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## Added Performance for Jefferson McDonald in Concert at Shadowland Stages!



Photos by Jeff Knapp from *MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET* - 2023

ELLENVILLE, NY - Jefferson McDonald, the breakout star of SHADOWLAND STAGES' acclaimed 2023 production of *Million Dollar Quartet* as infamous piano man Jerry Lee Lewis, is set to dazzle audiences with his electrifying tribute concert on April 24th, 2024. Due to popular demand, an additional show has been added on April 23rd, 2024. Jefferson McDonald's *Great Balls of Fire* will perform on the MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES on April 23rd and April 24th, 2024, at 7:30 PM.

Dubbed as "the Victor Borge of Rock and Roll" and hailed as "born inside a piano," Jefferson McDonald is an award-winning actor, composer, and dynamic performer who has graced stages across the United States and

Canada. With his concert *Great Balls of Fire*, McDonald brings his passion for drama, comedy, and music to the forefront, paying homage to iconic legends including Jerry Lee Lewis, Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Willie Nelson, Ray Price, and more.

McDonald's portrayal of Jerry Lee Lewis in the Tony Award-winning musical *Million Dollar Quartet* has garnered critical acclaim, with his performances described as "unparalleled" and "shockingly brilliant." Having played the role in thirteen productions of *Million Dollar Quartet*, McDonald has left audiences captivated with his unparalleled energy and talent. His success in portraying Lewis even led to the creation of his original musical, *Jerry Lee Lewis VS Jerry Lee Lewis*, which debuted to rave reviews at Playhouse Stage Company in Cohoes, NY. (Contd. Pg. 13)



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**On the Front Burner:** Jesus said to him, 'If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.'

Mark 9:23

## OBITUARY

### Barbara Susan Harris Hollingshead,



of Dawsonville, GA, formerly of Ellenville, NY, went home to her Lord on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, she was 85. Barb was born on June 2, 1938, the youngest of 3 children,

to Joseph and Leah Harris in Winchester, Indiana. She was active in her school and enjoyed her years of cheerleading. She was even crowned Randolph County Pumpkin Queen in the Pumpkin Parade! Upon graduating in 1956, she entered Purdue University, but God had other plans. She began attending a campus bible study, and soon gave her life to Christ! She felt the call to go to bible school, and left Purdue to study at Emmaus Bible School in Illinois. Here she met William J. Hollingshead, the man she would marry and share her life and ministry with. Barb and Bill were married on June 4, 1960, in Highland Falls, NY. Bill continued his studies at Emmaus, and in 1962 they answered the call to be missionaries and moved to Quebec, Canada with their 2 small children. They served there until 1969 and moved back to the states with their now 5 children, landing in Vermont for a time. In 1973, they again answered the call to ministry, and moved to Wawarsing, NY. Barbara served alongside her husband as music director, playing piano, leading choir, directing many cantatas and plays, and also leading ladies' bible studies and heading up a ladies' ministry which served the church family in many capacities. She would, many years later, enter NYS service at Shawangunk Correctional Facility as a keyboard specialist and then Payroll Clerk. From there, she moved on to SUNY New Paltz where she filled several different positions, including Secretary to the Philosophy and Art Departments, from which she retired in 2007. Barbara continued to use her musical talents directing choirs and leading cantatas and dramatic presentations. Most of all, she loved to play piano and was quite an accomplished pianist and soloist. She played for innumerable events such as weddings, funerals and church services through the years. She loved her family

fiercely, praying without ceasing for all...and they are many! And to her 3 sons-in-loves, you were ALL her favorites! She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, leaving behind a legacy of love, faithfulness and godliness, not only with her family, but with all who ever had the privilege of knowing her.

Barbara is predeceased by her loving husband of 43 years, William J. Hollingshead, her parents Joseph and Leah Harris, her brother James Harris, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whom she never knew. She leaves behind her 5 children: Sarah (Richard) Green, their 10 children Jordan (Laura) Green, Caleb (Christina) Green, Jesse (Hannah) Green, Samuel (Gabriella) Green, Elijah (Leah) Green, Priscilla (Craig) Eastman, Isaac (Becky) Green, Hannah (Patrick) Green, Noah (Shannon) Green and Jedidiah Green and their 19 grandchildren; Timothy (Krista) Hollingshead, their 3 children Ryan (Zena) Hollingshead, Noel (Nicholas) Conlon and Luke Hollingshead, and their 2 grandchildren; Stephen (Jennifer) Hollingshead, their daughter Robyn (Jered) Light, and their 3 grandchildren; Martha (Kevin) James, their children Casey James, Lindsey (Elmer) Rabadan, Jeremy James and Mallery James, and their 1 granddaughter; and Rebecca (Barry) Freeman, their children Matthew (Nicole) Fallon, Austin (April) Freeman, Adam (Samantha) Fallon, Alexander Fallon, Gregory (Samantha) Fallon, Emma Freeman and Seth Freeman, and their 3 grandchildren. Also surviving is her sister Judy Wagner and several nieces and nephews.

A time of visitation will be held at Louck's Funeral Home on Friday, April 12th from 5 pm - 7 pm. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Christ the King Reformed Baptist Church on Port Ben Road, Wawarsing, NY at 2:00 pm. There will be a private burial. A second Memorial service will be held on April 20, 2024 at Hope Fellowship, 6230 Matt Hwy, Cumming, GA 30028 at 3:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Answers in Genesis at [answersingenesis.org](http://answersingenesis.org), or Hope Fellowship Building Fund at [hopefellowshipga.com](http://hopefellowshipga.com).

We would like to thank Pruitt Hospice and Brittany for the loving care given to our mom during these past few months.

# DAYS OF YORE...

## Today's History

### May 5, 1954

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the old Burr Porter homestead on S. Hill Road some time during Wednesday night or early Thursday morning. The house which was built over 100 years ago by Stoddard Porter's father was unoccupied at the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Slater became the parents of their second child, a daughter, at Veterans Memorial Hospital on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hornbeck and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Slater are the grandparents.

Mrs. Cannie Dean Briggs, 84, passed away at Liberty Loomis Hospital on April 30th. She was born January 6, 1870 in Neversink, the daughter of David Cross and Mary Ann Furman. Her first husband, Franklin Dean, to whom she was married in 1892, died in 1937. In 1942 she married John Briggs, who also predeceased her. Mrs. Briggs is survived by one son, Archie Dean of Neversink; one daughter, Mrs. Bruce Fuller of Grahamsville; three grandsons: Eugene Fuller of Grahamsville, Archie Dean Jr. of Neversink and Franklin Dean of Neversink.

### April 15, 1964

Manville B. Wakefield of Grahamsville has been notified by the editors of "Who's Who in America" of his selection to appear in the Tenth Biennial Edition of "Who's Who in the East" to be published this year. The editors based their selection on men and women whose civic pride and professional skill have contributed to the progress of American life.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Ryan of Peekamoose will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon, April 26th, with an Open House for friends and neighbors at the Grahamsville R.D. Church Hall.

### April 24, 1974

Sorry to say nothing but ads and legal notices in this issue. No news of interest.

### April 19, 1984

Morris W. Robinson of Napanoch, a correctional officer for eighteen years at the Eastern Correctional Facility, Napanoch, and a lifelong area resident died Tuesday, April 10, 1984 in Vassar Brothers Hospital, Poughkeepsie after a long illness. He was 65. The son of the late Harry and Beatrice Smith Robinson, he was born May 31, 1918 in Kerhonkson. The widower of Adelaide Morrell Robinson, he served for 27 years in the Army. Survivors include three daughters: Marsha Lee Bullock, Barbara VanScoy and Sandra Cox; three brothers: Vincent and Arnold both of Grahamsville and Virgil Robinson of Wawarsing.

Congratulations to the following Tri-Valley area students who have been named to the Dean's List at Sullivan County Community College for the fall, 1983 semester: Christine and Kathleen Ellison, Barbara Loose and Mia Low all of Grahamsville and Yvette Brackman of Neversink.

Congratulations also to Patti Mentnech of Woodbourne who was named to the President's List at SCCC. In order to qualify for this list, a student must maintain a perfect 4.0 average. Only 22 students at the college qualified for the President's List.

## Household Hint:

### Versatile Dryer Sheets

Make your rooms smell good by using 1 or 2 dryer sheets in your vacuum cleaners air filter. Dryer sheets also make wonderful dust cloths.

## Nature Column - L. Comando

*A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have loved so much and lost... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry, Barbara Slater, Shirley Davis, Hulda Vernooy and Carolyn Coombe.*

### Delectable Leek

The leek in our backyard have poked their way out of the still cold soil and last fall's decaying leaves and starting to develop broad, smooth light green leaves. Deep purple or burgundy tints on the lower stems are now visible.

Leek (*Allium porrum*, family Liliaceae) have scallion like bulbs that are strongly rooted just beneath the surface of the soil. If you tear a leaf or stem and take a sniff you will recognize the strong and distinctive onion/garlic-like scent of the Wild Leek

This herbaceous perennial plant produces basal leaves 4-9" long and 1 1/2 -3 1/2" across on short petioles (leaf stalks that joins two or three leaves to the stem). The basal leaves are ovate-oval to ovate-elliptic, light to medium green, hairless, and smooth along the margins. Their petioles are reddish, hairless, and wrapped in a basal sheath below. The leaves develop during the spring and wither away by early summer. During early to mid-summer, a flowering stalk about 1/2-1 1/2' tall develops. This stalk is cylindrical and slightly tapered, smooth, and reddish to pale green; at its base, there is a papery sheath. The stalk terminates in a single rounded umbel (flower cluster) of flowers spanning 1-2" across; there are typically 20-40 flowers per umbel. At the base of this umbel, there is a pair of deciduous bracts. Each flower is about 1/4" across, consisting of 6 white to translucent white tepals (a segment of the outer whorl in a flower that has no differentiation between petals and sepals), a light green to pale yellow ovary, 6 stamens with pale yellow anthers, and a single white style. At the base of each flower, there is a slender pedicel that is white to greenish white. The blooming period occurs during the summer and lasts about 2 weeks. Both the flowers and foliage exude an onion-like odor. After the blooming period, the ovary of each flower matures into a 3-celled seed capsule; each cell contains a single globoid seed that becomes black at maturity. The root system consists of an ovoid bulb with fibrous roots at its base. Offsets often develop, producing clonal colonies of plants.

They like rich, moist, loose soil high in organic matter and low in pH, which makes mountain hardwood forests perfect. Ramps grow in small sparsely populated patches up to densely populated areas of several acres. They are usually ready to harvest by mid March through April depending on the region and only last a month or so before wilting and disappearing.

It is extremely important to think conservatively when considering ramp harvest. In many areas where ramps were once abundant they are now rare and populations continue to be decimated by over-harvesting for ramp festivals, fundraisers, farmers market sales and by individuals who gather as much as they can for their own use. Please be gentle and use good judgment. The most sustainable way to harvest ramps is by using a knife to gently move the soil from one side of the bulb. Then, taking care not to dislodge the bulb and roots, cut the base off of the bulb leaving it with the roots in the ground. This will ensure new ramps will grow the following season.

This charming woodland herb should not be underestimated. The leaves provide lavish greens for any salad. Their delicate flavor surpasses even that of scallions or chives. The entire plant is more than simply edible: it is simply delectable.



## LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley  
Published April 3, 1997

How fast time flies, here it is April and I will soon be having another birthday. Tonight I am just sitting upstairs in my room watching the sunset colors wrap around the clouds and looking back to the first years of our marriage when I was young. In the evening after the chores were done, our family would sit outside marveling at the evening colors and listening to the evening sounds. Someone's dog barking, a frog croaking nearby and our own cowbell tinkling out there in the pasture.

I married a widower with eight children and it was fun playing the game of finding the first evening star. "There, there" the first to spot the star would say. Then we would watch the sky for the next star, then the next until suddenly, like tonight, the sky would be full. Of course we would all have to wish upon the first star.

Sometimes we would see a star fall and we'd quickly say "money, money, money before Monday night" trying to get it all said before star's trail faded from sight. It did seem to happen at times and we just knew something nice was about to happen. It did one year, our son Floyd was born! Another year our daughter Ella Mae was born.

We had never heard the sounds of radio or television but children were children and they must be entertained. Many were the evenings the sounds of corn popping and sweet smell of chocolate fudge would be coming through the kitchen door. Bowls of popcorn and pieces of chocolate fudge would be placed carefully in my lap with a loving hug. I sighed in the knowledge that many more evenings like this would come and go but a mother's responsibilities last for a lifetime.

## Celebrate Earth Day in Shandaken

The Town of Shandaken Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) invites the public to participate in its first-ever, town-wide Earth Day celebration. Shandaken's CAC has teamed up with local businesses to create a day of fun, films, music, climate trivia games with prizes, and talks with climate experts. The theme is

Climate Leverage Points, looking at how individuals can make the most impact to help the environment we all love here in the beautiful Catskills, as well as our larger planet.

A weekend of Earth Day activities begins at 11 AM on Saturday, April 20, with a children's story hour reading of "Dear Earth" at the Phoenicia Library, 48 Main Street, Phoenicia 12464.

On Sunday April 21, the celebration expands to multiple venues throughout the town. Festivities begin at 11 AM at the Farmer's Market in the Pine Hill Community Center, 287 Main Street, Pine Hill, 12465 and continue until 2 PM. This will be followed by a series of short films from 3-5 PM at the Phoenicia Playhouse. The films depict frontline communities bravely facing the climate crisis. Climate scientists

will lead Q&A, and there will be more climate trivia games. The Phoenicia Playhouse is located at 10 Church St, Phoenicia, 12464.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information go to

<https://www.shandaken.us/climate-smart/earth-day-2024/>

## DEC Delivers Banner - Stay Connected with Your Environment

- **DEC Announces Launch of New Podcast: 'DEC Does What?!'**
- **Biweekly Podcast to Spotlight DEC Experts Working to Protect New Yorkers and Environment**
- **Premiere Episode Focuses on Impact of Solar Eclipse on New York Wildlife**

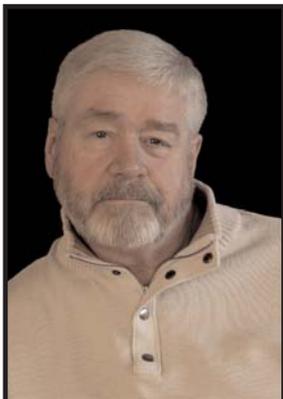
The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) launched a new podcast, "DEC Does What?!" Each episode will feature conversations with DEC experts about the agency's wide-ranging efforts to protect New Yorkers and the environment. The first episode of "DEC Does What?!" is streaming on the DEC website. All episodes will be available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, YouTube, Amazon Music and all other major podcast services in the coming weeks.

"From DEC's social media feeds and updated website to our press releases and Conservationist magazine, DEC is continuously exploring new ways to communicate with the New Yorkers we serve," Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "DEC's new podcast will feature incredible employees from the agency's regional offices and divisions across the state, all committed to protecting our natural resources and public health. Whether DEC experts are talking about the eclipse, mitigating climate change, cleaning up legacy pollution, or encouraging responsible recreation, our team is at the forefront of efforts to address the evolving environmental challenges facing our state. Tune in to learn something new during DEC Does What?!"

The first episode of "DEC Does What?!"-featuring biologists Dr. Angelena Ross and Dr. Dan Rosenblatt, both with DEC's Division of Fish and Wildlife focuses on the effects of the April 8 solar eclipse on New York wildlife, work is underway to protect endangered wildlife, and how different species adapt to changes in their habitat caused by climate change and other factors. Hosted by Executive Deputy Commissioner Sean Mahar and Chief of Staff Erica Ringewald, the bi-weekly podcast also includes an update on environmental news and recent DEC initiatives.

