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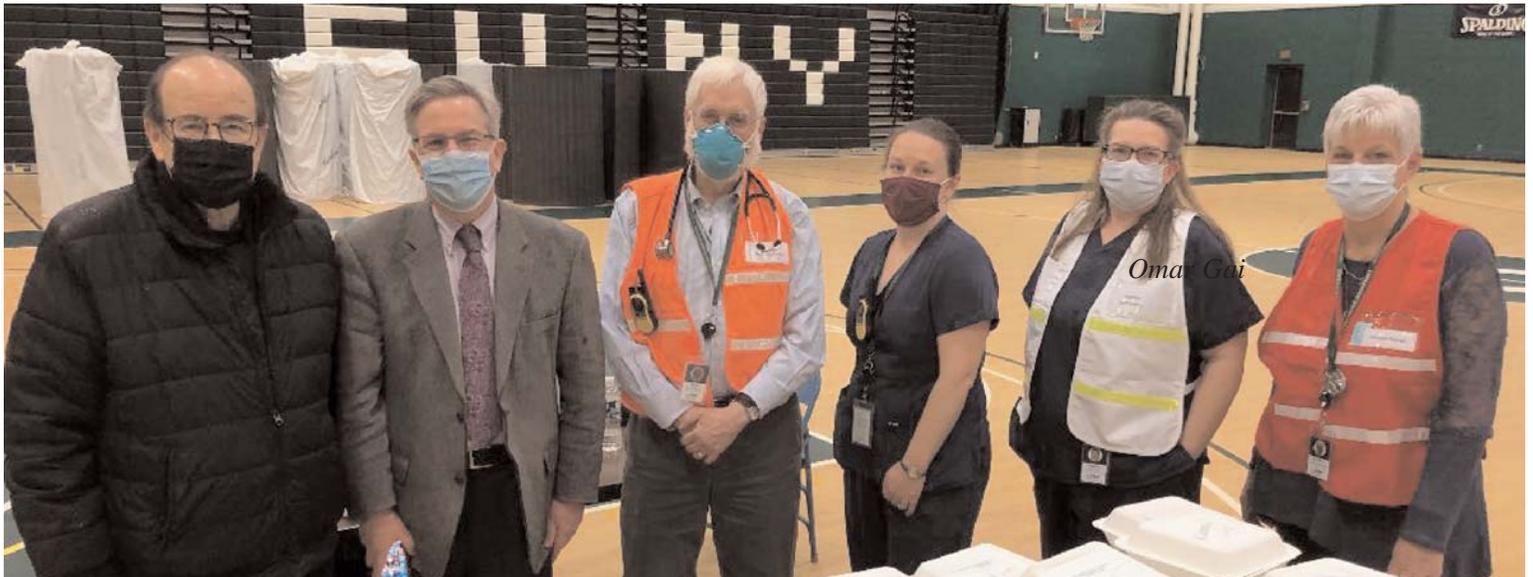


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## Monticello Kiwanis Thank Public Health Staff and Volunteers

On March 24th, the Monticello Kiwanis Club, in conjunction with the Miss Monticello Diner, delivered 60 lunches to the SUNY Sullivan Paul Gerry Fieldhouse to say thank you to the Sullivan County Public Health Services professional staff and volunteers who were administering vaccinations against Covid-19. Public Health Director Nancy McGraw stated that the salads were truly appreciated. The Monticello Diner co-sponsored the meals in memory of Stavros "Papou" Niforatos, late owner of the Blue Horizon Diner.



From Left - Kiwanis Pres. Marvin Rappaport, Board Member Robert Green, Medical Director for S.C. Public Health/Monticello Kiwanian Dr. Bruce Ellsweig and Public Health Nursing Staff Christine Haff, Amanda Wolfe and Beverly Franskevicz.

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## Omar Gai: A Journey to Fulfill a Family Dream

On March 11, 2021, the Chancellor of the State University of New York (SUNY), informed Omar Gai of Fallsburg, New York that

he would receive the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. This prestigious award honors SUNY Students "who have successfully integrated academic excellence with leadership, campus involvement, community service, and/or creative and performing arts."

Omar's family emigrated to the United States from Gambia in West Africa. He and his older brother, Momodou, began their American education in Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School. Father Babou Gai and mother Jonfolo Bittaye left Gambia to seek the educational opportunities provided in America.

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Omar Gai



Left to right, father Babou Gai, Omar Gai, older brother Momodou, mother Jonfolo Bittaye, and Dr. Aleta Lymon at front of FHS in July 2018 when Omar joined other MBK students on way to Syracuse University summer program.

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Let us not therefore judge one another anymore: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.  
Romans 15:13

**OBITUARIES**

**Elizabeth H. "Betty" Dean**, a resident of Neversink, NY, passed away peacefully at home on March 15, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. She was 91.

Betty was born at home in Woodbourne, New York in 1929 to the late Chester and Laura Gray Smith. She was a lifelong resident of Sullivan County.

Betty graduated from Fallsburg High School and attended Syracuse University. She married Franklin M. Dean and together they had four sons.

Betty worked her entire career for the telephone company starting as switch board operator for New York Telephone in South Fallsburg. She eventually became manager of The Phone Store in Monticello and retired as manager of the Verizon Construction Locker in Fallsburg.

Betty was a Cub Scout Den Mother for Troop 87 while her sons were Scouts. She was an avid golfer and bowler and attended numerous bowling tournaments throughout New York State. She also enjoyed water skiing and spending time with her family and friends at her camp on Swinging Bridge Lake in Mongaup Valley. She was a member of the Neversink Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Betty is survived by three sons, Douglas Dean and his companion, Wendy Dean of Neversink, NY, Michael Dean and his wife, JoAnn of Neversink, NY and Arden Dean and his wife, Meigan of Neversink NY; she leaves behind 8 grandchildren, Jessica Dean, Natalia Dean Kent and her husband, Chris, Joseph Dean, Collin Dean and his companion, Penny Robinson, Tristan Dean, Shane Dean, Dylan Dean and Bri Cole; as well as five great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandsons. She is also survived by her sister, Ruth Evans of Sun City, Arizona and her brother, Gerald Smith and his wife, Kathleen of Manassas, Virginia, and her sister-in-law, May Smith of Woodbourne, NY, along with several nieces, nephews and many friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, Franklin M. Dean, an infant son, Richard, her granddaughter, Jessie Miceli-Dean her brothers, Howard Smith, Gene Smith, Willis Smith, Sherman Smith and Bob Smith

The family would like to thank Betty's aides, Louise and Tracy for their

kind, devoted, loving care of our Mother.

