relatively short bill would change the U.S. Criminal Code and require that all American courts, state or federal, deny bail to anyone previously charged with a violent felony if they've been arrested for a new felony offense.

It would also define violent felonies as murder, aggravated assault, robbery and sexual assault. Anyone who has served 30 days in state or federal prison for a conviction would be denied bail if brought in on new charges.

"New Yorkers and families across this country are sick of watching dangerous criminals cycle in and out of our justice system," Tenney said. "If you've already been convicted of a violent felony and you commit yet another felony offense, you should not be allowed back onto our streets

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Antique and Classic Boat Society show in Clayton keeps camaraderie afloat

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CLAYTON — William B. Nalle and his "sweetheart," Judy Johnstone, are self-described "old boat people."

"Judy has a 1929 Chris Craft, and I have several old boats," Nalle said.

But Nalle and Johnstone, who live in Texas, and the commandant and vice commandant, respectively, of the Bunny Run Yacht Club, did not bring a boat to the annual Antique and Classic Boat Society show, being held in Clayton this week.

"We brought American Airlines up here," Nalle said.

It was the classic boats and the friendly and familiar faces that attracted them to the show, where Clayton-based ACBS is celebrating its 50th anniversary. This weekend's show is only the second time an annual ACBS show has

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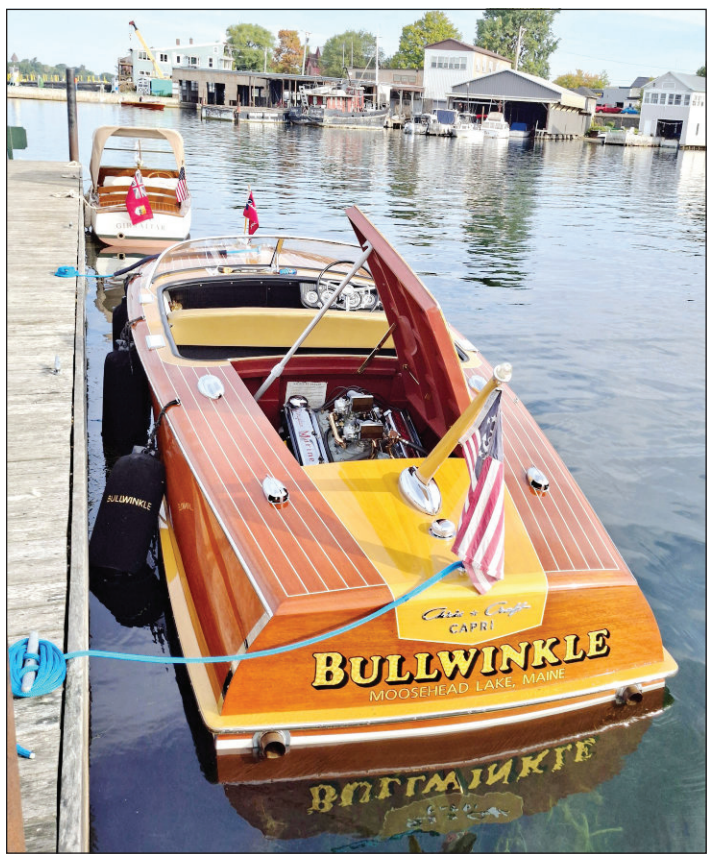
James Hartman displays the flag from his ACBS chapter near New Bern, North Carolina. He came to the annual show with friends from the state. Wednesday morning, they boarded his 20-foot Chris Craft Continental, dubbed "Loon," for an excursion to Boldt Castle. Chris Brock/ Watertown Daily Times



"Bullwinkle," from Moosehead Lake, Maine is at the ACBS show.

Vessels at the ACBS show are docked near the Antique Boat Museum's 106-foot houseboat "La Duchesse," built in 1903 for hotelier George Boldt. Chris Brock/ Watertown Daily Times

Below: A Chris Craft Holiday enters the dock area of the Antique Boat Museum on Wednesday morning.

William B. Nalle and Judy Johnstone of Texas didn't bring a boat to the ACBS show. "We have lots of friends here. We see people from other states that we only see at the shows," Judy said. Chris Brock/ Watertown Daily Times

State GOP preps for 2026 elections

Stefanik at center of efforts to flip New York to red

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ALBANY — Congresswoman Elise M. Stefanik is critical to the state Republican Party's goals this year and next; she's working to fundraise for candidates this year, is helping to coordinate state level party officials with the Trump administration and is likely to lead the party's ticket as their nominee for governor next year.

Stefanik

As the state Republicans held their bi-annual organizational meeting in an airport hotel on the outskirts of Albany Wednesday, Stefanik, R-Schuylerville, came up again and again.

Officials lauded her recent donation of $500,000 to GOP candidates or party committees in all 62 counties of the state, and her ongoing work to keep people on the ground up to date with Trump administration efforts and national Republican priorities. And state GOP Chair Ed R.F. Cox, elected to another two-year term at the helm of the state committee, said Stefanik is 'absolutely' running to be the next governor of New York.

The Congresswoman hasn't formally announced a campaign. She has said she would wait to announce her decision after election day this year. On Wednesday, Cox said that was a strategy recommended by

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NYGOP formally nominates Davison for Assembly District 115

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ALBANY — Republicans have their nominee for the special election to replace former Assemblyman D. Billy Jones, who retired late last month. On Wednesday, the NYGOP voted to select Brent Davison as their candidate.

At the party's annual reorganizational meeting in a hotel on the outskirts of Albany, the chairs of Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties unanimously voted to nominate Davison for the upcoming special election.

Speaking with reporters after his nomination, Davison said he's hitting the ground running for the short special election timeline he's facing against his Democratic opponent, Plattsburgh Town Supervisor Michael Cashman.

"We've been working behind the scenes, I've been

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