For more information on "DEC Does What?!" visit our Podcast webpage.

<https://dec.ny.gov/news/podcast>



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## Cold Water

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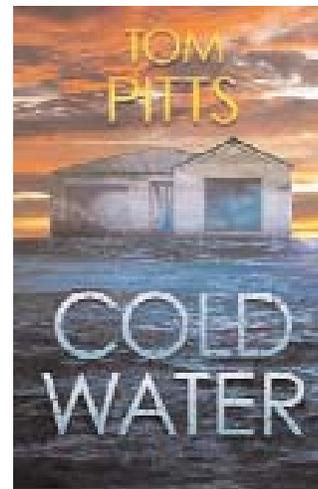
by John Dwaine McKenna

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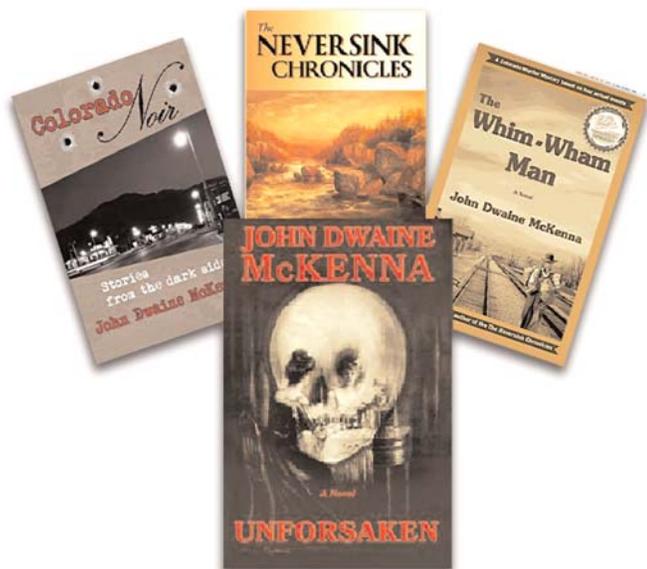
Published April 23, 2020

Larry and Linda Carson are good, honest and hard-working folks-salt of the earth types-who've moved up from San Francisco to Sacramento, California, trying to rebuild their lives, and their marriage, after losing the baby they'd been anticipating so eagerly. Life for them is ordinary and hum-drum . . . until the neighbors across the street, the Perkins, move out and some criminal squatters break in and take up residence. That's when trouble so bad that Gary and Linda couldn't have even imagined it beforehand begins in an electrifying new crime fiction thriller entitled *Cold Water*, (Down & Out Books, PB, \$14.95, 234 pages, ISBN 978-1-64396-081-4) by Tom Pitts.

The Carsons are in for a battle they're ill-equipped to deal with. They've never encountered the kind of drug-addled, ruthless criminals they must now confront. Outlaws who are not only rapacious thugs who will show no mercy; they are criminals who have a dark and secret history which reaches beyond the neighborhood, and connects to one of the richest and most powerful men in the state of California.



**John Dwain McKenna's Books  
are now available at the  
NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE**



As the crimes steadily increase and the bad blood begins to boil, Gary and Linda turn to the Sacramento Police, who prove to be ineffective and unable to be of any help. That's when Linda is kidnapped . . . and a "fixer" by the name of Calper Dennings shows up. He's been sent to put a lid on things before they affect his employer. But instead, he's quickly sucked into the cruel and dark world of an amoral tycoon with enough power and money to destroy them all.

*Cold Water* ratchets up the action, drama and the tension on every page, as it builds to a stunningly violent conclusion that will leave the reader gasping for breath and searching for more of Tom Pitts' novels. All hard-boiled crime enthusiasts should get to know him, because he's fast becoming the unrivaled master of north Cali noir!

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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda



## Global Warming or Just Plain Insanity?

So in one week we had a snow day from Onteora Central School with seven inches of snow in Pine Hill, a 4.8 Earthquake in New Jersey that could be felt in Ulster County, a total eclipse of the sun,

and a forecast for weather in the sixties next week.

The weather forecast is as volatile as the Dow Jones, S&P, and the Nasdaq indices. I live in fear of



and Father Time raising a brood of poor youngsters on a skimpy allowance in a time of inflation where distant rich relatives as raking in al-time profits.

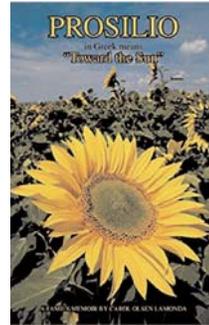
How did it all go so wrong? I am feeling a frustration that, I think, may be pervasive and global.

Do I have a solution? Yes, many, but no one is asking me. So for now, my plan is to be kind, to feel empathy, and to do the best I can right now. Instead of watching the weather, the stocks, the news, and the congressional reports, I will watch WHEEL OF FORTUNE. I hope the word is P\_A\_C\_, and I want to buy the vowel "E."

And I hope that tomorrow will be a better day and the sun will shine.

### The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!** *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble online as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to: <http://amazon.com> or <http://barnesandnoble.com> and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*



the regular news with a bridge collapse, senseless shootings, and two major wars. Even C-SPAN has warring factions with Democrats and Republicans forgetting they are political parties of one nation and not two nations at war for supremacy.

Should I just attribute it to global warming with Mother Nature off her meds or to Father Time and Founding Fathers who forgot to put term limits on our elected officials more interested in their political careers than representing the folk in their districts?

It certainly is a dysfunctional family with Mother Nature



## 14th Annual UlsterCorps Service Summit

The 14th Annual UlsterCorps Service Summit will be held Wednesday April 17th, 2024 from 8:30am - 12:30pm at SUNY New Paltz and is co-sponsored by the Center for Student Engagement, the Benjamin Center for Public Policy at SUNY New Paltz, and Ulster Savings Bank.

Each year since our founding in 2009, UlsterCorps has hosted a Service Summit at SUNY New Paltz bringing together students, volunteers and community leaders from the nonprofit, business, higher education and governmental sectors to address the work and value of volunteerism and collaborative projects in Ulster County.

The focus for the 2024 Summit will be environmental issues and sustainability, specifically ways that young people can and are making a difference. It will feature panel discussions of successful case studies, new models, and best practices. As always it will include roundtable discussions giving all attendees an opportunity to participate and network. Members of the community interested in volunteering with these initiatives are welcome to attend.

Speakers/Roundtable Discussion Moderators include:

Lizabeth Cain, Ed.D., SUNY New Paltz, Repair Cafes

Manna Jo Greene, Ulster County Legislator, District 19

Melissa Iachetta, New Yorkers for Clean Power, Climate Smart Kingston Commissioner, Kingston Repair Cafe Co-facilitator

Wren Kingsley, EVP of Student Association, SUNY New Paltz, Sustainability Ambassador

Jen Metzger, Ulster County Executive

Stiles Najac, Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County Food Security Program Manager; GleanMobile; Nourish New York

Cal Trumann, New Yorkers for Clean Power, AmeriCorps VISTA 2008-09; AmeriCorps State & National 2010-11

Chaya Huber, Climate Smart Kingston Commissioner, Bard College Center for Civic Engagement

The Summit, which is free to participants, is part of the ongoing work of UlsterCorps to deepen the knowledge about volunteerism and to find ways to strengthen a culture of service and collaboration in Ulster County. A locally-sourced, healthy breakfast is included. Registration is limited to the first 55 individuals to register by emailing [register@ulstercorps.org](mailto:register@ulstercorps.org) or calling/texting 845-481-0331.

## 40th Annual Kiwanis Kingston Classic

The Kiwanis Club of Kingston is proud to welcome you back to the 40th, yes, the 40th Annual Kiwanis Kingston Classic. Once again in 2024, Kiwanis will host the Kingston Classic, keeping the run in the historic waterfront district of the Rondout area of Kingston. Additionally, we will continue to use the Hutton Brickyard trail as part of the racecourse. This provided for more safety for the runners, a trail that was easy on your legs, and a scenic family fun run day. Again for 2024 there will be a 10K, 5K and a 1.5 mile, walk/run. Join fellow runners for fun, camaraderie, a great course, and a great post-race party which will be held at Ole Savannah on the creek complete with food, beer, ice cream and music.

The run is Sunday April 28, 2024, with the 10K and 5k start-

ing at 10:00 am and the 1.5 mile run/walk starting at 10:15 am. A Post-race party and awards ceremony will immediately follow the race.

### Interested in Volunteering at the Kiwanis Kingston Classic?

Volunteers are the backbone of most events and we are thrilled to have your support. All volunteers will receive a free t-shirt and will be provided with food and beverages during their shift.

Click here to sign up:

<https://www.kiwaniskingstonclassic.com/volunteers/>

## Gardiner Repair Cafe

Sunday, April 28, 2024, 1-4pm

Gardiner Library

133 Farmer's Turnpike, Gardiner

The next Gardiner Repair Cafe will be on Sunday, April 28th from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the Gardiner Library located at 133 Farmer's Turnpike in Gardiner.

For more information or to volunteer please contact [repair-cafegardiner@gmail.com](mailto:repair-cafegardiner@gmail.com).

A Repair Cafe is a free community event. You bring your broken but beloved items and together with volunteer repair coaches, WE FIX THEM! People bring all kinds of things to a repair cafe: clocks and other mechanical items; chairs, frames, and other wooden items; electrical items and small appliances; digital devices; clothing and textiles; dolls, stuffed animals, and toys, tools in need of sharpening; jewelry and watches; and so much more! Most items get fixed, and even when they don't - we have a good time trying!

We are looking for "Repair Coaches" to guide people in fixing all kinds of things. Repair coaches bring their own tools and supplies and offer repairs at no cost. If you would like to volunteer, the commitment can be on a per-event basis.

Questions? Contact [suziefromer@gmail.com](mailto:suziefromer@gmail.com) or visit [www.repaircafehv.org](http://www.repaircafehv.org).

## 13th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep

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To Attend: Find a location near you and register

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Esopus: Sleightsburgh Park Cleanup

<https://www.riverkeeper.org/news-events/events/rvk-events/13th-annual-riverkeeper-sweep>



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*Between the Bookends*

**Calling All Teens:  
Check out the new DPL Programs  
just for you!**

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Are you a Tri-Valley Secondary School student? Do you know a student in grades 9 through 12? In either case, starting this week, all TVCS students (freshmen to seniors) are invited to attend new programs at the DPL to run through April.

The first, "Teens Teach Tech & Taco Tuesdays!" will be every Tuesday in April from 3:15 to 4:45PM. Bussing will be available to teens who wish to attend this program, as

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well as the others: "Rock the Library" and "Tri-Valley Chess," from the school and back in time for the 5PM late bus. While no registration is required to attend any of these programs, bussing arrangements should be made through the TVSS main office. So, on Tuesdays, teens will be assisting senior citizens with a variety of tech issues. It could be how to set up a TikTok account, how to navigate their smart phones, how to access email or how to manage their photos; easy things teens can do in their sleep but baffle the older generations. And of course, tacos! This would be a perfect program to participate in if volunteer hours are needed.

"Tri-Valley Chess" will be on Wednesdays, from 3:15 to 4:45PM, when teens are invited to join us for snacks, chess and no stress! Whether you're a chess novice or an avid gamer-there's a spot for you. As the season develops, we'd like to organize a culminating chess tournament.

On Thursdays, "Rock the Library" with Shane Rennison from 3:15 to 4:45PM. Teens are invited to bring their instrument and explore alongside local artist, Rennison, as he sheds light on his songwriting process. Goals of the songwriting workshop: include demonstrating how music can become a true expression of emotion, learning what it means to write a song and to ultimately create songs together as a class using skills and techniques shared.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org) or email questions to DPL director, Beth Wolpert, at [bwolpert@rcls.org](mailto:bwolpert@rcls.org).



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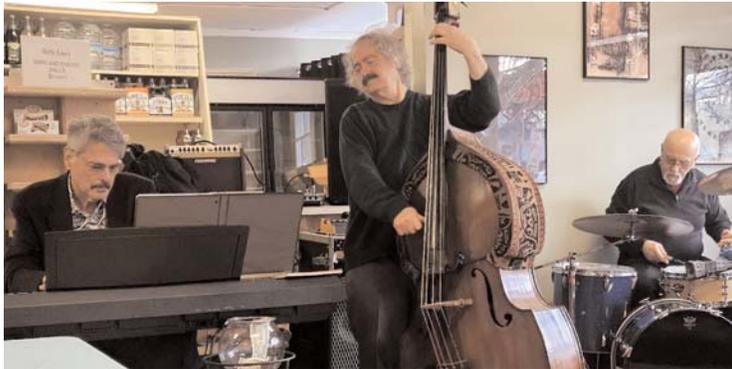
## The Scene Too

– By Jane Harrison

Did you succumb to the Solar Eclipse excitement? I went to the dentist.

My original plans for this last weekend were tempered down to First Sunday at the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum and ALBI at CABERNET FRANK'S.

Then....



*Don Miller Trio*

My best friend Felicia let me know her partner DON MILLER would be at THE SOULSHINE MARKET AND CAFÉ with a trio early on Saturday evening. They hail from Woodstock so of course I'm missing a chance to see them in Pine Bush...not. We are talking Jazz with, as it turns out, three of the most accomplished musicians in upstate New York. DON MILLER has been on pop and rock concert stages with the electric bass before he found his true love and an over one hundred year old upright bass. JOE TRANCHINA on keys is just jaw dropping great and rounding out and anchoring the group on drums, the terrific LARRY BALESTRA. This was a bit of an 'old home week' for me. I hadn't seen JOE since the late summer gig at the WOODSTOCK GOLF CLUB. LARRY I haven't seen in forever and all have been friends, aside from the music, for years. As you know, I'm a blues chick, but I don't care what your music preferences are, whatever group DON MILLER puts together is well worth traveling for. If you're not moved by their synergy, well....



A note about THE SOULSHINE. Cute little place and the hands-on owners are super nice people! It's primarily a health food store and café specializing in vegan foods. This night was their 'pot luck', which gave me a chance to sample many dishes I would not ordinarily make for myself. Absolutely delicious! (yes, surprised me as well). I had decided not to participate because anything that contains curry, even in small amounts, puts me in agony, a fact I let the participants know about. I didn't want them to think I was snubbing. Still, they graciously insisted I try the dishes, laying out the ingredients of each for me. Why I thought vegan food would be tasteless, all I can say it has to be conditioning of decades. I came away with a few recipes, purchases including cous cous which I love but can't always find around here. They have hosted several musicians from our area too including SHANE RENNISON and CASWYN MOON AND FAITH KELLY. And you have to try their 'saucer cakes'! I'll be visiting the market again just for their cinnamon-nut and maple ones. To die for!! (if you love cinnamon)



*Paul Kogut*

And just when I thought it couldn't get any better....

FIRST SUNDAY had PAUL KOGUT, and the rapt silence during the music continued. Having played with several well known groups over the decades all over the world, hearing him live is where he really shines. His style is the melding of



*Aldo Troiani and Carol Smith*



*All the Sparrows*



*A great turnout!*

classical, jazz, fusion, progressive, you name it and positively mesmerizing. And after the briefest of introduction, where we learned he and ALDO TROIANI had been friends for over 20 years (!), we were treated to a full hour of this amazing talent.

The second hour, he joined good friends LITTLE SPARROW (ALDO TROIANI and CAROL SMITH) with the indomitable JEFF ANDERSON on bass and the amazing HENRY SIMON on guitar and vocals. They started off with ALDO on I KNOW YOU, RIDER then HENRY on FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN, both GRATEFUL DEAD songs where their guest star felt right at home.

(Contd. Pg. 12)

# The Scene Too

(From Pg. 11) And just when I thought it couldn't get any better.....