There will be no visitation. A gathering to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2021, 11AM at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit [www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com)

To plant a tree in memory of Elizabeth Dean, please visit Tribute Store

**Margaret McIntosh**, 71, of Liberty, New York died peacefully, Wednesday, March 24th at home surrounded by her loved ones. She was born June 17, 1949 in Liberty, NY to Howard J. Bilyou and Arvilla Marshall Bilyou. She was a housekeeper for Harris Hospital for many years. She enjoyed music, taking walks with her husband and spending time with her grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; three sisters Elizabeth Nestle, Annabelle Pelton and Arain Darling. She is survived by her husband Dwight McIntosh, Jr. at home; a son Dwight H. McIntosh and his wife Wendy of Adamstown, PA; two daughters, Tracy Armstead and her husband Gary of Dingmans Ferry, PA and Lisa Irwin and her husband Kirk of Liberty, NY; a brother Howard Bilyou and his wife Waneta of Pea Ridge, AR; a sister Roberta Denning and her husband Billy of Liberty, NY; twelve grandchildren: Ashli, Jonathan, Edward, Jazmine, Rachel, Megan, Justin, Scott, Jessica, Bryce, Kirk and Logan; seven great-grandchildren: Amiya, Jonathan, Edward, Za'Darius, Willow and Vicky; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Visitation and a funeral service with Rev. Dennis Rockett officiating were held on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit <http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com>

To plant a tree in memory of Margaret McIntosh, please visit Tribute Store. (Contd. Pg. 4)

**DAYS OF YORE....****Today's History****March 28, 1951**

Fire Observer Ed Lewis of Claryville will start his 21st year on the job in the Red Hill fire tower on April 1st, working under District Forester Sid Bascom and District Ranger Arthur Welch.

Walter Lewis Depew, a long time resident of Sundown and Greenville, died this morning at Veterans Memorial Hospital in Ellenville. Mr. Depew was born in Rosendale in 1876, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Depew. Among the survivors were sons Lewis and Claude of Sundown.

Hulda Ann Brackman, William Schulte and Margaret Gilles were received into the Fellowship of the R.D. Dutch Church, Grahamsville, on Easter Sunday morning. They were members of a confirmation class which Mr. Carter had been conducting during the winter. On next Sunday they will receive their First Communion.

A specially trained nurse instructor will be on hand when Sullivan County nurses meet at the Monticello High School on April 4th for post-graduate sessions on "The Medical and Nursing Aspects of Atomic Explosion. Two U.S. Army films will be shown. One entitled "Medical Effects of the Atomic Bomb", and the second, "Atomic Medical Cases."

**March 29, 1961**

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hulbert of Bainbridge, New York announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheryl, to Craig Arthur Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Duncan of Grahamsville. The engaged couple are both attending Delhi University. They plan to be married on April 8th.

Dr. Malcolm Katz, Director of the Student Research Fellows program at Union College, announced today that Ira H. Rubenzahl, a junior at Tri Valley Central School, was selected as an alternate fellow for their summer program in Physics. Ira, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rubenzahl of Neversink, rated among the top 40 students in a group of over 800 applicants.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Slater on their 26th wedding anniversary; also to MR. and Mrs. Elwood Velie on their 8th anniversary.

From a notice that appeared in a Middletown paper, we find that the Duncan Farms, located on the Beaver Dam Road, Ulster Heights, will hold a Dairy Dispersal Sale on Monday, April 3rd. 62 registered and grade Holsteins will be offered for sale.

**March 24, 1971**

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith of Claryville, N. Y. are the proud parents of a boy born on March 6th at Ellenville Community Hospital. Little Gregory Todd weighed 9 lbs. 11 oz.

Congratulations to S/Sgt and Mrs. Gary Parrow of Liverpool, N.Y. on the birth of a baby girl, Kim, born on Friday, March 19th. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Strangeway of Ulster Heights are the maternal grandparents. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Parrow of Sundown.

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bonnell, 29 years on the 28th; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Muthig, 18 years on the 29th and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huntsberger, 42 years on the 31st. (Contd. Pg. 7)

**Nature Column - Linda Comando**

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

**The Easter Lily Story**

A mark of purity and grace throughout the ages, the regal white lily is a fitting symbol of the greater meaning of Easter.

The Easter Lily (Latin name *Lilium longiflorum*) is native to the southern islands of Japan. During the 1880's, the lily began to be cultivated in Bermuda and the lily bulbs were shipped to this country. However, by the turn of the century Japan took the lead in growing and exporting Easter Lilies to the United States and dominated the market until the start of World War II.



Most Easter Lilies that we will enjoy this holiday season can be traced back to a soldier named Louis Houghton, who filled a suitcase with hybrid lily bulbs and brought them back to his home on the south coast of Oregon in 1919.

Upon his return to Oregon, Houghton distributed the bulbs among his friends and neighbors. By the time the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941, and the Japanese source of bulbs was abruptly cut off, the value of lily bulbs increased rapidly and many who grew the lilies for pleasure and a hobby decided to go into business. They referred to Easter Lily bulbs as "White Gold" with over 1,200 growers along the Pacific coast cashing in on their crop.

Growing Easter Lilies required skill and effort as there was a specific science to the climate requirements. The number of Easter Lilly growers dwindled down to ten farms between Oregon and the border of northern California. To this day, this region – the *Easter Lily Capital of the World* – produces nearly all of the bulbs for the blooming potted Easter Lily that continue to enjoy during the Easter season.

Every fall the bulbs are harvested. The commercial-sized bulbs are dug up, cleaned, graded, packaged and shipped to greenhouse growers throughout the United States and Canada who force the plants under controlled conditions, that will ultimately produce flowers in time for Easter, a delicate task, as Easter falls on a different day each year, dependent upon when the first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox occurs – any time between March 22 and April 25.