A quick drive to Parksville and ALBI at CABERNET FRANK'S. And more good friends to talk with (sort of). All night Saturday, at the museum where I ran into DORIE, another good friend I had not seen in a while, and then JUDY, WADE, TAMMY, ALBI, TERRY PARIS and PATTY 'SUNSHINE';GRECO and husband JOHN....I realized I was pretty much talked out. Me! Wow.

A singer/musician who one can mention by just his first name, ALBI, says all you need to know. Everyone knows exactly who you are talking about and everyone who can, makes it to the gig because they know it will be a good time. I swear this man can play anywhere! He has that innate ability to read the audience and adjust his playlist accordingly. I like seeing him at CABERNET FRANK'S because it allows him to rock out a bit more, and he can definitely do that well!

I could write an entire column about each that I saw.

Monday night, THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMUNITY CHORUS performed at Lincoln Center in NYC. More on that next week.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, at AROMA THYME in Ellenville, will be PATTY GRECO SUNSHINE! Not sure of the time, so give them a call. I'm definitely going!

That's all I know about so far for this week as I take a deep breath. Sometimes I think I have too much fun doing this....nah.

Stay safe, enjoy the warmer temps!  
Until next time.....



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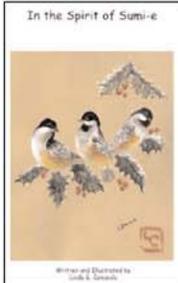
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## Added Performance for Jefferson McDonald in Concert at Shadowland Stages!

(From Pg. 1) A versatile artist, McDonald's talents extend beyond the stage. As an active playwright and composer, he released his debut album, "Memphis," in 2021, with his follow-up album, "Man of the Road," currently making waves across music platforms.

Having toured for the past year, Jefferson McDonald's *Great Balls of Fire* is one of the most successful and in-demand productions for Princess, Celebrity, and Cunard Cruise Lines. For the concert, McDonald is joined by longtime friend and collaborator Colin Summers on the guitar and vocals, Jerry Scaringe (bass/harmonica) and Michael Olivieri (guitar) of the Slippery Chickens, James White (saxophone), and Michael Klopp on drums.

Currently based in Los Angeles, McDonald is thrilled to bring *Great Balls of Fire* to SHADOWLAND STAGES, promising audiences an unforgettable evening of rock and roll nostalgia and high-energy entertainment.

Tickets for this two-night-only concert are available for \$39.00. To secure your seats, you can purchase tickets through the SHADOWLAND STAGES box office at (845) 647-5511, or conveniently reserve your seats online at [shadowlandstages.org](https://shadowlandstages.org).



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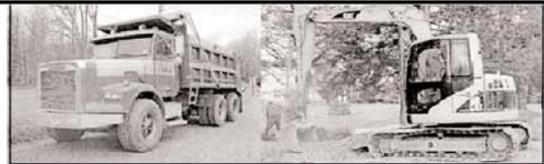
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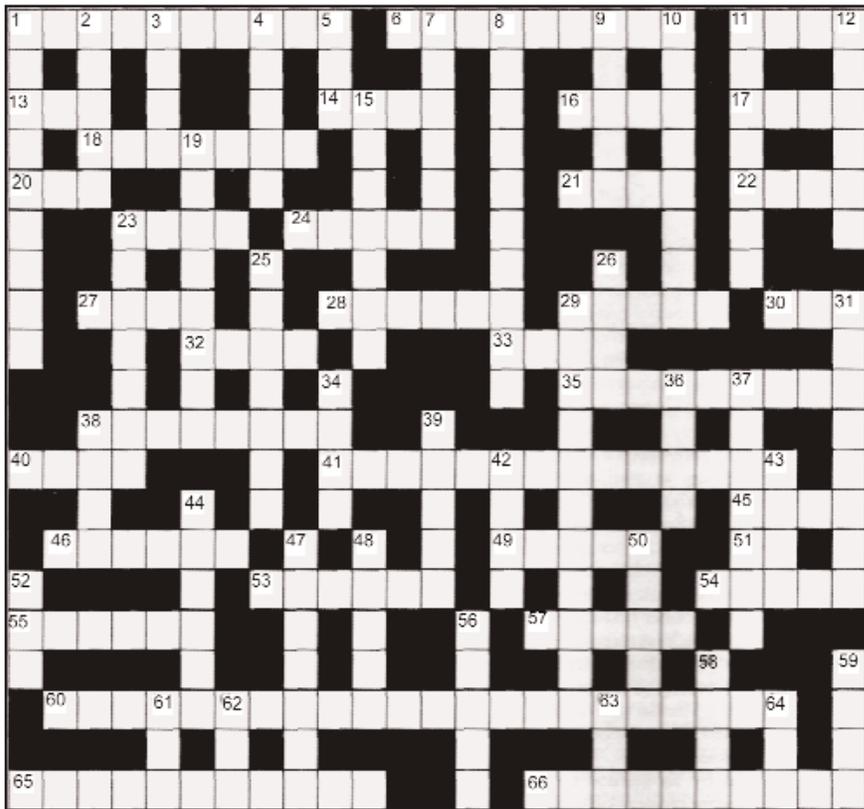
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Back in the Olden Days... - - L. Comando



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1 '30s "Vas you dere, Charlie?" comic Baron

6 Grandma scrubbed clothes on it  
11 Tear in a woman's stocking  
13 Famous women's organization (abbr.)

14 James \_\_\_ was Agent 007

16 Impoverished  
17 '30s luxury auto  
18 Perry Mason author Erle Stanley

20 '36 hit song *It's a Sin to Tell a \_\_\_*  
21 Gravel-voiced actor

Devine  
22 A 'travel-

ing' man  
23 Extravagantly rich  
24 A burglar's tool  
27 Give away a secret (slang)  
28 Island famous for bathing suit and atom bomb  
29 Borgnine's 1955 Oscar role  
30 Prefix for many Irish and Scottish surnames  
32 Film director \_\_\_  
Preminger  
33 '40s Paris "New Look" dress designer  
35 Jack Benny's valet  
38 Sensationalized promotion  
40 Outlandish World War II civilian suit  
41 Mr. O'Hara in *GWTW* (2 wds)  
45 Flower

holder  
46 Bell & \_\_\_ camera  
49 Common sense or correct reasoning  
51 Kids' favorite alien  
53 Kick this and you're gone  
54 Lock of hair  
55 A long-held grievance  
57 Play the banjo  
60 *Howdy Doody* princess  
65 Tennessee Ernie Ford song (2 words)  
66 A bit of mischief

**DOWN**

1 '30s-'40s actress \_\_\_ - Carroll  
2 Longtime refrigerator brand  
3 Inheritor  
4 Bogart's '46 film *The Big \_\_\_*  
5 Point of a pen

7 Pipsqueak cartoon gal Little \_\_\_  
8 Prepatellar bursitis, "\_\_\_ knee"  
9 Oak trees start like this  
10 Gangster talk for a squealer (2 words)  
11 Teens' dance (2 words)  
12 Bible in a hotel room  
15 Easy children's card game (2 words)  
19 '30s Mid-west eroded farmlands (2 words)  
23 A skunk by another name  
25 J.D. Salinger book \_\_\_ in the *Rye*  
26 Famous syrup brand  
29 Herman Wouck's '55 book *Morjorie \_\_\_*  
31 Singer Eddy Howard's '39 hit  
34 Famous fragrance brand

36 Santas laugh (just two)  
37 Phil \_\_\_ was TVs Sgt Bilko  
38 Cher's singing partner  
Sonny \_\_\_  
39 Wise guy, \_\_\_ aleck  
42 Fodder tower  
43 Not on time  
44 Product of a sheep's haircut  
47 A pain in the

lower back  
48 A pirate's favorite flag \_\_\_ and crossbones  
50 You can fool him  
52 Last one in is a rotten \_\_\_  
56 Surname of baseball brother's "Big Poison" and "Little Poison"  
58 MGM film studio mascot

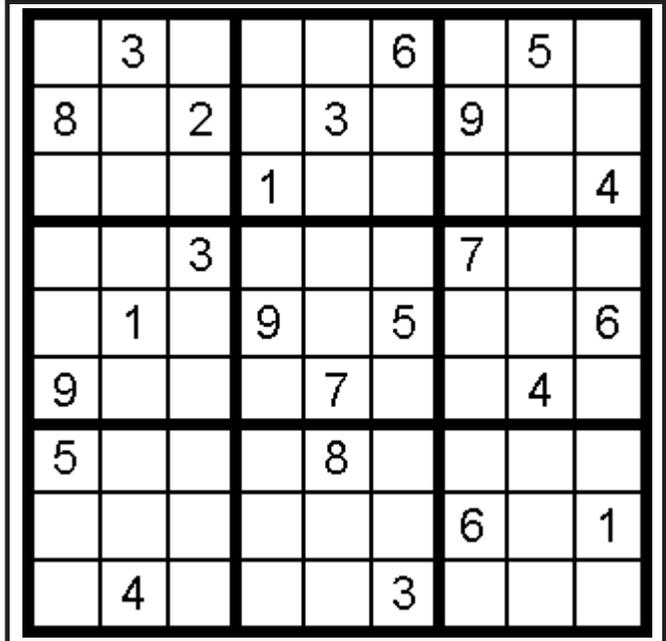
59 Ma Kettle film star  
Marjorie \_\_\_  
61 One of the Three Stooges  
62 \_\_\_ Howard played Opie on '60s TV  
63 Johnny Cash sang *A Boy Named \_\_\_*  
64 A practical joke

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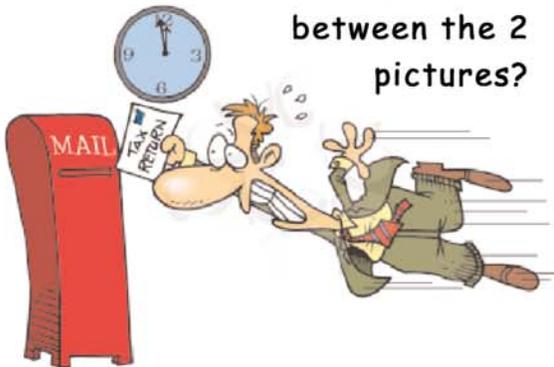
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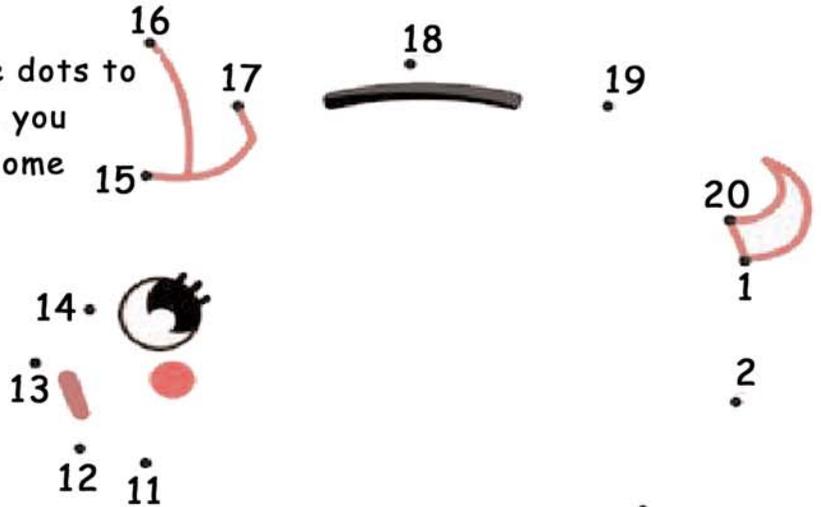
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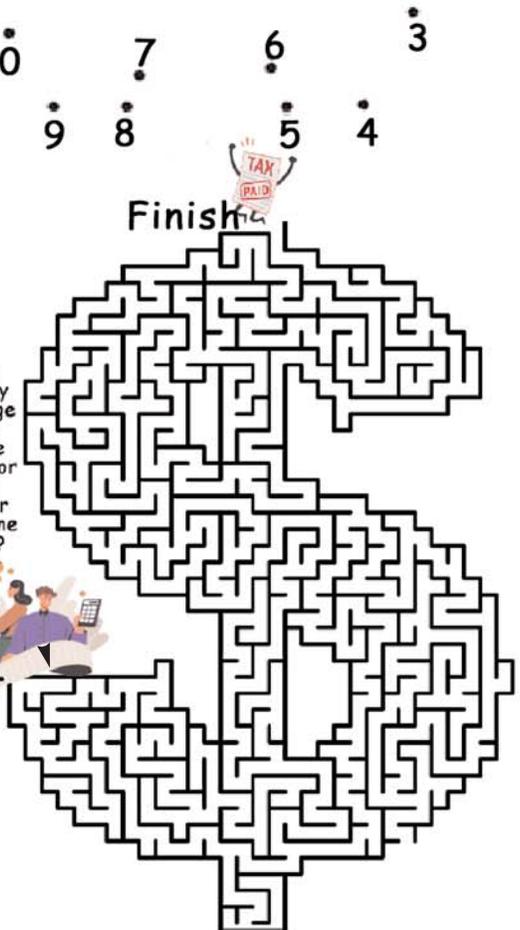
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MARCH 15, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Tri-Valley Secondary School Lower Library in said District at Grahamsville, New York, on:

Tuesday, May 7, 2024  
At 7:00 P.M. (EDT)

for the purpose of presenting the school budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money which will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting, including the VOTE upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2024-2025 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 1:00 and 8:00 P.M. daylight savings time at the Main Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Central High School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, on or before 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 22, 2024. Nominating petitions shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer, and, must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. For 2024, there are three Board seats available. Two seats will be three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027, for seats currently held by the following Board of Education members:

Brent Clarke  
Rose Woods

A third seat will have a term commencing immediately on May 21, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027, which is currently vacant (James McCarthy, who was appointed to replace Danielle Penney-Stroop, resigned from the position). The successful candidate with the highest number of votes will be seated immediately for the term commencing May 21, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Candidates whose names will appear on the ballot will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the public at the Annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Secondary School Library Lower Level.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, and Thursday, May 16, 2024, in the Administration Building, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 16, 2024, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to May 21, 2024. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a Military Ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (845) 985-2296, ext. 5102 and normapena@trivalleycsd.org. For a military voter to be issued a Military Ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 25, 2024. Military Voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter by filling out a Military Voter Registration Application, which can also be obtained by requesting an application from the District Clerk. Military Voter Registration Applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2024. (Contd. Pg. 20)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING,  
BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION  
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

(From Pg. 19) Military voters may indicate a preference for receiving a military voter registration, military ballot application, or military ballot by mail, fax, or e-mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. The School District will transmit Military Ballots to military voters no later than April 26, 2024. Completed Military Ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024 in order to be counted.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-a of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee Ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the Absentee Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 14, 2024) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 20, 2024), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education. A list of all persons to whom Absentee Ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. prevailing time, in the District Office on each of the five days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education, except Sunday, and will also be available at the polling place at the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-e of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for EARLY MAIL BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the Early Mail Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 14, 2024) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 20, 2024), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their agent. Early Mail Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education. A list of all persons to whom Early Mail Ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. prevailing time, in the District Office on each of the five days prior to the day of the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education, except Sunday, and will also be available at the polling place at the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the vote.

By order of the Board of Education  
Norma Pena, District Clerk  
Dated: March 15, 2024  
4/4; 4/11; 4/18; 4/25/240

## TOWN OF NEVERSINK SPRING CLEANUP 2024

Spring Cleanup will be held on **April 20, 24 & 27 AND May 1, 2024**. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with Blue 2024 permits will be allowed 2 loads which must be brought during the Spring Cleanup dates. Permit cards will be punched for each load.

TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of for free in the boxes provided. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. **Due to the high volume of traffic during spring cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Spring Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.**

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who have their household and generate their waste material in the Town of Neversink. Ownership of vacant land does not qualify for use of the facility. The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Taxpayers of Sullivan.

## District Fish Stocking Program

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is having their Spring Fish Stocking Program. If you are interested in stocking your pond with bass, minnows, sunfish, catfish or grass carp, call the Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District at (845) 292-6552 and request an order form to be mailed to you or go online at [sullivanswcd.org](http://sullivanswcd.org). The District will be accepting orders until Monday, June 10th.

## Road Work Notice

Harris, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works will be working on County Bridge 333 on County Road 174 (Old Route 17) in the Town of Thompson starting this Monday, April 8. County Bridge 333 is located in Harris approximately 500 ft. south of the intersection of CR 174 and CR 75 (Harris-Bushville Rd.).

This section of CR 174 is scheduled to be reduced to alternating-direction, single-lane traffic controlled by traffic signals starting at 8 a.m. on April 8 and will remain single-lane for approximately 5 weeks.

Tri-Valley Elementary School  
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# Tri-Valley Elementary School

## UPK REGISTRATION

**If you have a child that will be 4  
years old by December 1, 2024 please  
call us at**

**845-985-2296 ext. 5405**

**Or send an email to:**

**[registration@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:registration@trivalleycsd.org)**

**and leave your name, your child's  
name and phone number where you  
can be reached.**



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**Sundown United Methodist Church  
Covered Dish Supper  
5:30 pm  
May 4, 2024**

*Many items from the Indoor Yard Sale will be available for sale at the Supper. Come check them out.*

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*

**St. Mary's and St. Andrews Church**  
139 S Main Street • Ellenville, NY 12740

**Mass Times**  
**SUNDAY EUCHARIST**  
5:00 PM Saturday Evening  
7:30 AM Sunday Morning  
10:00 AM Sunday Morning  
(Latin) 11:30 AM Sunday Morning\*  
(Spanish) 1:00 PM Sunday Afternoon  
\*Sung Mass 2nd and 4th Sundays

**WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**  
8:00 AM Monday through Friday  
9:00 AM Saturday

**HOLY DAY EUCHARIST**  
Schedule will be listed in the bulletin  
<https://smsaparish.org/bulletins>

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)  
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

**Weekend Mass schedule:**  
Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm  
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday  
Mass at 8:30AM.

**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 3:45 to 4:15 pm  
Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator  
(845) 434-7643

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**First Thrift Sale of the Season!**  
**April 20th**  
**9 am to 12 noon**

**Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches House Worship Plan**  
**Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link**

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>  
Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740  
Dial by your location  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

**The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.**  
If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

*The Church with a friendly welcome*  
**Pastor Kenneth Ronk**  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Worship Service 9:30 am  
P O Box 238 - Route 55  
Grahamsville, NY 12740  
845-985-7480

**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:15 am  
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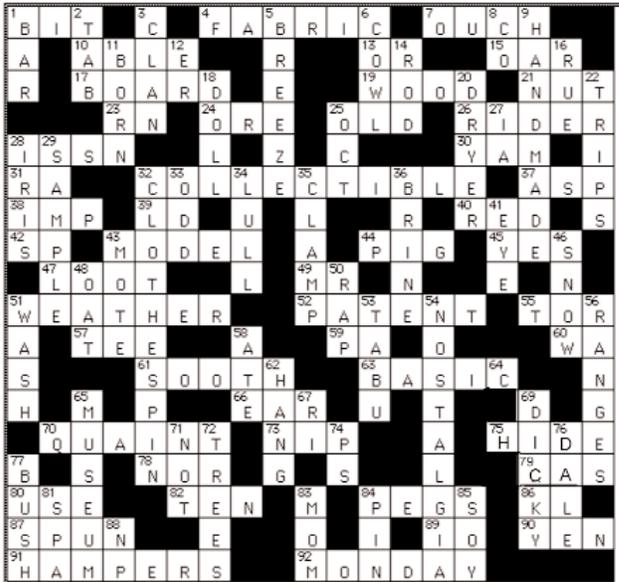
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Holy Days 5:30 pm  
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



**All Aboard!**  
 Join the Fun!  
**Play Mexican Train**  
 FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1- 4 pm  
 in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU answer

1	3	4	7	9	6	2	5	8
8	6	2	5	3	4	9	1	7
7	9	5	1	2	8	3	6	4
4	5	3	8	6	1	7	9	2
2	1	7	9	4	5	8	3	6
9	8	6	3	7	2	1	4	5
5	7	1	6	8	9	4	2	3
3	2	9	4	5	7	6	8	1
6	4	8	2	1	3	5	7	9

Clip & Save  
**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
 356 Main St. P.O. Box 86  
 Grahamsville, NY 12740  
**Thrift Sale Schedule 2024**  
 All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

April - 6th and 20th	Sept - 7th and 21st
May - 4th and 18th	October - 12th and 26th
June - 1st and 15th	Nov - 2nd and 16th
July - 6th and 20th	Dec - 7th <b>Holiday Craft Fair</b>
August - 3rd and 17th	

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays, starting March 14, 2024, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment. Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.  
 grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com  
**Seung Jin Hong, Pastor**

**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
**Covered Dish Supper**  
 Saturday,  
 May 4, 2024 5:30 pm  
 at the Church Hall  
*Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale*  
 (Covered Dish Suppers are held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)

**2024 Journey For Sight Walk**

Saturday, May 4, 2024 **Journey For Sight Walk** at the **Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building** and **Grahamsville Fairgrounds**. We would love to have you join us this year, and you will see more information about **The Journey For Sight Walk** in upcoming editions of *The Townsman*.

**Free Fellowship & Social Dinner for Senior Citizens age 65+**  
 Sunday, April 14th • 6-8 pm  
**St. Mary's and St. Andrew's Church Hall**  
 137 South Main Street, Ellenville  
 The menu features *Country Cookin'*  
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**RSVP is required by April 11**  
 Call 845-866-1689 to RSVP

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 at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.  
 For information call 845-434-8044.

## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/10/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
4/16/24	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
4/18/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
4/18/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
5/1/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
5/4/24	<b>Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper</b> 5:30 Church Hall
5/7/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
5/24/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
5/8/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm

**Save the Date!**

May 4, 2023 **Tri-Valley Lions' Journey For Sight Walk** at 8:30 am at Grahamsville First Aid Squad Bldg and Fairgrounds. Call Lion Esta Jacob for more information at 845-866-1579.

**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm**. Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday**.

**Town of Olive Planning Board** meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month**. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>  
Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of

### April 8 - April 12, 2024

All Legislative Committee Meetings are Livestreamed at  
<https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>

**Monday, April 8**

o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board**, in the Department of Mental Health, 268 Broadway, Kingston

o **6:00 PM - Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

o **CANCELLED: Ulster County Traffic Safety Board**

**Tuesday, April 9**

o **5:00 PM - Board of Health**, 239 Golden Hill Lane, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Kingston

**Wednesday, April 10**

o No Meetings

**Thursday, April 11**

o **10:00 AM - Ulster Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o **4:00 PM - Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

o **5:00 PM (Or Immediately Following Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee) - Ways & Means Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

**Friday, April 12**

o No Meetings

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- \$12.00 per week  
(3" x 4") - \$24.00 per week  
(3" x 6") - \$36.00 per week  
1/4 pg (4" x 5") - \$40.00 per week  
1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$64.00 per week  
(6" x 8") - \$96.00 per week  
Full Page - 8" x 10" -  
\$100.00 per week  
Digital Flyer Insert - 8"x10" -  
\$100.00/week

•• Full Page Flyer for  
Local Municipalities  
and Organizations -  
one time fee- \$20.00  
(once the flyer is inserted  
we will publish it each week  
through the week of the event)

As in the past, there is no fee for  
advertising for our local churches

## Low Rates High Visibility!

# Grahamsville United Methodist Church



T H R I F T

SALE



## Saturday, April 20, 2024

### 9 am - 12 noon

### Luncheon 11 am - 12:30 pm

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays  
from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment.

Call Ruth at: 845-985-7222

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Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

Thrift Building  
356 Main St  
Grahamsville, NY



# Daniel Pierce Library Celebrating 125<sup>th</sup> birthday

## ATTENTION ALL LOCAL ARTISTS!



The Daniel Pierce Library will be celebrating our 125th birthday and we are holding an art contest.

The subject matter must be of local interest of the Neversink area.

Medium is your choice: oil, pastels, acrylic, charcoal and pencil are all accepted.

Dimensions should be approximately 24" x 30".

The library will frame the winning entry and it will be placed above this mantle in the 1902 building on permanent display.

**Winner will receive \$500.00 (donated by a friend of the library)**

All entries must be brought to the library no later than  
12:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024

# The Primetimers of Temple Shalom in Monticello sponsoring

## A Day on Your Own Bus Trip to New York City

on Wednesday, June 19th

Donation is \$55.00 round trip, including gratuity

The bus leaves the Temple parking lot  
on East Dillon Road at 8:15 AM and  
will return at approximately 8:00 PM

Checks should be made out to Primetimers and  
must be received by May 19th

Call Paula for further information and reservations  
at 561-504-7192



## Governor Hochul Announces Project to Overhaul Outdated DMV Technology to Bring Significant Customer Service Improvements to New Yorkers

### *Multi-Year Project Will Replace 50-Year-Old Technology and Make Future Service Enhancements More Seamless*

As part of an ongoing effort to deliver best in class customer service to New Yorkers, Governor Kathy Hochul announced the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles has launched a multi-year project to replace and modernize a significant portion of its aging technology systems. This initiative will provide DMV customers with more efficient, secure, and convenient services, and will enable the agency to implement future technology advancements more efficiently.

“As a former County Clerk, I know first-hand the importance of the DMV in providing critical services to New Yorkers,” Governor Hochul said. “These investments are a major step forward in the DMV’s strategic modernization as we look to create a quicker, easier and more convenient experience for everyone.”

The DMV has entered into a contract with world-class software company FAST Enterprises, LLC, which has successfully implemented similar systems in more than 15 other states and will help DMV modernize its technology platforms and service delivery in two major stages over approximately the next four years.

**Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Mark J.F. Schroeder** said, “Throughout this project, we will be replacing a patchwork of outdated computer systems, software and databases that account for about 70 percent of DMV’s business volume. This is a strategic investment and a huge undertaking, but we know the important role our agency plays in the lives of New Yorkers, and this project will help us serve them better, faster, and will make our customer’s lives easier. It will also put our agency on a better footing for future upgrades, so our services can continue to evolve as technology improves.”

**FAST Managing Partner Martin Rankin** said, “We’re excited to partner with the state DMV to

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change the way New Yorkers view driver and vehicle services. Our FastCore platform prioritizes efficiency and accessibility, so that all customers can access services in a time and place that suits their needs.”

The new technology will replace and consolidate a significant portion of DMV’s legacy technology footprint, some of which are over 50 years old, and will make DMV more secure, stable, and agile. Computer and system outages that have caused delays and long lines in DMV offices will become a thing of the past with the introduction of modern applications and proven successful solutions. Whether calling the DMV, going online or visiting an office in person, every customer will notice more reliable, responsive and faster service.

Through this project, DMV will introduce automation that will speed up processing times and eliminate paper forms wherever possible. It will also allow the DMV to offer more online and self-service options. The creation of comprehensive customer profiles will enable DMV staff to see customers’ information in one place, allowing them to provide a more personalized experience and proactively flag upcoming issues and expirations. This project will continue DMV’s efforts to focus on the customer experience in order to deliver first class service for all New Yorkers.

This change is part of a broader initiative to reimagine the way DMV does business, which has included dozens of improvements such as greatly expanding online live chat and enhancements to the DMV online transaction portal. DMV also introduced online pre-screening for some of the most complicated transactions like applying for a REAL ID or Enhanced ID and exchanging an out of state license and implemented a robust appointment scheduling system to significantly reduce the amount of time customers wait to be served in an office. The average wait time for a customer is now a record low of 15 minutes.

# Intro to Genealogy

Sunday, April 14, 1 to 4 p.m. • In person and Virtual, FREE

[Grahamsville N.Y.] A FREE collaborative program: Intro to Genealogy will be held on Sunday April 14th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Room of the Daniel Pierce Library, 332 Main Street, Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY and virtually on Zoom.



Five local organizations have joined together to open their archives and help people discover the fun and challenging hobby of discovering their roots. Attendees will learn about the wealth of materials available locally at these organizations and the many online resources right at their fingertips. They are encouraged to bring photos, documents, stories to share. Handouts of materials will be available to take home.

The speakers below are happy to help them get started and answer questions:

Suzanne Cecil, President, Sullivan County Historical Society

Ruth Huggler, Sullivan County Democrat

Lynn Priebe, Trustee and Archivist, Time and the Valleys Museum

Russell Reeves, Sullivan County Clerk, Sullivan County Government Center

Nicole Richardson, Community Programs Associate, Daniel Pierce Library

Admission to this program is FREE for all. In person attendance is encouraged. In person attendees will also receive light refreshments, handouts from all organizations, admission to the Time and the Valleys Museum exhibitions, and time to speak to the presenters before and after the program. To join the program virtually, please register by email at [info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org) and put "Intro to Genealogy" in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700. A link will be sent to you.



## About the Time and the Valleys Museum:

Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Memorial Day through September and from October to May by appointment and during programs. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

## Museum exhibitions are interactive and both fun and educational for all ages:

o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

o **Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story**, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

o **1930s Lost Catskill Farm**, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

o Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds a collaborative augmented reality art exhibition of the buildings and homes taken for NYC's water system.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail [info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org). To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.

Starting April 11  
No registration required  
Students should contact the High School Office for bussing information

# Daniel Pierce Library

## Rock the Library Jam Session Thursdays

for Tri-Valley Teens!

3:15 - 4:45 pm Bus available!



## SHANE RENNISON

SONGWRITING WORKSHOP

Bring your instrument and explore alongside local artist, Shane Rennison as he sheds light on his songwriting process.

### Goals:

- Demonstrate how music can become a true expression of emotion
- Learn what it means to write a song
- Create songs together as a class using what you've learned

Registration not required. For more information please email:  
Director, Beth Wolpert at [bwolpert@rcls.org](mailto:bwolpert@rcls.org)

# Sullivan Catskills and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts Announce Second Annual “Catskill Cuisine” Festival May 10-12

*Tickets on sale now for an experiential culinary weekend with top talent including Geoffrey Zakarian, Scott Conant, Marcus Samuelsson, Mychael Symon, Anne Burrell, Andrew Zimmern, Melba Wilson, and more*

Sullivan Catskills, NY (March 22, 2024) - Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts are teaming up for the second annual immersive culinary event coined Catskill Cuisine, taking place May 10-12, 2024.

Tickets are on sale now with prices starting at \$64 for GA & \$179 for VIP. All purchasing links can be found at [Catskill-Cuisine.com](http://Catskill-Cuisine.com).

Drawing on the success of last year's inaugural event, Catskill Cuisine 2024 will be a bigger extravaganza spanning the weekend, with the one-day festival portion being held at the historic site of the 1969 Woodstock Festival (Bethel Woods Center for the Arts).

“Bethel Woods was honored to host Catskill Cuisine last year,” said Eric Frances, CEO of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and Chair of the SCVA. “We are so pleased to see the event grow into the multi-day festival we always dreamed it could be.”

In addition to the Food Festival, the event will feature a Charity Golf Tournament and exclusive Mother's Day Brunch both featuring culinary offerings curated by the celebrity chefs. Catskill Cuisine will bring visitors, entertainment, and cuisine together while allowing Sullivan Catskills culinary experts to shine and promote the region's agritourism and local farms, craft food, and beverage makers.