From the fields to the greenhouse to your home, the Easter Lily remains the traditional, time-honored flower of Easter. Symbolic of a resurrection, a mark of purity and grace throughout the ages, the regal white lily is a fitting symbol of the greater meaning of Easter. Gracing millions of homes and churches, the flowers personify joy, hope and life. Whether given as a gift or enjoyed in your own home, the Easter Lily serves as a beautiful reminder that Easter is a time for rejoicing and celebrating.

**HAPPY EASTER!**

**Household Hint:****Keep those Easter Eggs from Cracking**

To keep those Easter eggs from cracking when you boil them, add 2 tablespoons of vinegar to the water before boiling. And to make your own Easter egg dye, add a tablespoon of vinegar to boiling water and 10-20 drops of food coloring. Dip the cooked eggs as usual.

## Monticello Kiwanis Thank Public Health Staff and Volunteers

(From Pg. 4) Last month the Monticello Kiwanis Club delivered lunches to the nursing staff and volunteers administering vaccinations at the Public Health Nursing location in Liberty, NY. Kiwanis President Marvin Rappaport stated the club will continue to support the community in these trying times and pay tribute to the essential workers and volunteers.



From Left - Kiwanis Board Member Robert Green and Miss Monticello Diner owner Dimitrios "Jimmy" Nikolados

## OBITUARIES

(From Pg. 2)

**Shirley Ann Bult** of Liberty, NY, a long time area resident died Monday, March 15, 2021 at the Garnet Health Medical Center in Middletown, NY. She was 69.

The daughter of the late Robert S. and Dorothy G. Tompkins Robinson, she was born May 20, 1951 in Newburgh, NY.

Shirley was employed with both Kutchers Country Club, and The Grossinger's Resort for many years where she enjoyed welcoming guests to the Catskills. Shirley shared in her deep Christian faith and love of nature, with her husband John. Together they attended the Claryville Reformed Church where her husband was the organist. Shirley enjoyed watching movies, feeding her birds and squirrels at the feeder, travel and gardening.

She was predeceased by her parents and husband of over 32 years, John P. Bult, who she now joins again, in Heaven.

Survivors include two brothers, Robert Santiago (Marilyn) of Westmoreland, TN and Obdulio Santiago of Wallkill, NY, along with nieces and nephews. Shirley also leaves behind two step sons; Jeffrey P. Bult Sr. (Heather) also of NY, and Timothy J. Bult (Erin) of PA. and four step grandchildren; Jeffrey Bult Jr., Brianna Bult, Luke Bult and Paityn Bult.

Graveside service and burial will be in the New Callicoon Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sullivan County SPCA Animal Shelter (<https://sullivanspca.org/donate/>)

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY. 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 or [www.Harris-FH.com](http://www.Harris-FH.com)

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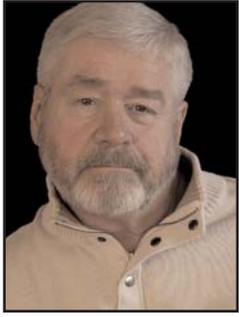
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## Animals Mysterious Book Report No. 44 by John Dwaine McKenna

*Animals*, (Blackstone, \$27.99, 292 pages, ISBN 978-1-09-406588-5) by Will Staples, is a heart-wrenching and hard to read . . . as well as hard to put down, compelling and fascinating novel if you care at all about the wild creatures of the Earth, their fate, and in turn the fate of the planet they inhabit. It's about poaching. Specifically it's about poaching for profit-the large scale slaughter of endangered species such as African White Rhinos and elephants

for their horns and tusks to feed an insatiable-and growing-Asian market for their supposed aphrodisiac qualities.

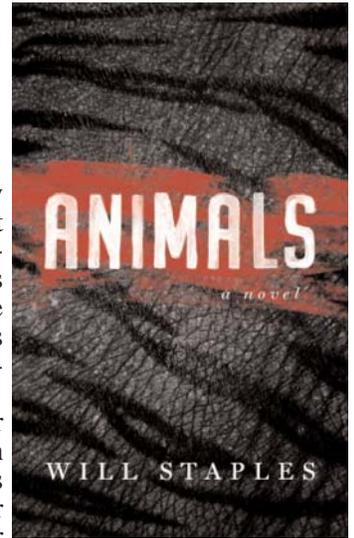
The protagonist of the novel is a South African white man named Corbus Ventner, a park ranger sworn to protect the diminishing numbers of trophy animals. After a shoot out with some rhino horn poachers in which two rangers and several of the poachers are killed, Ventner embarks on a perilous mission to Southeast Asia to try and stop the ruthless and powerful criminals financing the slaughter of animals and people in Africa. He eventually meets up with an American insurance claims adjuster named Randall Knight. He's found evidence that an exotic tiger breeding program has created a virus which has the potential to kill all the tigers in the world . . . but also has the potential to spread to humans . . . with catastrophic results.

At the same time, author Will Staples-who created the Disney series, *The Right Stuff* – pulls together a couple of other plot strings, such as the CIA making a connection between organized criminal gangs financing terrorism through poaching activity, commercial breeding of rare, endangered species of wild tigers on an industrial scale and cross-breeding of different species to produce even more exotic animals in this eye-opening and disturbing look into the plight of the world's most vulnerable endangered animals. It's a look all of us should take . . . then ask ourselves WHY?

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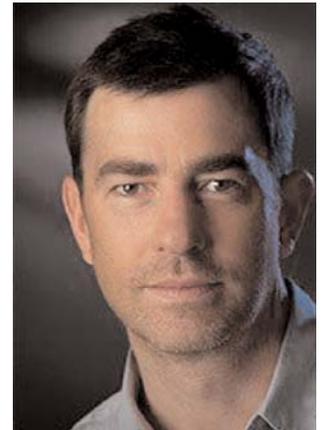
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## Interview With The Author: Will Staples

by  
John Dwaine McKenna

Will Staples is a busy busy man. He's not only a first-rate novelist, whose newest work *Animals* is reviewed in Mysterious Book Report No. 442, but an award winning screenwriter, producer and video game writer whose success is measured in Oscars, Golden Globes and billions of dollars in box office. At the same time, he's an open, friendly and down-to-earth man with serious conservation and environmental concerns that he's bringing to all of our collective attention. With many thanks for your time, expertise and insights Mr. Staples, here's our first question . . .