Thousands of Food Festival attendees will be able to explore Bethel Woods Center for the Arts' iconic grounds, and take part in tastings, demos, meet and greets, book signings, and a local producer marketplace- all representing the Sullivan Catskills' diverse and delicious bounty. Confirmed celebrity chefs include Andrew Zimmern, Michael Symon, Scott Conant, Marcus Samuelsson, Anne Burrell, Melba Wilson and Geoffrey Zakarian, amongst others.

Please see a more detailed schedule below.

## Friday, May 10

**Catskill Cuisine Celebrity & Chef Invitational:** Play the historic Monster Golf Course at Resorts World Catskills with celebrity chefs to support A Single Bite, a Sullivan Catskills non-profit organization that is educating and feeding hungry neighbors with real and healthy local food. This will include a mix of friendly competition and delicious food, plus an exclusive Post Dinner Reception with Scott Conant and Marcus Samuelsson.

## Saturday, May 11

**Food Festival Extravaganza:** The culinary journey will feature local, national, and international cuisine, live cooking demos, and the chance to taste dishes crafted by renowned chefs.

## Sunday, May 12

**Mother's Day Brunch:** Enjoy a private Sunday brunch experience hosted and curated by celebrity chefs Anne Burrell and Melba Wilson.

“We are thrilled to bring our community together for an even more multifaceted destination event this year,” said Roberta Byron-Lockwood, Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association President & CEO. “From our craft beverage trail to our James Beard-recognized chefs and breadth of farm-to-table offerings, the Sullivan Catskills continues to draw regional and national recognition for our culinary offerings, and we can't wait to showcase it all to our guests.”

With experiences suited to a variety of interests and audiences, ticket offerings include General Admission and VIP with separate ticketing for special events. Please visit [www.catskill-cuisine.com](http://www.catskill-cuisine.com) for more information.

### Contact:

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## About Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association

Today, people are flocking to the Sullivan Catskills - creating an influx of development, a growing arts and culinary scene, and a wealth of luxury infusing the destination - expansively bringing a cool cultural identity to the county. Once a summer spot for New York City dwellers, it has now evolved into a year-round destination for visitors throughout the world. Formerly known as the Borscht Belt, where famed comedians got their start at a range of renowned resorts and most notably home to the 1969 Woodstock Festival, the Sullivan Catskills has reemerged as one of the fastest-growing and most desired destinations in New York State. Located only 90 minutes out of Manhattan, the Sullivan

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## Governor Hochul Announces \$4 Million to Enhance Services for Individuals with Complex Mental Health Care Needs Statewide *Will Enable Providers to Increase and Expand Outpatient Services; Better Engage New Yorkers Struggling with Mental Illness*

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that nearly \$4 million has been awarded to 77 community-based providers to establish, enhance, or expand access to specialized treatment for New Yorkers with complex mental health care needs. Administered by the New York State Office of Mental Health, the awards are part of the Governor's \$1 billion plan to strengthen the state's mental health care system by adding capacity system-wide, expanding existing programs with a record of success, funding new evidence-based initiatives, and increasing direct engagement at every stage of service. The \$4 million will allow health-care providers on the front lines to increase outpatient engagement, provide effective group intervention, and fast-track access to vital behavioral health programs, including for groups not historically reached by traditional systems of care.

"New Yorkers struggling with mental illness should be able to access care when needed so they can live safely and successfully within their communities," Governor Hochul said. "This funding will support providers as they enhance and deliver critical outpatient services including rehabilitative services, psychiatric assessment, and crisis intervention services."

Programs receiving funding must provide complex care management and specific mental health outpatient treatments for individuals, groups, and families. These programs collectively serve more than 350,000 individuals annually, including many with a variety of high-risk or specialized mental health needs.

Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said, "This funding will provide innovative approaches to engage and involve individuals and families who have been underserved by our mental health system. These dollars support services that fast-track access to care and work to ensure quality coordinated services. By building these programs, Governor Hochul is helping to ensure everyone in our state has access to critical mental health supports when and

where they need them."

The 77 community-based providers are located throughout New York State. A list of recipients by OMH region is available here.

Providers awarded funding have experience as OMH-licensed mental health outpatient treatment rehabilitative service programs, serving individuals with significant mental health needs or experiencing a mental health crisis. Nearly all of the allocated \$1 billion is now in procurement.

Governor Hochul's proposed FY 2025 Executive Budget builds on this vision through establishing new inpatient capacity, strengthening youth mental health programs; and codifying regulations to safely discharge individuals from inpatient settings.



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# Taking Down Tobacco Across Sullivan County

[Liberty, NY] Sullivan County students joined schools across the United States in participating in National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week (3/18-3/24/2024) and Take Down Tobacco National Day of Action (4/1/2024). Students from Liberty, Robert J. Kaiser and Eldred Middle Schools competed in poster contests, created inhaler tubes and learned about vaping and e-cigarettes from the CATCH My Breath youth vaping prevention program led by Sullivan 180.

Take Down Tobacco Day and National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week are observed annually to educate students on the effects of addictive habits like vaping and empower them to help make a change in their community.

This year, Sullivan County middle school students competed in classroom poster contests expressing the theme "Vaping's Not Our Thing." On her poster, one Robert J. Kaiser Middle School 6th-grade student wrote:

"Warning! Vaping is BAD for you! Vaping even 'just a little' can get you addicted and once you get addicted, you can't stop. Vaping can affect you in many, many, many ways. It can affect your relationships, your education, and other things. Please don't vape, you will later regret it. If you are addicted, seek help! There are many programs for addicted people. Be vape free!"

48 students at Robert J. Kaiser Middle School recently graduated from CATCH My Breath and the program is currently in progress at Liberty Middle School. If you would like the CATCH My Breath program brought to your school, organization, or youth group, please reach out to Nicole Blais, Sullivan 180 Prevention Coordinator, at

Nicole@sullivan180.org or 845-295-2684.

Sullivan 180 is working to build a healthy community, one degree at a time, through people, places and policy with support from Bold Gold Media Group, Manor Ink, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat and WJFF Radio Catskill. Learn more at [Sullivan180.org](http://Sullivan180.org) or [Facebook.com/Sullivan180inc](https://Facebook.com/Sullivan180inc).

# Sullivan 180 Awards 2024 Beautification Grants

[Liberty, NY] Sullivan 180 is pleased to announce the 2024 Beautification Program grant recipients. The Sullivan 180 Beautification Program offers grants up to \$2,500 for the care of public spaces, creation and maintenance of gardens, landscaping and other beautification activities.

Several projects will also have a paid seasonal intern to support their work. Additionally, the program requires youth involvement in the care of public spaces.

"We hope that involving youth in this initiative can cultivate a new generation of active, engaged citizens who are committed to creating positive change in their neighborhoods and beyond," said Carmela Hugel, Beautification Program Manager.

The 2024 Beautification Grant recipients and projects are:  
Cochecton Volunteer Ambulance Corps: Ambulance Park Updates

Cornell Cooperative Extension - Sullivan County: John's Edible Teaching Garden

Livingston Manor Renaissance: The Spirit Continues

Our Lady of the Lake: Our Lady's Beautification

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Community projects are always seeking volunteers to participate. Contact Anne-Louise Scandariato, Director of Community Engagement at 845-295-2405, to connect with a project in your community. For information on Beautification Grants, contact Carmela Hugel at 845-295-2453 or Carmela@sullivan180.org.

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## Governor Hochul Unveils \$50 Million ConnectALL Digital Equity Plan to Close New York's Digital Divide

Governor Kathy Hochul unveiled the \$50 million New York State Digital Equity Plan to close New York's digital divide. The plan outlines New York's statewide strategy to increase its capacity to improve digital literacy and digital job readiness skills, facilitate access to affordable internet and devices, enhance digital privacy and safety, and make government services more accessible through the internet. The announcement follows the plan's approval from the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration, making New York eligible to apply for a \$36.8 million federal Capacity Grant to implement the Plan, and builds on Governor Hochul's commitment to making affordable broadband accessible to all New Yorkers.

"With the launch of New York's Digital Equity Plan, we are bringing the state one step closer to closing the digital divide," Governor Hochul said. "Affordable, accessible broadband is essential for connecting New Yorkers to work, education, and vital government services, and I will continue to work closely with the Biden administration and New York's congressional delegation to advance our ConnectALL initiative and ensure that New Yorkers can participate in our modern economy."

The Plan establishes a vision and comprehensive framework to guide the state's digital equity strategy and will anchor all of ConnectALL's programs, including building digital skills and literacies, enhancing privacy and safety, increasing access to devices, and improving the accessibility of government services for New Yorkers. The Plan also includes regional snapshots and a searchable statewide inventory of nearly 1,000 programs and organizations working to address the barriers to broadband adoption.

ConnectALL will use the federal funds, which it expects to receive later this year, in addition to state funding to implement the plan. ConnectALL will apply for the funds by the May 28 deadline and will be able to apply for additional federal funds, sourced from the \$1.44 billion Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program, over the next two years. This program is part of President Biden's Investing in America Agenda and a key part of the Internet for All initiative to ensure that all people and communities have the skills, technology, and capacity needed to reap the full benefits of our digital economy.

ConnectALL partnered with digital equity practitioners, advocates, coalitions, and state agencies to develop the State Digital Equity Plan. These partners hosted listening sessions in all ten regions of the state and the five boroughs of New York City, conducted focus groups, and held virtual town hall meetings on key issues. Over 5,000 New Yorkers contributed to the Plan by taking the New York Internet Access Survey. The Plan also received more than 150 public comments during a month-long public comment period in fall 2023.

### Governor Hochul's ConnectALL Initiative

Governor Hochul established the \$1 billion ConnectALL Initiative - New York's largest-ever investment in broadband access - to close the state's digital divide, transform digital infrastructure, and ensure that all

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New Yorkers have access to reliable and affordable high-speed broadband internet service. To date, ConnectALL has overseen the successful launch and implementation of several programs to advance broadband access, including:

- o The Affordable Housing Connectivity Program to bring new broadband infrastructure to homes in affordable and public housing leveraging a \$100 million federal investment from the U.S. Treasury Department's Capital Projects Fund. The program is currently accepting applications for internet service providers here.
- o The ConnectALL Deployment Program to fund internet service providers to reach unserved and underserved locations, drawing on an allocation of \$664.6 million in federal funding from the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program, as described in the ConnectALL Broadband Deployment Initial Proposal and Five-Year Action Plan. ConnectALL is currently conducting the challenge process to determine which locations in the state are eligible for this program.
- o The Municipal Infrastructure Program will utilize \$228 million in federal funding to connect tens of thousands of homes statewide to high-speed internet through grants to public entities, local or Tribal governments, municipal utilities, utility cooperatives, and their private sector partners. Broadband infrastructure in the Municipal Infrastructure Program will be owned by a public entity or publicly controlled and internet service providers will use the new broadband infrastructure to provide New Yorkers with affordable, high quality service options. The request for applications is now available on the ConnectALL website with Phase 2 applications from public entities due April 19th and Phase 3 applications from private entities due June 7th.

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# DEC Establishes Agency's First-Ever Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Civil Rights Office Combines Existing DEI, Accessibility, and Civil Rights Efforts Under New Chief Diversity Officer

## Commissioner Seggos: New Office Will Help Build Stronger, More Diverse DEC to Represent and Serve All New Yorkers

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the agency is establishing its first-ever Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Civil Rights. The new office will combine DEC's current diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), accessibility, and Civil Rights efforts under the leadership of its incoming and first-ever Chief Diversity Officer, and will focus on enhancing collaboration and effectiveness of program delivery to employees and the public.

"I have made it a priority to diversify the agency's workforce to better serve all of New York's communities, especially those that are most disadvantaged," Commissioner Seggos said. "Standing up a new Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Civil Rights will help bring greater focus to this important work and advance DEC's mission to protect public health and the environment across the state."

DEC's Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Civil Rights will focus on four main objectives:

- o Ensure compliance with Federal and State Civil Rights requirements;
- o Expand DEC's language access offerings both in written documents and public meetings;
- o Ensure compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in DEC operations and implementation of Executive Order 31 to meet internal accessibility goals; and
- o Oversee strategic planning and initiatives for workplace diversity inclusion and belonging.

DEC's current DEI and accessibility programs and staff will be consolidated under the new Office and will help advise all of the agency's programs and operations. The office will report to the Deputy Commissioner for Equity and Justice. DEC will announce the appointment of a new Chief Diversity Officer at a later date.

This announcement represents an expansion of the agency's equity and justice agenda under Commissioner Seggos. The agency established a new Equity and Justice portfolio in 2022 with the appointment of DEC's first-ever Deputy Commissioner for Equity and Justice. The Deputy Commissioner will now oversee the new Office as well as the Office of Indian Nation Affairs and Office of Environmental Justice.

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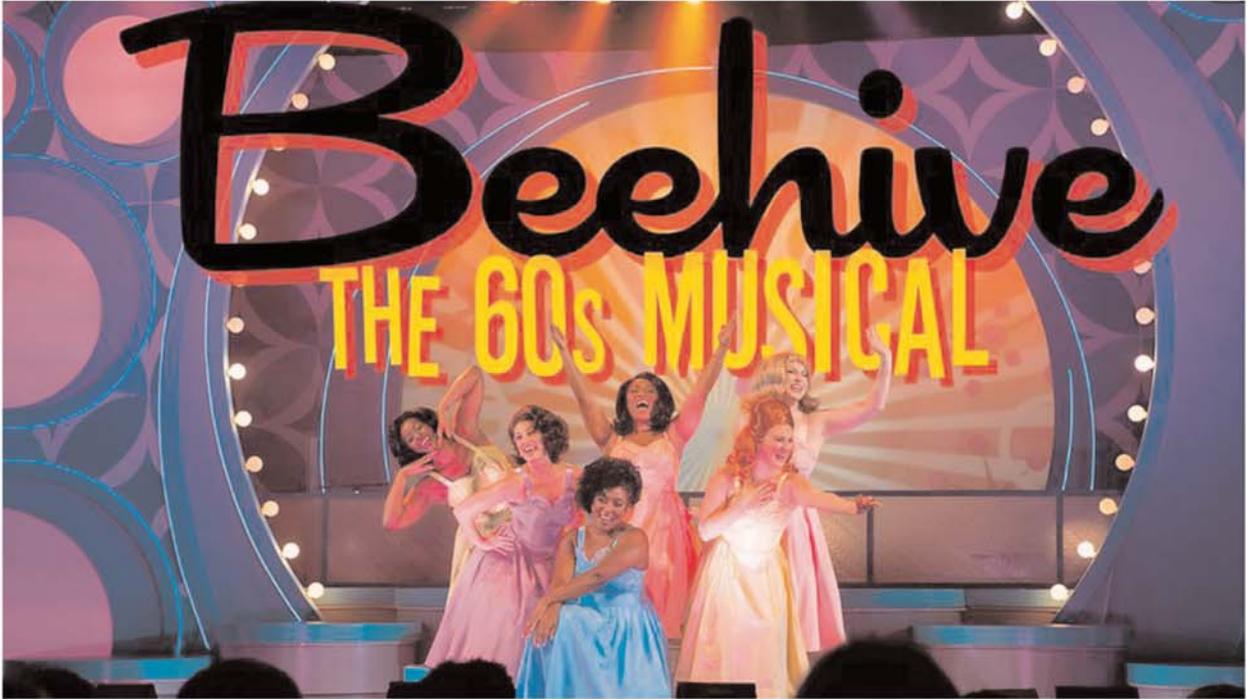
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**“A Taste of Broadway III”**

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**Date: Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – Lunch at 11:45, 2 pm show.**

***Price: \$99 includes lunch, show and fundraiser.***

\*If you are a paid season subscriber to Shadowland, your price is \$74.

*(Please make check payable to: “ERH Auxiliary” along with your phone #, choice of entrée and if you are a season subscriber.*

*Mail to Helene Morris, PO Box 105 Spring Glen, NY 12483*

*Call 845-210-7120 with any seating requirements or questions.*

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**11:45 Start/Open Seating (Cash Bar)**

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**When:** Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Rain or Shine**

**Where:** Claryville Fire Dept.  
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**Time:** 10 AM – 3 PM

**Setup start time: 8 AM Break Down by 3 PM - \*vendors must stay until 3pm\***

#### Regulations for Sellers:

- Open to all sellers, artisans, antique dealers, and crafts on a first come first serve basis.
- Food will be available for sale throughout the day
- **FEE** \$20 per table. Tables are 8ft long or 8ft picnic table (If you require the use of an outlet \$25 per table)- **tables are provided.**
- **\*\*Claryville Fire Dept is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen merchandise\*\***

For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer at 845-807-6563; email at [claryvillefd@gmail.com](mailto:claryvillefd@gmail.com).

**Payment and registration must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your spot. Payment will no longer be accepted on the day of the event!**



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Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

**Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Rain or Shine**

Vendors Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Merchandise: \_\_\_\_\_

# of tables needed: \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity needed (*inside the building only*): Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Choose type of table: 8ft table \_\_\_\_\_ or 8ft picnic table (outside) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check if you would like to be either outside under the pavilion or inside the building.*

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Pavilion: \_\_\_\_\_ Inside the building: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Check if paid: cash: \_\_\_\_\_ check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of vendor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$20.00 per 8ft table or \$25.00 an 8ft table with *electricity*. \*Please note vendor spot fee is nonrefundable \* Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Donation for door prize (an item raffled off for vendors) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Event time:** is 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM      **Set Up is 8:00 AM**

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Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello

## Paint the Town Winners

**Paint the Town**, Hawley is happy to announce the winning artwork in our Viewer's Choice voting is "Evening Ablaze" by artist Linda Murphy. This vibrant painting will be reproduced on one of our 22 banners. Our art-loving jury selected 21 stunning art images from an amazing assortment of 181 submitted images by 77 talented regional artists. We then asked the public to choose, and received 351 online votes to decide on our 22nd banner. Thank you to everyone who voted!

We are pleased to announce the names of the artists whose art was selected for our banners - Deborah Hussung, Rip Bodman, Diane M Lyons Stout, Sondra Brooks, Bozena Janiszewski, Linda Murphy, Heather Lockwood, Lauren Kuhn, Shaun Walsh, Rachel Sebelist, Deanna Lamour, Barbara Morcerf, George Penyak, Thomas Colbert, Susan McClellan, Alison Warnock, Sue Stephan Foster, Judith Bodman, Erica Hart, Colleen Campbell, Victoria Sanok, Claire Shickora, Nancy Palubniak. We are keeping the art images confidential until the banners are installed in May such that the public can view and enjoy the beauty and creativity of our amazing artists. We are planning an opening reception along with several artists events. In addition there will be a website with details about these individual artists and their art.

**Paint the Town**, Hawley is an exciting new art project in Hawley, PA led by the Wayne County Arts Alliance in collaboration with the Downtown Hawley Partnership and the Foundation for Harmony Presents. We will be mounting beautiful banners bedecked with the images of original artwork displayed on poles along Main Avenue and side streets in Hawley, creating a dazzling art trail. The banners will be installed in May, 2024 in time to celebrate with the Hawley Memorial Day Parade. More information is at [waynecountyartsalliance.org](http://waynecountyartsalliance.org).

## Governor Hochul Awards Over \$3.8 million to Support Animal Shelter Improvements

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced nearly \$3.8 million has been awarded to ten animal care organizations across the state through the New York State Companion Animal Capital Fund, which is in its sixth round. The funding will support construction, renovation, and expansion projects that will enhance animal care and health and help ensure adoptions for New York's dogs and cats. As the first state in the nation to fund capital projects for animal shelters, New York State continues to demonstrate its commitment to securing safe housing and care for sheltered dogs and cats as they await adoption.

"New York State's Companion Animal Capital Fund continues to make a real difference for our shelters and humane societies across the state," Governor Hochul said. "This funding will better equip these vital facilities with the tools they need to improve the quality of care for animals as they await a permanent, loving home."

Since the 2017 launch of the Companion Animal Capital Fund program, which is administered by the Department of Agriculture and Markets, the State has dedicated over \$33 million to the program. This round of funding awarded builds on previous initiatives to offset the costs associated with capital projects run by New York State animal shelters, such as renovating dog kennels, improving medical facilities, or building more efficient shelters to reduce overall operational costs. Projects funded this year include new living spaces for dogs and cats, improved infrastructure, and enhanced outdoor spaces.

Competitive grants were awarded to shelters based on a need assessment, detailed project description, and reasonableness of cost.

The following organizations are receiving an award in this round of the program:

- o Animal Protective Foundation of Schenectady (Scotia, Schenectady County) - \$500,000 to build a new admission entrance and intake facility, create isolation wards and cat housing areas, and install an improved HVAC system.
- o Bideawee (New York City, New York County) - \$200,000 for roof replacement.
- o Chenango SPCA (Norwich, Chenango County) - \$500,000 to construct and install isolation and double-sided kennels, including HVAC, septic, plumbing, and electrical systems.
- o Country Acres Animal Shelter (Homer, Cortland County) - \$289,565.37 to update gates and dividing panels, create two new multi-use rooms, upgrade heating and electrical systems, and create roofing for outdoor spaces.
- o Jefferson County SPCA (Watertown, Jefferson County) - \$466,292.70 for construction of a new addition, installation of a new HVAC system, and upgraded temperature controls and sound control, and to expand capacity for "Trap-and-Neuter" and low-cost vaccination programs.
- o Paw of Orleans County (Albion, Orleans County) - \$51,249 to replace cat kennels, upgrade dog enclosures, upgrade HVAC systems, and replace a heat pump.
- o Pets Alive (Middletown, Orange County) - \$500,000 for new HVAC and installation of kennel equipment, radiant flooring, and acoustical ceiling.
- o Town of Southampton (Suffolk County) - \$402,608 for kennel replacement and installation of a high-performance epoxy floor system.
- o Town of Webster (Webster, Monroe County) - \$400,000 to construct dog kennels and rooms and other areas including storage, food preparation, impound housing, and isolation spaces.
- o Tri Lakes Humane Society (Saranac Lake, Franklin County) - \$500,000 for plumbing upgrades, installation of sound dampening systems, replacement of ventilation and damaged floors, cat porch improvements, and kennel additions.

Governor Hochul's Fiscal Year 2025 Executive Budget includes an additional \$5 million for the continuation of this critical program.

State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "New York State's Companion Animal Capital Fund has helped countless local animal shelters make needed facility upgrades so that animals in their care can live safely and happily while they wait to find their forever homes. I'm always proud to champion this program in the State Budget, and I thank Governor Hochul for extending another round of grant funding to our state's shelters."

Assemblymember Donna Lupardo said, "I am grateful that the Companion Animal Capital Fund is available to help shelters make much-needed improvements. These funds will allow organizations to provide the highest quality care to animals while they await adoption. I'd like to thank the Governor and my colleagues for continuing to support this important effort. I have seen first-hand how well these funds have been used and know how needed these resources are."

The Department of Agriculture and Markets' Division of Animal Industry promotes sustainable animal production agriculture and the safety of the animal origin food supply. These goals are accomplished through regulatory and cooperative educational efforts with various agencies, both public and private. The Division has staff in Albany and veterinarians located across the state. In addition to many other responsibilities, the Division regulates dog licensing, sets standards for humane care of seized dogs and the inspection of municipal shelters, administers the contract for the New York State Animal Population Control Program and the Pet Dealer Inspection Program, and provides training and assistance to local enforcement officers in animal welfare cases.



# Intro to Genealogy — WORKSHOP —

**Sunday, April 14th**  
**1 to 4 p.m. FREE**  
*In Person & Virtual*

**Community Room, Daniel Pierce Library**  
**St. Rt. 55, Grahamsville**

**Do you like solving puzzles? Then genealogy is for you!**

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*Sullivan County*  
*Historical Society*

*Ruth Huggler*  
*Sullivan County Democrat*

*Lynn Preibe,*  
*Trustee and Archivist*  
*Time and the Valleys Museum*

*Nicole Richardson,*  
*Community Programs Associate*  
*Daniel Pierce Library*

*Russell Reeves, Sullivan County Clerk*  
*Sullivan County Government*

**Bring your photos, documents and stories, and we will help you get started!**

To attend virtually email: [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or call: 845 985-7700  
Zoom links are available until 10 a.m. April 14th.

# SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



## NICK NEEDS KIDNEY -TYPE O (IN SOME CASES TYPE A BLOOD COULD WORK)

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progresses in stages and, if untreated, can lead to complete loss of kidney function. At CKD stage 5, when both kidneys fail completely, the only options for survival are dialysis or a kidney transplant. Nick is at stage 5.

*If interested in donating please contact Westchester Medical Center and speak with a Living Donor Coordinator at 914.493.1990*

### More about our warrior Nick....

Nick was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) at birth. TSC is a neurological disorder that produces seizures, tumors, and lesions that effect the organs of the body and can cause Autism. Nick has been battling with seizures his whole life from infantile spasms to adult grand-mal seizures. May 2019 we heard the worst news that Nick's function was under 10% on both kidneys. Since then Nick has had multiple surgeries so he could get the proper dialysis preformed. Nick goes in center for 4 hours 3 times a week. Not what the sweetest, kindest, 31 year old should be going through.

Nick has such a big heart and is loved by so many in our community. We all want Nick to have the best quality of life and going through dialysis does not provide that quality. We hope and pray a kidney comes to us and that Nick will be able to live a happy and healthy life doing what he loves and that is to bicycle all throughout our town making people smile. Nick is a big part of the community, he takes pride with his volunteer work with the EMS and is the Honorary member of the Monticello Fire Department.

Lets all band together for Nick and help him find a kidney so he can live life to the fullest!

*For any other questions  
845.798.2077 [nickneedsokidney@gmail.com](mailto:nickneedsokidney@gmail.com)*

 Follow Nick  
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# Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



**Sunday, April 21st**

**Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon**

**Adults: \$13**

**Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11**

**Children Ages 5-11: \$5**

**Under 5 Yrs. Free**

**Take-outs: \$13**

**Call 845-985-7270**

**Pancakes, French Toast, 3 eggs any style, Hash brown, Sausage,  
Man-n-moon, Spud-eggo, Oj, Coffee / Tea**

\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

Stop by the library to purchase your tickets  
Cash or check only

# DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY CHEER & CHARCUTERIE

## *Fundraising Event!*

Saturday, April 27, 2024, 11 am - 12 pm



Let's have some fun at the Library while you learn hands-on how to create a stunning charcuterie board.

Hosted by Victoria Garigliano, owner of Garigliano Events.

You will learn a number of techniques on how to bring your charcuterie board to life!

\$45 per ticket (Adults only)

Includes 1 hour class, all materials & one glass of wine  
(non-alcoholic option available)

**Tricky Tray tickets available for purchase for extra fun during the event!**

Stop in to purchase your tickets or call 845 985-7233 for availability. Space is limited!  
Go to our website for further details @ [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org).

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**THURSDAY 7/4/24: LIBERTY RISING STREET FAIR**

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT, NORTH MAIN STREET, LIBERTY, NY 12754

SHOW TIME: 9:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 3:00 PM PARADE LINE UP 11:30 AM

PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 25: KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. **RAIN DATE 7/6/24**

**SATURDAY 7/13/24 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY**

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, MAIN STREET WURTSBORO, NEW YORK 12790

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 3:30 PM

PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 30; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; BOARD OF TRADE CHOICE; CLUB PICK AND BEST OF SHOW.

**SUNDAY 8/11/24 MONTICELLO BAGEL FEST**

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, BROADWAY MONTICELLO, NY 12701

SHOW TIME 10 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 3:30 PM

PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 40; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW

**SATURDAY 9/21/24 NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION SHOW**

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, FAIR GROUNDS GRAHAMSVILLE NY 12740

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 6:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 3:30 PM

PRICE PER VEHICLE \$15.00 TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 25; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; NRAMA CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW **RAIN DATE SUNDAY 9/22/24**

# Homeschooling Group

4th Tuesday of each month

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

at the Daniel Pierce Library

We invite all Tri-Valley resident homeschooling families to join a self-guided group that meets monthly at the Daniel Pierce Library.

Together this group will share lessons, network, set up future field trips, have various guest speakers and programs. You can also... borrow books, check out DVD's, access the internet, research online databases and utilize library space! (If you have a RCLS library card).

Please join in, the possibilities are endless!

Contact Dana Wright  
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## **Congressman Pat Ryan Brings the Social Security Administration Back to UC with Senior Fair**

*Ryan's Senior Fair connected seniors with community partners from across the Hudson Valley, including the Social Security Administration, Castle Point VA, New York State Office of Mental Health, and Legal Services of the Hudson Valley*

KINGSTON, NY - Today, Congressman Pat Ryan held a Senior Fair in Kingston, bringing together his team of caseworkers with representatives from the Social Security Administration and community partners from across the Hudson Valley to connect senior citizens directly with the assistance and services they need. Community partners included the Ulster County Office for the Aging, the Castle Point VA, the Social Security Administration, the Ulster County Department of Health, New York State Office of Mental Health, the Statewide Senior Action Council, Westchester Medical Center, RECAP, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, and the New York State Attorney General's office.

"Our seniors have worked hard their entire lives to retire with dignity - they shouldn't have to navigate a web of government agencies alone to get the support they deserve. At our Senior Fair, there's no waiting on hold, no playing phone tag, no getting the runaround. We're delivering direct assistance from dozens of community partners, all in one central location," said Congressman Pat Ryan. "But our work cannot stop at simply making these benefits accessible and easily navigable. As Trump and far-right Republicans in the House continue to attack Social Security and Medicare, I'll keep fighting every day to not just to protect these programs, but to expand them."

"This one-stop shop for information is exactly what our seniors need to get their questions answered quickly, and to help them navigate the different sources of assistance and support that can help them," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "We appreciate the work and dedication of Congressman Pat Ryan and his office in spearheading this resource fair, and are happy to partner with him on this valuable service to our seniors."

"Many of our seniors have lived their entire lives in the Hudson Valley and have helped build and sustain our communities. It is our responsibility to ensure they can easily access services that will make their lives healthy, happy, and affordable," said Senator Michelle Hinchey. "My team was proud to bring state government services to Congressman Pat Ryan's Senior Fair, and we will always fight for the well-being of our seniors, who have given so much to our region."

"We are happy to send OFA representatives to Congressman Ryan's Senior Fair for this successful venture," said Susan C. Kopenhagen, Director, Ulster County Office

for Aging. "Any time we can bring information to our constituents to use, is more folks becoming aware of services available to them."

### **Partner Organizations Include:**

- o Social Security Administration
- o Ulster County Office of the Aging
- o Hudson Valley Hospice
- o Legal Services of the Hudson Valley
- o Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley
- o Gateway Hudson Valley
- o Aetna Medicare Solutions
- o Taxpayer Advocate
- o Castle Point VA
- o New York State Office of Mental Health
- o Statewide Senior Action Council
- o Westchester Medical Center
- o AARP
- o New York State Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program
- o Ulster County Veterans Services Agency
- o RCAL
- o Ulster County Department of Health
- o New York State Attorney General's Office
- o American Heart Association
- o Hudson Valley Center for Veteran Reintegration
- o Ulster County Division of Emergency Management
- o Office of State Senator Michelle Hinchey
- o A4TD
- o RUPCO
- o New York State Comptroller's Office
- o Ulster County Mental Health
- o Choice Connections New York
- o American Red Cross
- o Independent Home Care, Inc
- o Next Step Home.