Will Staples

### *When do you write?*

I am someone who shows up at the office at 9am and leaves at 5pm, with an additional late night session when I am up against a deadline. Generally, my most productive hours are in the morning when the coffee is fresh and my head is clear of all the other noise that seeps in throughout the day.

### *Where do you write?*

I have an office in Venice, California that I share with another writer. It's great to have someone to talk through story challenges when I need a little outside perspective from an expert.

### *Are any of your characters autobiographical?*

I put a little piece of myself into every character I write, including most of the primary characters in *Animals*.

### *Who inspired you to write?*

In the case of *Animals*, I was inspired by getting to know Jane Goodall and by other friends who have dedicated their lives to protecting the earth. It seemed like using my particular skills to support the cause was the least I could do. That is why 100% of my proceeds from the book are going to non-profits protection wildlife. (Contd. Pg. 12)

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**March 24, 1971**

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bonnell, 29 years on the 28th; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Muthig, 18 years on the 29th and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huntsberger, 42 years on the 31st

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zanetti and Mr. and Mrs. Roe Johnson are happy over the arrival of a new granddaughter born to Spec/4 Stephen Johnson and his wife of Panama on Thursday, March 18th. The little miss weighed in at 7 lbs. 7 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Many are also rejoicing as they are the great-grandparents.

**March 26, 1981**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kyrk of Bradley Road, Liberty announce the engagement of their daughter, Roberta Lynne, to Stephen James Holland, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. James Holland of Clovis, N.M. Miss Kyrk is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is currently a Home Economics major at Eastern New Mexico University. Her fiancé is a Computer Science major at the same school. An August 1981 wedding is planned.

Six Tri-Valley students have been selected to participate in a series of classes on Computer Programming and Problem Solving. Student selected for this program are seniors Helene Schwartz, Todd VanVliet and Valerie Waite and juniors Evelyn Lundy, Laurie Wood and Colleen Manell. The classes are being offered under the auspices of the BOCES Program for Gifted and Talented Students.

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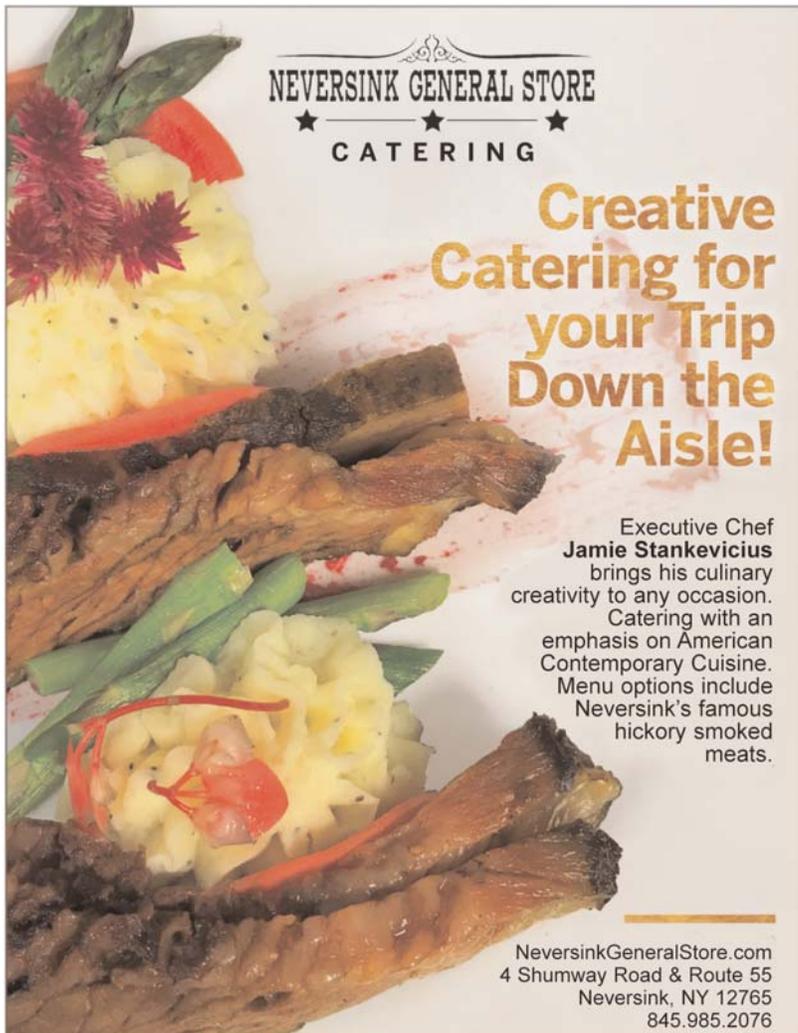
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## UC Executive Ryan Signs Bill to Allow Ulster County to Officially Reimagine and Redevelop Enterprise West Property at the Former IBM Site

*The move will allow for the once dormant site to again become an area of economic activity for Ulster County*



Earlier this month, Ulster County received twenty-two responses to its request for ideas to redevelop two parcels on the west side of the former IBM campus.



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Proposals ranged from a satellite college campus, arts and maker space, and agricultural manufacturing facilities KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan signed Resolution No. 112 which will allow for the transfer of the former IBM site, Enterprise West, to the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance (UCEDA). The unanimous support by the Ulster County Legislature will allow for the once dormant site to again become an area of economic activity for Ulster County and is a necessary first step towards returning parts of the property to tax rolls. "Today, we finally took a major step in converting a building that has long represented the shell of past economic success into the centerpiece of our future people-centered economy of tomorrow," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "As we begin to emerge from the pandemic, Ulster County will rebuild better and stronger. (Contd. Pg. 13)

## Chairman Doherty Announces Changes Coming to IDA Board Thanks Former Members for Their Service

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County legislators on March 18 confirmed the appointment of two new members to the board of the Industrial Development Agency (IDA), a quasi-governmental agency focused on attracting and enhancing industrial and economic growth, facilitating private-sector investments, creating jobs and maintaining economic stability.



*Sean Brooks*



*Craig Fleischman*

Sean Brooks and Craig Fleischman were unanimously approved to replace Joe Perrello and Sean Rieber on the IDA Board. Board Chairman Ira Steingart is also departing, and Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty plans to nominate Fred Stabbert III to replace him. Current IDA Board Vice Chair Suzanne Loughlin will succeed Steingart as Board Chair.

"It has been my honor and pleasure serving such an incredible board and staff for the past decade, especially through the growth we've experienced in that time," said Steingart. "I'm very proud of our accomplishments, which include over \$2 billion in investment and the creation of several thousand jobs."

"I thank Ira, Joe and Sean for giving their time to this important board. Both Ira and Joe will remain County legislators, and I look forward to continuing to work with them on the County level," Chairman Doherty

stated.

"I welcome Craig and Sean - and soon Fred, pending confirmation by the Legislature - to the IDA Board," he added.

"The three of them carry an incredible amount of business knowledge and experience, and they will bring a new energy and perspective to the board, which will align well with the initiatives this Legislature is working on."

Brooks owns and operates Prestige Towing, a heavy-duty towing, recovery, repair and transportation company headquartered in Harris.

"I'm humbled by this appointment and anxious to be helpful in any way I can be," Brooks remarked. "I look forward to working together with my fellow board members and the community toward positive growth."

Fleischman is the third-generation owner of the Monticello Bagel Bakery, one of the County seat's best-known businesses. His family has run the legendary destination since 1967.

"I'm excited to be joining the board, and I've been raised by a family and in a business where community involvement is important. However, I've always been involved behind the scenes - this is my first time stepping out into something more public," Fleischman said. "We feed hundreds of people



*Fred Stabbert III*

every day at the store - all nationalities, all walks of life, all backgrounds, so I think that gives me a bead on the pulse of Sullivan County, which I'm glad to share with the board."

Stabbert owns Catskill-Delaware Publications in Callicoon, which publishes the 130-year-old *Sullivan County Democrat* newspaper. He has served as the paper's pub-

lisher for the past three decades, carrying on the legacies of his father and grandfather, the latter of whom purchased the paper nearly 100 years ago.

"If the Legislature agrees, I'm looking forward to joining such a strong and vibrant board during such a critical time," Stabbert affirmed. "The IDA has helped write many success stories across Sullivan County and assisted employers in creating thousands of new jobs. It would be a privilege to be part of the team that helps Sullivan County remain active in the very competitive economic development field and brings new opportunity to our County, both through job creation and new business development."

"We welcome the addition of Fred, Craig and Sean, three successful and engaged Sullivan County residents and businesspeople, who will undoubtedly add tremendous value to the ongoing work of the IDA," said Loughlin.

More info on the IDA can be found at [www.sullivanida.com](http://www.sullivanida.com).

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## Omar Gai: A Journey to Fulfill a Family Dream

(From Pg. 1)

After Momodou graduated FHS, he studied nursing at SUNY Sullivan and Hartwick College. Babou and Jonofolo are immensely proud of all their children. They attend most every celebration of academic and extracurricular achievement in the school district of daughters Haddy, Mariama, Fatoumata and seven-year-old Awa.

In 2017, a few years after Omar arrived in Fallsburg, the school received a federal government grant to be part of the My Brother's Keeper Program (MBK), launched by President Barack Obama in 2014. The New York State My Brother's Keeper initiative seeks to “Change the Narrative” of boys and young men of color, and all students, by closing and eliminating the opportunity gaps they face and helping them to reach their full potential. Omar was one of the first students to enter the Fallsburg program.

Dr. Aleta Lymon, Director of the Fallsburg MBK Program and Liaison for Family & Community Engagement for the District, remembers Omar as shy when he joined the group. Omar says it was a new experience, and he was cautiously observing what the program was all about. He is a very thoughtful young man.

One component of the Program was for each student to build their own brand-identifying one's strong qualities or strengths. By the end of the eleven-week session, according to Dr. Lymon, “Omar was great at pitching his voice with a clear tone.” Omar is grateful to the class for helping him gain confidence. Additionally, Omar, with Dr. Lymon and his family's support, attended every special event created by MBK to provide the skills for college and career readiness.

One of the many wonderful opportunities was a four-week stay at Syracuse University summer school program in Omar's junior year at Fallsburg High School. This writer recalls the group of eager students bringing their luggage to the bus at the front of the High School. Babou Gai was there with Omar, virtually sitting on the luggage in some last-minute packing. Omar laughs when he recalls the moment.

This experience inspired Omar to continue his journey in higher education and fulfill the family hopes and dreams. In 2019, Omar Gai graduated FHS and attended SUNY Sullivan to study business administration. Now, he will be receiving his commendation in a virtual ceremony on April 14.

The letter to Omar ended by congratulating him for the outstanding achievement and for the distinction he brings to the campus. Omar Gai is most happy that he is following in his older brother's footsteps, being an educational role model for his four younger sisters, and honoring his mother and father for all the hard work they did in Gambia and on the journey to America. He has been accepted at three universities in New York, and he will most likely attend SUNY Albany on scholarship to get a bachelor's and a master's degree in business administration.

One thing is clear, wherever Omar Gai goes, the light of learning will shine brightly.



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## The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

Today is Friday, March 26 and yes, I am writing this early again. Tomorrow, I receive the 2nd vaccine dose. My thinking is if I wait to write this on the 'normal' day of the week, I'll be down in bed with the flu like symptoms and not be able to think much less write. So maybe if I plan for the worst, I'll have minimal aftereffects. Worth a try, right?

Still, I'm making chicken soup (again), a chicken salad with apples and grapes and a fruit salad. I'll be going out later to pick up something with electrolytes to go along with all the water I'll be drinking. I even changed the bed linen...just in case.

But in the mean time, Sullivan County's active CoVid cases are now rising at a steady thirty five to forty a day. Neversink, which has been below ten active cases all last year, now has 38 active cases. Grahamsville has 80. These are confirmed cases, not including those in quarantine (or supposed to be) because they have been notified that they have been exposed. None of this is good, folks, these numbers should be going DOWN so we can all enjoy SOME summer life.