Congressman Ryan has previously organized similar resource fairs. In November, Ryan utilized his Constituent Advocacy Resources Empowerment Services (C.A.R.E.S.) Van to bring assistance from the Social Security Administration back to Ulster County for a one-day event that included many other community partners offering assistance to senior citizens. Ulster County has gone without a Social Security Administration office in recent years, since the County's only one closed. Ryan has made repeated calls for the office to reopen.

The C.A.R.E.S. Van makes weekly visits throughout NY-18 to bring assistance with federal agencies like Social Security, VA, and the IRS directly to constituents in their own communities. The C.A.R.E.S. Van recently completed its first district tour, having visited every one of the 82 cities and towns in NY-18 in under 10 months.

Congressman Ryan has been a fierce advocate for protecting and strengthening services and benefits like Social Security and Medicare for seniors. Ryan cosponsors the Social Security Fairness Act, the Expanding Health Care Options for First Responders Act, the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act., the Physical Therapist Workforce and Patient Access Act, the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act, and the Promoting Access to Diabetic Shoes Act to expand access to Social Security and Medicare.



### Reality Check: NYC is NOT Safe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJYabUZ46zc>

Mayor Eric Adams claims that NYC is the safest big city in America.

Yet every day, members of our community are becoming victims of criminal acts perpetrated by illegal immigrants and repeat criminals who are exploiting Democrats' ineffective bail reform.

Women walking around their neighborhoods are getting punched in the face. An illegal immigrant murdered Laken Riley, and the Left's policies allowed him back on the streets following his initial arrest. A brave NYPD Officer was shot while making a traffic stop by another repeat criminal.

Mayor Adams should be ashamed of himself.

### Fighting Against Biden's Woke Agenda

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJR6z1tq714>

Three months and 147 days have already been set aside to celebrate LGBTQ issues. Veterans aren't even recognized that many days of the year!

Biden declaring Easter as 'Trans Day of Visibility,' is a slap in the face to every Christian.

### Election Integrity Update: Wisconsin has voted to ban Zuckerbucks!

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In 2020, Mark Zuckerberg shelled out \$350 million on "election administrations," with \$10 million going to the swing state, Wisconsin. By banning Zuckerbucks, Wisconsin voters are sending a clear message: elections belong to voters, not out-of-state billionaires.

The prohibition of private funding from influencing our electoral processes is a crucial step toward ensuring transparency and accountability in our electoral system. All states must follow their lead, and ban private organizations from funding and influencing our election administration!

#### Following Molinar Advocacy,



### Sullivan County Head Start Reopened on Tuesday, April 9

Liberty, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today released the following statement on Sullivan County Head Start:

"The Office of Head Start (OHS) has just informed me that a temporary Sullivan Head Start provider reopened centers in Woodbourne and Monticello on Tuesday, April 9. This was the step I've been pushing for alongside our local partners in Sullivan County. It will allow us to return children to the Head

Start program.

"The fact remains: Sullivan Head Start should have never closed to begin with. And it's unnerving that these disruptions to families and staff went on for so long. As the work continues to secure a permanent provider, there will be a simultaneous effort to deliver accountability for the closure."

Background:

Since Sullivan Head Start abruptly closed, Rep. Molinaro has pushed for it to swiftly reopen, released statements and held mobile office hours to distribute information, and has called for accountability.

Last month, Rep. Molinaro voted to increase federal funding for Head Start Programs by over \$1 billion in the Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations. This will keep Head Start programs like the one in Sullivan County funded.

### Following Molinaro's Effort, Social Security Administration Responds to Overpayment Issue Burdening Seniors Molinaro Still Fighting For Elimination Of Overpayment Collections

Washington, DC - Following efforts by U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19), the Social Security Administration (SSA) has adjusted their overpayment policy, which has burdened seniors and other Social Security recipients.

The SSA has made billions of dollars in overpayments to seniors and other Social Security recipients. When the SSA discovered an overpayment, they would send notices to recipients demanding the money back. In September and January, Rep. Molinaro called out the SSA, urging them to stop this practice, after hearing from seniors and other Social Security recipients in New York's 19th Congressional District who had received these notices.

As a result of Rep. Molinaro's advocacy, the agency has announced they will now only collect ten percent or \$10, whichever is greater, of a recipient's monthly benefit to recover an overpayment. This is down from 100 percent and can save seniors and other Social Security recipients thousands of dollars annually. Because this is not a complete elimination of the overpayment collection policy, Rep. Molinaro will be keeping the pressure on the SSA to fully repeal their policy.

Rep. Molinaro said, "After fighting with the Social Security Administration for many months over their absurd policy, they have taken a step in the right direction by capping the collections, but there's more to do. I'm still pushing for overpayment collections to be eliminated. Seniors should not go into debt because the Social Security Administration made a mistake."

### Rep. Molinaro Calls on Gov. Hochul to Declare Opioid State of Emergency as New Report Finds NY-19 Epicenter of Crisis

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today called on Governor Kathy Hochul to declare a State of Emergency, allowing more funds and resources to be prioritized for addressing the opioid epidemic. Similar orders have already been issued in states like Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Florida.

Rep. Molinaro's call comes as a new report finds that New York's 19th Congressional District has become the epicenter of the opioid epidemic. According to the New York State Department of Health, in 2023 Broome, Sullivan, and Greene counties had among the highest opioid overdose rates in New York State.

Rep. Molinaro said, "You can't help but be alarmed by these grave statistics. With Broome, Sullivan, and Greene being in the top five for overdose rates in 2023, NY-19 is now the epicenter of the opioid crisis. (Contd. Pg. 57)

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(From Pg. 56) I'm calling on Governor Hochul to declare a State of Emergency because this is the greatest public health emergency of our lifetime and should be treated as such. As County Executive, I pioneered a stabilization center model that allowed anyone suffering from a substance use disorder to get immediate help. It's a model that has been successfully replicated across the state. The expansion of this model, paired with emergency funds and resources to provide long-term treatment and crack down on drug trafficking, can and will save lives."

In Congress, Rep. Molinaro has made addressing the opioid epidemic a priority:

Fought to secure a designation to combat drug trafficking and fatal overdoses in Sullivan County.

Working to expand the stabilization center model in Broome, Sullivan, and across Upstate New York.

Hosted roundtables in Broome and Sullivan counties on expanding treatment options.

Introduced bipartisan legislation to make it easier to access Narcan.

## MOLINARO MEMO

Welcome to the Molinaro Memo: catching you up on my latest moves and work for Upstate New York!

### Extending The Affordable Connectivity Program For Upstate New Yorkers

The Affordable Connectivity Program has connected over 23 million U.S. households - more than one in six - with access to high-speed, reliable internet. I understand its importance and am spearheading the fight to get this program extended. We cannot allow it to go dark. The program is a lifeline to rural and low income New Yorkers, making health opportunities, education, and work much more accessible.

### Held A Listening Session With Local Farmers

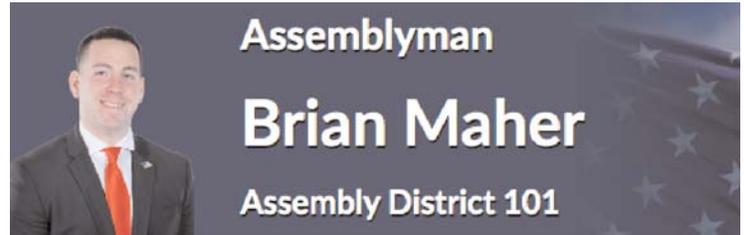
I held a roundtable in Greene County with local farmers & producers to hear about challenges they face and their priorities. As a member on U.S. House Agriculture Committee, I'm working to write a Farm Bill that meets the needs of working families AND farmers.

### Getting Accountability For Deadly COVID Measures

Four years ago, Governor Cuomo mandated COVID positive seniors be forced into nursing homes. Instead of addressing it, he covered it up. I went to Albany and stood alongside New York leaders to demand Governor Cuomo be held accountable. Actions should have consequences. Those responsible for the deadly mandate and cover up must be held to account.

### Demanded Governor Hochul Withdraw Plan To Cut Disability Services

I demanded Governor Kathy Hochul withdraw her proposed plan to cut specialized care services for individuals with disabilities across Upstate New York. A proposal in Governor Hochul's Fiscal Year 2025 budget will cut funds from the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), which helps people with disabilities achieve independence. If this federally supported program is gutted, those with disabilities will be pushed into the shadows of society or forced to enter costly nursing homes that lack specialized care. These cuts are despicable, and I will not allow the disability community to shoulder another fiscal irresponsibility from the Governor.



## NYS Assemblyman Brian Maher Introduces Luke Satriano – Back-to-Back New York State Wrestling Champion

Assemblyman Brian Maher (R,C-Walden) introduced Luke Satriano, who is a back-to-back New York state wrestling champion. He is currently an honor roll student at Valley Central High School where he simultaneously reigns as an undefeated three-time Section 9 champion.

In 2023, Luke was a New York state freestyle championship medalist, was named All-American and won back-to-back state titles in 2023 and 2024. He is only the third Valley Central High School wrestler to win two New York state titles in the school's more than 60-year history.

"We were so lucky to have Luke come up to Albany today and be recognized for all his incredible achievements. He has had a remarkable career already and we wish him the best of luck and wishes for his future competitions." said Maher.

Luke is currently being recruited by many top D1 college programs throughout the U.S. and will soon be competing in Las Vegas for an opportunity to become a USA World Team member and represent the U.S. in overseas World Championships. With him today were his incredible teammates, coach and proud parents.

## VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO PUBLIC NOTICE:

Please be advised:  
**The Village of Monticello Board of Trustees**  
 will be having a Special Meeting  
**on Wednesday, April 10, 2024**  
 at 7:00pm  
 to discuss a Personnel Matter

*Live*

# Medicare 101 Zoom Webinar



Wednesday, April 17, 2024  
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

**Presented by:**  
**James Farnham, MBA, MS**  
**Licensed Agent**

**Will you be turning 65 soon? Are you eligible for Medicare?**

Please join us for this live webinar as we learn about Medicare basics including, Prescription Drug Plans, Medicare Supplement Plans, and Medicare Advantage Plans (HMOs and PPOs). This program will simplify the choices you need to make, help you make well-informed decisions and explain what Medicare means to you!

Advanced online registration required at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org). Those who register will receive an email prior to the event with a link and instructions on how to join. This educational program is provided to you at no cost or obligation.

To register go to:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1gurL2KWpOZkgBcmyN4Elet3DU2lo\\_iVTG1sK38Ea-WOx\\_A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1gurL2KWpOZkgBcmyN4Elet3DU2lo_iVTG1sK38Ea-WOx_A/viewform)

# Adventure Begins with **LEGO** at the **Daniel Pierce Library** With **LEGO**, everything is **AWESOME!**

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Spring  
2024

## Great Adventure (Grades 4-6) Wednesday, April 24

Join your friends and become mechanical engineers for the afternoon.  
Create the next amusement park ride!

## Magic School Bus Ride (Grades 2-3) Wednesday, May 8

Jump aboard for an afternoon of wild adventure and invent new things!

## Construction Crew (UPK - Grade 1) Wednesday, May 15

Put on your hard hat and share your creativity! Join us for an afternoon of adventure, building with LEGO!

## Buddin' Builders (Toddlers Ages 3 & 4 years) Wednesday, May 22

Developing our young engineers, architects and construction workers of the future with LEGO. This is sure to be an adventure! **PLEASE NOTE:** A parent or guardian must be present for your child to attend.

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Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Advanced online registration is required at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org). If you wish for your child to take the bus from school, please send a note to the elementary office no later than the Monday before the program.



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Curated by  
 Kathy Yacoe and Sandra Scheuer

**March 16 – May 4, 2024**  
 ▶ Opening: Saturday, March 16, 3 – 5 pm ◀



**Artists in this show:**  
 Daniel Baxter, Laura Carmelita Belmont, Leslie Bender, Natalie Boburka,  
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 Myah Perino, Bryan Perrin, Tracy Phillips,  
 Eileen Power, Elaine Ralston, Susanna Ronner,  
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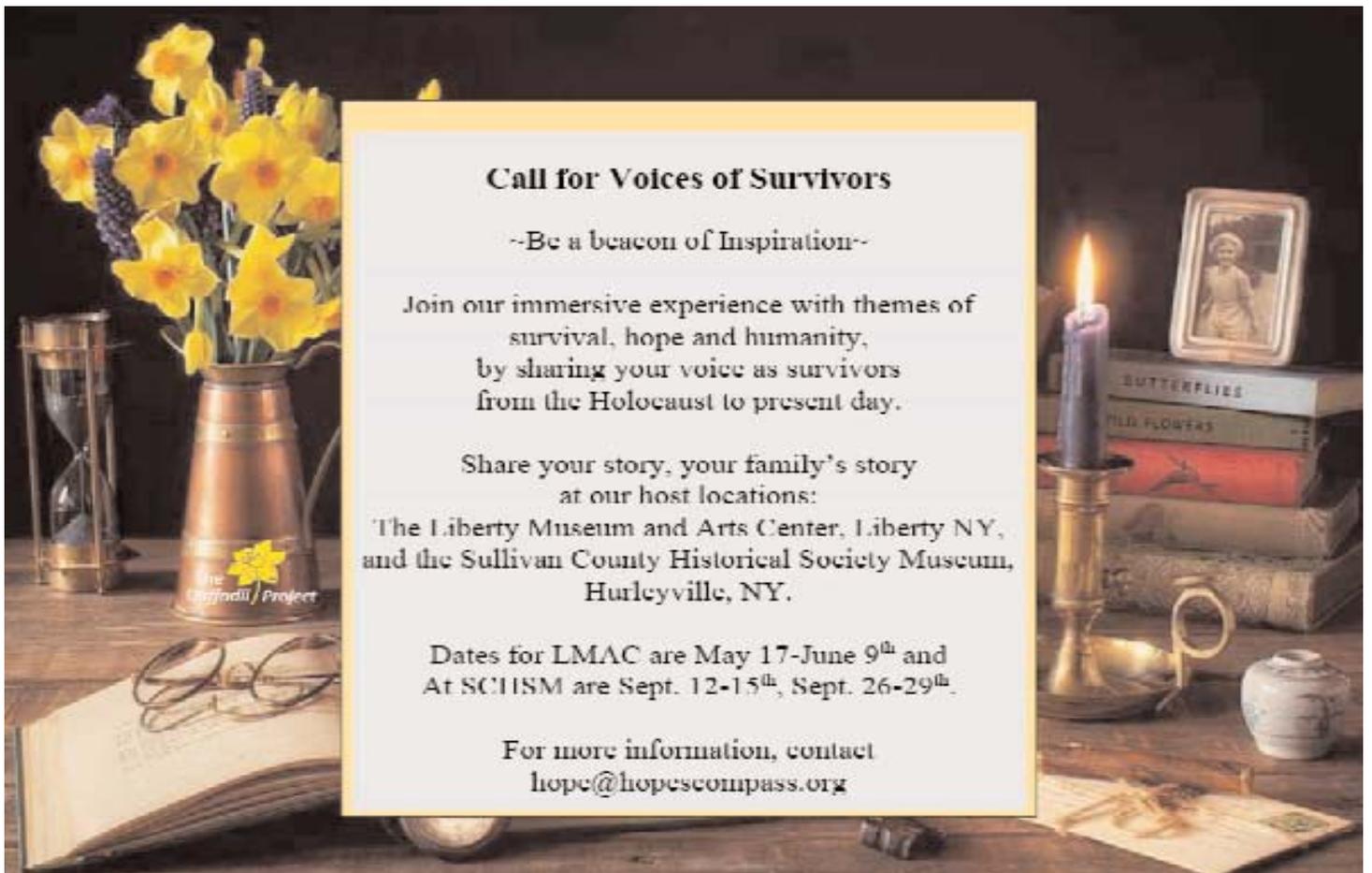
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Join our immersive experience with themes of survival, hope and humanity, by sharing your voice as survivors from the Holocaust to present day.