If last weekend is any indication of what to expect with the relaxation of regulations statewide, I'm all for it! Not only was the weather summer-like but CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville and RAFTERS in Callicoon both opened their doors and outside stages to live music. SOUL CAKES from the city shared the stage Friday night in Parksville with NICK HEATHEN and CASWYN MOON. All three are fantastic on their own but to have them back to back on the same night was pure pleasure! Saturday had THE JOHNNY JULES BAND and you know how I feel about them!

RAFTERS in Callicoon opened their outside stage on Sunday afternoon to their wonderful OPEN MIC, which, I was happy to see, did still bring musicians and bands from Brooklyn all the way to Pennsylvania.

And by the amount of people that showed for all events, I'm not the only one starved for the company of others in the presence of wonderful live music! I'm so sorry I can't give you pictures! My phone face cracked right over the camera and is now in for repair.

A bit cracked too was the hearing on Thursday regarding Joe Peters' violation (almost immediately) of the condition of his release after serving only 25 days of a 45 day sentence of his conviction for violation of the (latest) restraining order/cease and desist/order of protection. Wade and RJ were not allowed to attend, which I found strange. There hasn't been time to really track down whether this is standard procedure.

Another thing I found strange was his early release. According to an editorial in THE SULLIVAN TIMES by Rich Klein: "Peters was charged with two counts of first-degree criminal contempt, a felony; five counts of second-degree criminal contempt and three counts of fourth-degree stalking, both misdemeanors; and one count of trespass, a violation." And a sentence of only 45 days? A judge had this whole matter in front of him months ago and nothing happened.

But I shouldn't be surprised. There is a video of him at the entrance to the rail trail in Parksville, rushing up behind a woman and punching her in the back of the head hard enough to knock her to the ground. She was injured. Nothing happened. And patrons have told me that he grabbed a female bartender and threw her to the pavement, injuring her. Nothing happened. "Why" is still the thousand dollar question.

But I'm trying to remain positive. About the CoVid numbers reversing so summer won't be as angst ridden as last summer. About justice being served so that CABERNET FRANK'S will remain in Parksville. About the reaction to my second dose being minimal. Because positive thinking is good for the soul. Stay well, stay masked and stay positive!

Until next time.....

## Spring in the Catskills

Some say spring carries the smell of happiness. After a cold and snowy winter, it's time to pack lightly and come explore our Sullivan Catskills countryside where memories are just waiting to be made.

Get outside and feel the warm spring sun on your face and breathe in the fresh scent of the earth. Look around and you'll see nature's early signs of spring: as the snow melts take pleasure in the purple and white crocuses, and the budding stalks of the daffodils. There's plenty of room to roam, feel inspired, and renewed. Look here for a list of places to explore with your family, the one you love, or someone you could grow to love. Of course our great big outdoors is just one way to escape. Try a spa weekend, or double down and bet on lady luck. Grab a copy of the map and go dove hunting on the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail. Take your time, there are 50 of 'em perched all over. Another trail you and your pals shouldn't miss: The Good Taste Artisanal Beverage Trail. Sample the unique flavors of our cider makers, brew masters, vintners, and distillers. Always remember to drive responsibly, please. There's lots of kid-friendly fun, too. From farm visits and alpaca walks to horseback riding and inflatable fun parks.

Now if all you really want to do is slow the pace and let spring fever wash all over you, then we suggest you check out our accommodations and hole up in a small inn, destination resort, B&B, or vacation rental and just relax. Dine on the Catskill-icious culinary creations from our inventive chefs or be your own chef (with farm fresh meats and produce procured from our local markets).

Vaccinations are ramping up, but rest assured we're not letting our guard down. All our hoteliers, restaurateurs, artisans, and shopkeepers remain vigilant in their Catskills Confidence health and safety protocols for the sake of your good health and for everyone who lives and works here, too. So, visit SullivanCatskills.com now. Make your plan to escape just as soon as you can. Spring is a great season to visit. We'll be here waiting for you.

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Roberta Byron-Lockwood  
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## Statement from Sullivan County Democratic Committee Product

Sullivan County, NY- March 25, 2021 -The New York State Public Meeting Laws are intended to ensure that the business of the people is done so that the people know what the issues are, understand the pros and cons of the issues, understand the perspectives of their elected officials, and have the opportunity to make their voices heard. This means that the voices of our ALL of our elected County legislators have to be heard. We elected them to represent us, and if they are not at the table, we are not represented in County Government.

The recent private meeting regarding contract negotiations between three members of the County legislature with one representative from the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association is an example. Neither the public, nor officials at SCVA, nor the rest of the Legislature were privy to the discourse that took place. Yet, the Chair of the Legislature, in a public statement, tells us that "by April 1 we will be announcing a larger plan". So, clearly the three GOP legislators have made decisions for the County absent full public meetings, and absent the input of our duly elected representatives.

While this off-the-books meeting may comply with the letter of our Public Meeting Laws, it certainly does not comply with the spirit of the law. The reality is that three GOP legislators turned county business into partisan sport.

We call on these legislators to tell us what was discussed. Tell us why some legislators were chosen to meet, but not others. Tell us why it is necessary to exclude the eyes and ears and voices of the people. But, more importantly, we call on the Chair of the Legislature to treat the public and his fellow elected officials with the respect they deserve.

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**Interview With The Author:  
Will Staples**

by  
John Dwaine McKenna

(From Pg. 5)

*What's the most important element for writing success?*

Nearly every great quote about writing is some version of this sentiment.

*What makes a character compelling?*

I love characters who have a fundamental paradox built into them, or a circle they can't square. When a character is at war with her/himself, it creates great internal conflict in every scene.

*Do you plot-outline or wing it?*

I like developing complex plots that don't necessarily deliver what the audience wants, but what they need. To deliver this type of nuanced payoff, it requires layering in the appropriate setups and turns throughout the story, and in my opinion this is impossible without proper preparation/planning.

*Do you use humor in your work?*

Yes. Sometimes intentionally!

*Do you have any other comments, suggestions, tips, anecdotes, quotes or inspirational material you'd like to share?*

Quote: My favorite quote about writing is Zola's "The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without the work." As for tips/advice: Don't get arrested in Myanmar.

*Where could you be reached on the World Wide Web?*

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All best wishes for continued success, and please, keep 'em coming!

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## UC Executive Ryan Signs Bill to Allow Ulster County to Officially Reimagine and Redevelop Enterprise West Property at the Former IBM Site

(From Pg. 8) The interest that we have already seen in this location are just the first signs that through leveraging our resilience, and leaning into the energy and creativity of our community, we can once again rely on this location to provide jobs and opportunity for our community.”

“I want to take this opportunity to thank County Executive Ryan and the County Legislature for taking this step forward and providing the economic development process in the Town of Ulster a ray of sunshine in the future repurposing of the Bank of America Building,” Town of Ulster Supervisor Jim Quigley said. “The Town of Ulster looks forward to working cooperatively on the redevelopment of this key property.”

“It is encouraging to see this next step coming to fruition,” Chair of the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee Legislator Brian Cahill said. “Partnering with the Executive and his staff has been an example of what can be accomplished when Elected officials work together on a shared vision. In 12 short months, we went from an idea to today's handing off the reins to UCEDA with the hope of turning this long dormant parcel into an engine of the local economy.”

“The redevelopment of enterprise west represents a fresh start for this site in Ulster County. The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance (UCEDA) Board is enthusiastic to support this momentous opportunity,” said Chair of the Board of Directors of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Sarah Haley.

“This is an exciting step which brings us closer to allowing Tech City to once again, be an important driver of our local economy,” said Ulster County Legislative Chairman Dave Donaldson. “I want to thank County Executive Ryan for his partnership with the Ulster County Legislature and look forward to working together on the redevelopment of this property to support necessary economic development for our County.”

The two County-owned parcels comprise over 80 acres of land and a 400,000 square foot office building that was last used in 2015 as a tax processing center by Bank of America. The transfer, proposed by the Ulster County Executive and approved unanimously by the Ulster County Legislature, will allow for the marketing of the property.

Earlier this month, Ulster County announced that more than 20 proposals were for the redevelopment of all or part of Enterprise West, including five to purchase some or all of the site, 11 to rent or lease some or all of the site, and 12 to provide services to assist the county in redeveloping the site. Proposals ranged from a satellite college campus, arts and maker space, and agricultural manufacturing facilities

Ulster County took ownership of two parcels on the west side of Enterprise Drive in November 2019 due to nonpayment of property taxes by TechCity.

## Landmark Place is Officially Accepting Applications!



*3D Render of a building*

Located in Kingston, NY, Landmark Place is a brand new housing opportunity that offers 66 affordable apartments for Seniors 55+ with heat, hot water and electric included. A number of apartments offer subsidized rents to qualifying individuals.

Deadline to submit applications for the initial occupancy lottery is May 23rd. Applications are available for download at [www.rupco.org](http://www.rupco.org) or the lobby of 289 Fair St. Kingston.

Applications can be downloaded and printed copies are available for pick up at the lobby of RUPCO's office at 289 Fair St., Kingston, NY 12401.

The initial occupancy lottery will occur on May 28 at 289 Fair St., Kingston, NY 12401. RUPCO expects an August 2021 move-in date for residents selected through the lottery. Applications that are not selected and those received after the deadline will be placed on a waitlist for future occupancy.

Located at 300 Flatbush Ave., Landmark Place is a 14-acre multi-dwelling campus that provides 66 affordable and supportive homes for seniors 55 and older. The site features the rehabilitated former Kingston Almshouse, now called Landmark West, that houses 34 studio apartments and a newly constructed four-story building, Landmark East, that houses 32 one-bedroom units.

The development was awarded an Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) grant through the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to provide rental subsidy and case management services for 35 apartments to qualifying individuals, including people who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. Additional considerations will be made for disabled veterans, frail and elderly seniors, and those who meet mental health/substance use set aside qualifications.

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Landmark Place was planned with seniors in mind, employing Active Design and other evidence-based approaches to maximize residents' physical and mental health, including step-in shower stalls, easy-open slap-latch doorknobs and faucet handles, strategically placed railings and lighting, and energy-efficient lighting, appliances, and heating/cooling systems.

## Sullivan County – Mail DMV Renewals to the Local Office

Monticello, NY - After mailing in their license and registration renewals, NYS Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) customers have reported long delays in receiving their documentation back from the State offices in Albany and Utica.

“Residents may not realize that they can mail those same renewal forms in to us at the Sullivan County DMV Office - and they'll get what they need quicker than mailing to a State office,” notes County Clerk Russell Reeves, who oversees the local DMV operations. “This only applies to mailed renewals for licenses and registrations.”

“What's good about handling these locally is that Sullivan County retains 12.5% of each transaction amount, whereas we get nothing if it all goes directly through the State,” he explains. “So in addition to faster service by mail, doing your DMV business locally brings revenue back to your home County.”

The mailing address is Sullivan County DMV, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

While appointments are required to visit the DMV office in the Government Center, Reeves affirms his staff remain available to assist with any transactions people need. Appointments are typically available within a few days and can only be made online at <https://sullivanny.us/Departments/Clerk/DMV>.

## Sullivan County's Police Reform Plan Available for Review & Comment

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Legislature will host two opportunities for public comment in the coming week regarding the Sheriff's Office's Police Reform and Reinvention Plan.

The plan and hearing are in accordance with the New York State Governor's Executive Order #203, which requires a comprehensive review of current Sheriff's Office Patrol deployments, strategies, policies, procedures and practices to develop a plan to improve operations and address the particular needs of the community.

The plan must be submitted to the State by April 1 and is available for review at <https://sullivanny.us/Departments/Sheriff>, or a copy can be inspected at or requested from the Office of the Legislature, 100 North Street, Monticello (845-807-0435).

The first opportunity for public comment will be at a Special Meeting of the

Legislature's Public Safety Committee at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 26. The second opportunity will be at a public hearing scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 30. Both meetings will be held in the Hearing Room of the Government Center in Monticello. Speakers and observers are welcome in person (subject to COVID-19 requirements) and online at <http://sullivancountyny.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>.

Written comments will be accepted through close of business on Monday, March 29, and can be emailed to [policereform@sullivanny.us](mailto:policereform@sullivanny.us).