Share your story, your family's story at our host locations:  
 The Liberty Museum and Arts Center, Liberty NY,  
 and the Sullivan County Historical Society Museum, Hurleyville, NY.

Dates for LMAC are May 17-June 9<sup>th</sup> and  
 At SCHISM are Sept. 12-15<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 26-29<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, contact  
 hope@hopescompass.org



# *Woodbourne Fire Department*

## *French Toast Breakfast*



Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

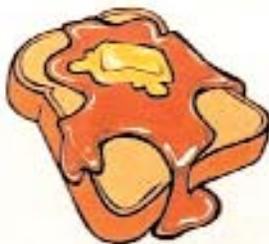
7am – 12 Noon

Location: Woodbourne Fire House

**Adults \$12.00**

**Children 6 or Under \$6.00**

For more information call: (845)-434-6763 or (845)-798-1035



### **Eat In or Take Out**

Breakfast includes: French Toast,  
Eggs ( Scrambled, Over Easy & Sunny Side Up)  
Sausage and Home Fries





**ULSTER HEIGHTS ROD & GUN CLUB**

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**1ST PLACE:**

**2'X 4' ANTIETAM FRACTAL AMERICAN FLAG**

**2ND PLACE:**

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**DRAWING WILL BE HELD: WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024**

**-WINNER DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN-**

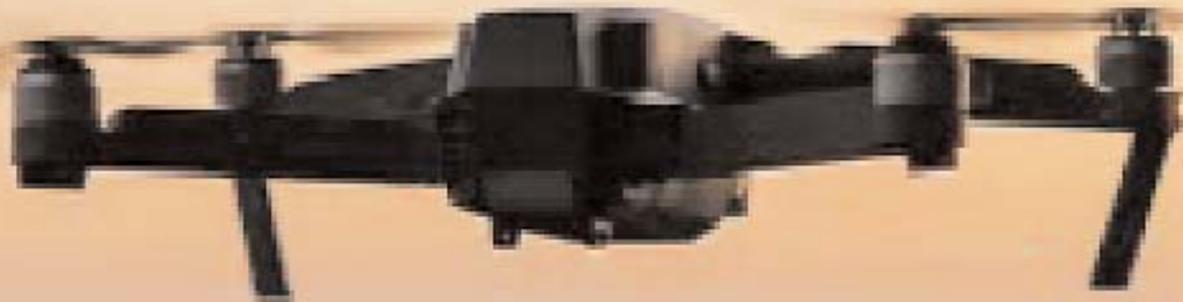
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# WOODRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT SECOND ANNUAL



# FATHER'S DAY

*Raffle*

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### CONTACT:

**Chief Nolan Akerley**  
845-707-2975

**Assistant Chief Eric Akerley**  
845-707-1483

Drawing Date  
Thursday, June 13, 2024

Stop by the firehouse any  
Thursday Drill Night at 7 pm to purchase  
2 Green Ave Woodridge, NY 12789  
845-434-6893



# The Daniel Pierce Library

— Presents —

## "BOUJEE"

# BINGO

## Library Fundraiser

What happens at BINGO stays at BINGO!

Friday, May 31, 2024

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Calling begins at 7:00 p.m.

**\$40 per Person** Includes: 7 games, door prize entry & light refreshments  
\$5 tickets available for more chances to win

**7 PRIZES** One winner per game over \$2,500 worth of prizes including:

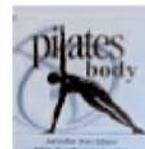
- Meat Package
- Hotel Package
- Family Bundle
- Splash Pass & Stay
- Smart TV
- Dining Package

**Tickets on sale now** Reserve tables of 8 or 10 per request

**Tricky Tray** Tickets available for an additional purchase & winnings

**Fun for all 18 and older!**

Seating is limited, call 845.985.7233 today!



# Daniel Pierce Library

## Teach our Teens

Chess Mastery Wednesdays  
Coming this Spring  
Tournament Event in June

Do you have a talent for chess?  
Come volunteer and share your knowledge.

*Share your talent, change a life!*



To volunteer for one or many sessions in this series,  
please email:

Director, Beth Wolpert at [bwolpert@rcls.org](mailto:bwolpert@rcls.org)



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# 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

VENDORS  
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QR CODE  
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PARADE, CAR SHOW  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
ARTISANS & CRAFTERS

**10:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

**FIREWORKS SHOW 9:15 PM**



**RAIN DATE - JULY 6TH**

MAIN STREET - LIBERTY, NY

2024

# Craft Fair, Yard Sale, Vendors & Food Vendors

Sponsored by: Woodbourne Fire Department

Location: 355 Fire House Road

Woodbourne NY, 12788

Time: 10am - 4pm

Date: Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Vendor spots are \$25.00 (NONREFUNDABLE) for a 10x10 spot.

\*Food Vendors are \$50.00 (NONREFUNDABLE)\*

\*All Vendors Must supply their own power for outside.\*

\*Payment must be made prior to setting up your spot\*

Vendor's spots will be available inside and outside. Tables will be provided for inside Only. If you have a spot outside, you will need to provide your own tables.

Indoor spots are a First come First serve basis (ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT)  
and No spots will be reserved.

Once indoor spots are filled everyone will need to set up outside.

For more information please contact Amanda at (845)-798-8648 or James at (845)-423-3910 or

Send a email to [wfd91815@gmail.com](mailto:wfd91815@gmail.com) and put Vendor Information in subject.



# Veteran Peer Support



**Vet 2 Vet offers  
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Call to speak with our Veteran  
Peer Advocates.  
We didn't fight alone while  
we served, we don't need  
to fight alone at home.**

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Call or email us to register!

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[vet2vet@atitoday.org](mailto:vet2vet@atitoday.org)

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Monticello, NY 12701

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VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!

Join us for a peer led, mental health, lesson based virtual support group for teens ages 13-17. Together we learn about our mental health and do an activity together. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!

Contact Rebekah at [rumarbashar@asfl.org](mailto:rumarbashar@asfl.org) for more information.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM





VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!

Join us for a peer led virtual support group for parents of children with mental health challenges. Together we have time for conversation and an activity. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!

Contact Anne-Marie at [afreitas@asfl.org](mailto:afreitas@asfl.org) for more information.

EVERY 2ND & 4TH

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM







# ELEMENTARY SOCIAL SKILLS

Registration is open for Grades K-5.

Action Toward Independence offers fun and interactive Social Skills groups for children with Autism and other developmental, learning, emotional, and behavioral disabilities. These informative sessions cover topics that promote positive behavior, improve interactions with others and build confidence.

- Manners
- Listening
- Hygiene
- Emotions

Social skills classes will be held in person at ATI Main Office at 309 E Broadway in Monticello, NY. Parents may be required to attend some sessions with their child to offer guidance and support.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

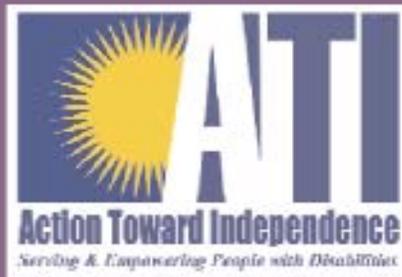
**Family Peer Advocate**  
**(845) 794-4228**  
**info@atitoday.org**

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Visit our website at  
[atitoday.org](http://atitoday.org)



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# Middle School Social Skills



Action Toward Independence offers interactive and fun Social Skills groups for children with developmental, learning, emotional, and behavioral disabilities grades 5 - 8.

The informative sessions cover age-appropriate topics for pre-teens and teens that promote positive behavior, respectful communication, and building confidence.

Social skills classes will be held in person at ATI Main Office at 309 E Broadway in Monticello, NY

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SCAN ME!





**STARTS JANUARY  
2024!**

Are You Ready?



# *Life Skills Group*

## **WORK READINESS EDITION**

This series is tailored for 16 to 25-year-olds with developmental, learning, emotional, and behavioral disabilities. It helps prepare individuals for the workforce by developing skills such as appropriate workplace behavior, social etiquette, time management, and interview techniques. Other topics include wearing proper clothing and using social cues, such as a good handshake.

**Every Friday from 5:00pm to 6:15pm**

**309 East Broadway**

**Monticello, NY 12701**

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

(845) 794-4228

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PEER SUPPORT PROJECT**

# **WEEKLY WARRIOR WALK**

**NO DOG REQUIRED TO WALK  
WALNUT MOUNTAIN  
LIBERTY, N.Y.**

**THURSDAYS @ 1500 (3 PM)**

**VETERANS AND THEIR  
FAMILIES ARE WELCOMED**

**ALL ANIMALS ARE ENCOURAGED, BUT  
MUST BE ON A LEASH.**

For more information, or to register,  
please call 845-794-4228  
or email [smurphy@atitoday.org](mailto:smurphy@atitoday.org)

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK OR ONLINE @ [WWW.ATITODAY.ORG](http://WWW.ATITODAY.ORG)



### Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

Are you a parent struggling with your family?  
Are you a teen having problems at home?

**Help is available now!**

We are here anytime you need to talk.

Give us a call or send us a text and someone will always be there to listen and help you deal with your situation.



**Text 845-372-1817**  
**Call 866-372-2336**

Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

### Sullivan County Text For Teens

Monday - Friday  
4pm-10pm  
Saturday & Sunday  
5pm-12am



Hey...I really need to talk to someone. Can you help?



Free & confidential support  
Someone who can listen and help  
Text as often as you need!

We're Here to Listen:  
Bullying - Eating Disorders -  
Self-Harm - Homeless/Runaway -  
Pregnancy - Problems at Home -  
Relationship Issues - LGBTQ+ -  
Divorce - School Issues -  
Substance Use -  
Physical/Mental/Sexual Health -  
and more!

**Text "Start" to:**  
**845-637-9486**

OFF HOURS:  
Call 1-888-750-2266, option 2



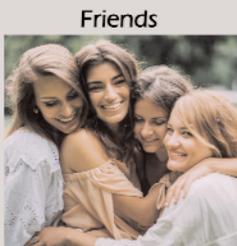
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### COVID-19 Vaccines Save Lives

Who will you protect?



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Amigos

Family

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Get the facts.



Familia

Obtenga los hechos.

Talk to your healthcare provider about the COVID vaccine.



Comunidad

Hable con su proveedor de salud sobre la vacuna del COVID-19.

**#VaccinateSullivan**

For more information, visit [www.sullivanny.us](http://www.sullivanny.us)



GET SIGNED UP TODAY FOR OUR UPCOMING CERTIFICATION CLASS !!

Contact:

Alyssa Wowk  
(845) 645-6544

[awowk@chowc.net](mailto:awowk@chowc.net)

Sullivan County Department of Social Services is looking for families who can help fulfill the **DESPERATE NEED** for ages **8-18!**



# FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!



Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a

# Liberty COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY



Join in and help cleanup your neighborhood in  
Ferndale, Parksville, Swan Lake, White Sulphur Springs  
and the Village of Liberty

**Saturday, April 20, 2024 • 8:30am - 12:30**

**Registration at 8am at the Liberty Elks Parking Lot**

Trash Bags & Gloves will be provided at registration table.

• Trash will be picked up •

Groups or individuals that fill up their bags and  
share a selfie of their hard work are invited to a FREE lunch!

**Please pre-register by April 15 for a headcount.**

**For info [info@libertychamber.org](mailto:info@libertychamber.org) or call 845-292-9797**



Greater Liberty  
**CHAMBER**  
of **COMMERCE**

Individuals, groups of people,  
businesses, and other organizations  
are encouraged to join

*We all have a role to play!*

**RENTALS**

Store for Rent in Grahamsville (845) 985-7411

**FOR SALE**

**Sundown Camp and Bait Shop!**  
*Firewood for sale*

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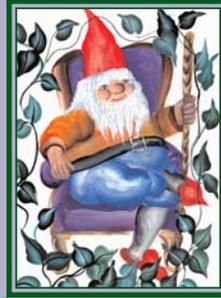
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*KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S  
A LITTLE SPRING TIME LAUGHTER ...*

**THE  
AMERICAN PIE**  
Series



*American Pie* is a film series consisting of four sex comedy films. *American Pie*, the first film in the series, was released by Universal Pictures in 1999. The film became a worldwide pop culture phenomenon and gained a cult following among young people. Following *American Pie*, the second and third films in the series *American Pie 2* (2001) and *American Wedding* (2003) were released; the fourth, *American Reunion*, was released in 2012. A spin-off film series entitled *American Pie Presents* consists of five direct-to-video films that were released from 2005 to 2020.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *Angelina Jolie*

**This weeks' Trivia question:** What is the name of Stella's sister in *Streetcar Named Desire*?

(From Pg. 77)

**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S**  
Streaming on *amazon.com*

**"AMERICAN PIE"**

Throughout the first film in the original series, Jim Levenstein (Jason Biggs) tries to develop a relationship with his school classmate Nadia (Shannon Elizabeth). Jim and three of his best friends Kevin Myers (Thomas Ian Nicholas), Paul Finch (Eddie Kaye Thomas), and Chris Ostreicher (Chris Klein) make a pact to lose their virginity before their high school graduation.



Steve Stifler (Seann William Scott), the obnoxious jock of the group, provides them with unorthodox advice while hosting wild parties..

In the second film, the five boys host a summer party and Jim becomes interested in his friend, Michelle Flaherty (Alyson Hannigan).

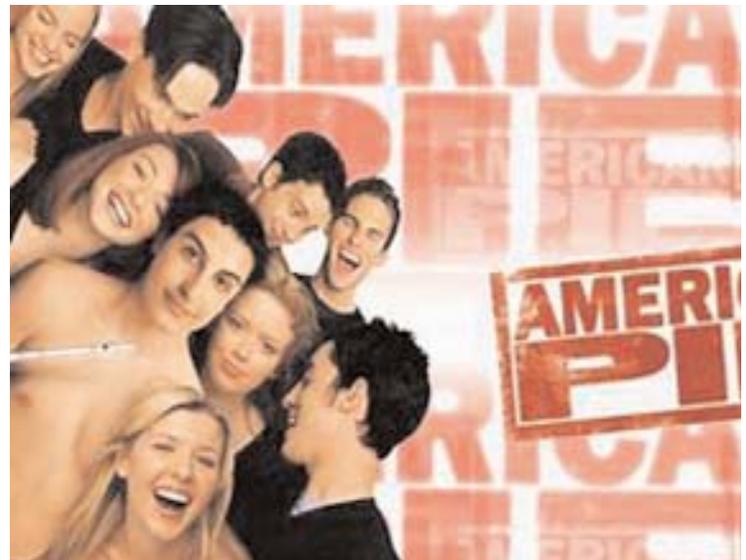
In the third film, Jim and Michelle plan to marry, although the forced invitation of Stifler could ruin everything.



In the fourth film, the gang gets back together in anticipation of their thirteenth high school reunion. The spin-off series revolves around relatives of Stifler, including his brother Matt (Tad Hilgenbrink); his cousins Erik (John White), Dwight (Steve Talley), Scott (John Patrick Jordan), Stephanie (Lizze Broadway); and their respective friends.

The original series, produced on a total budget of US\$145 million, has grossed over \$800 million worldwide. The spin-off films were released direct-to-video.

The original series has received mixed reviews from critics, while the spin-off series has received negative reviews.



*Stay safe, and stay well*  
*Knarf Odnamoc*  
*Gnome*