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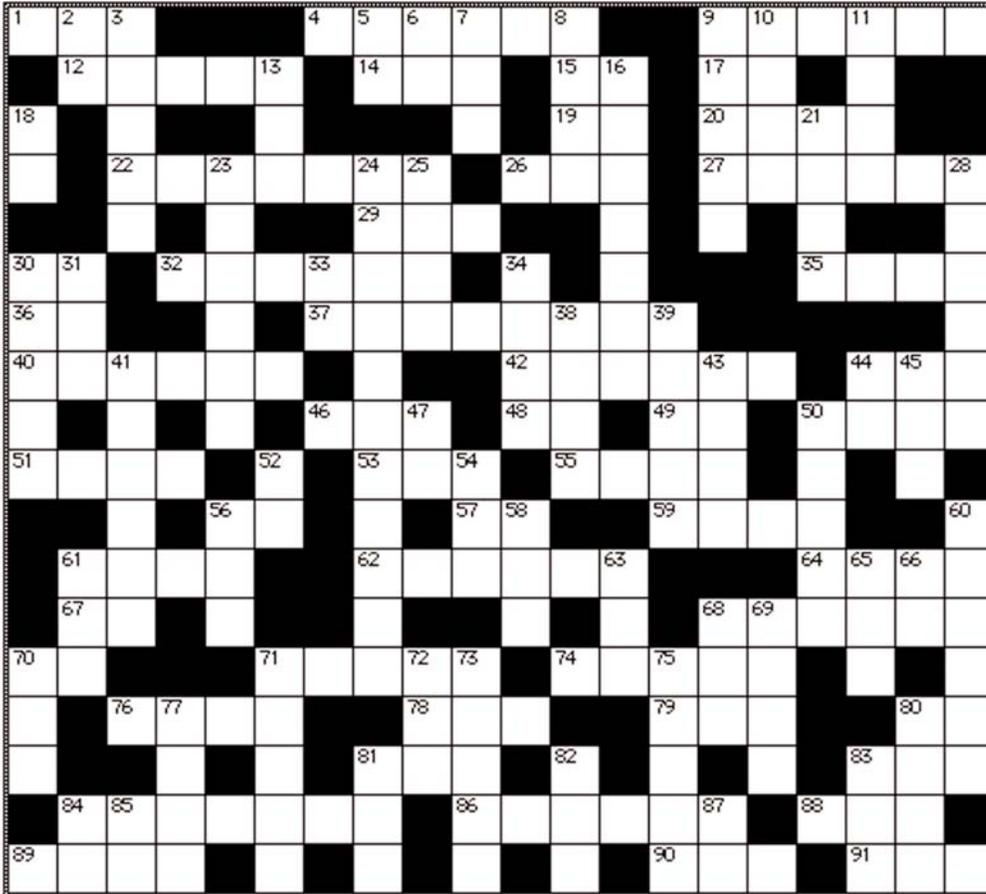
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All funds raised from the sale of the raffle tickets will go right into the Tri-Valley Lions Charity Account so our group can continue its mission to support Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Lions Cancer Awareness, 5 local food pantries, eye tests and glasses for those in our community who are unable to afford these on their own due to lack of insurance, assistance to those in our community that have had catastrophic illnesses, or the misfortune of loss due to fire, The Heart-A-Thon, Diabetes awareness, and so many more causes.

Bunnies, Bonnets and Spring Sonnets - L. Comando



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- 1 Produced a flame
- 4 Unleavened bread
- 9 Evening meal
- 12 Counterpane
- 14 Fruit-filled pastry
- 15 Used to link alternatives
- 17 Printer's measure
- 19 The person speaking
- 20 Ten cents
- 22 Motivate
- 26 Reverend
- 27 Mass departure
- 29 Self-pride
- 30 Referring to the man
- 32 Employing
- 35 Dutch cheese
- 36 Extraterrestrial
- 37 Spring festival commemorating the

- Israelites from Egyptian bondage
- 40 Popular Easter animal
- 42 Something done again
- 44 One and one
- 46 Inquire
- 48 Mountain
- 49 Bachelor of Arts
- 50 Simmer
- 51 Waistband
- 53 Securities Exchange Commission
- 55 Tread water
- 56 Fourth note of the major scale
- 57 Indefinite article
- 59 Fluorescent color
- 61 Cause to become healthy again
- 62 Collective phenomena of the physical world

- 64 Character in 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
- 67 Preposition
- 68 Full of happiness
- 70 After noon
- 71 Shout for joy
- 74 Month of Easter 2021
- 76 Small jumping insect
- 78 By way of
- 79 Era
- 80 Mile (abbrev)
- 81 Risk something
- 83 Spasmodic contraction of a muscle
- 84 A day of festivity
- 86 Oldest festival of the Christian church
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- 89 Horse of a small breed
- 90 Neversink or Merriman

- 91 Snaring trap
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- 2 Intelligent Quotient
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- 8 Abode
- 9 Passover meal
- 10 Type of Gnome computer system
- 11 Having two or more different colors
- 13 Pointed end of something
- 16 Restore life
- 18 Depart
- 21 Particle
- 23 Non-physical part of a person

- 24 Reawakening of new life
- 28 Something that stands for something else
- 30 Part of the Seder Plate
- 31 Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet
- 33 Internet Protocol
- 34 What the early bird will catch
- 38 People who served in the military
- 39 A popular spring bird
- 41 Container made from cane
- 43 Moniker
- 44 In the direction of
- 45 Triumph in
- 47 Kinetic energy

- 50 He hides the Easter eggs
- 52 Los Angeles
- 54 Feline
- 56 Move through the air
- 58 An edible kernel
- 60 Relating

to the universe  
 61 Meat traditionally served at Easter dinner  
 63 Extra-sensory perception  
 65 Long period of time  
 66 Twelfth star in a

constellation  
 68 Lively dance  
 69 Margarine  
 70 Cooking utensil  
 71 Sweet sugary food  
 72 Night before an event  
 73 Solemn acts  
 75 Speak with great enthusiasm  
 77 Fragrant Easter flower  
 80 Swamp  
 81 Short for good-bye  
 82 Distinct ideology  
 83 Decade  
 84 Exclamation of surprise  
 85 Not off  
 87 Egyptian sun god

## Lemon Glazed Carrots

- 2 pounds carrots, peeled and cut into sticks
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1 tspn lemon juice

Place carrots into a large saucepan, pour in enough water to reach depth of 1 inch, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer carrots until tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Drain and transfer to a bowl.

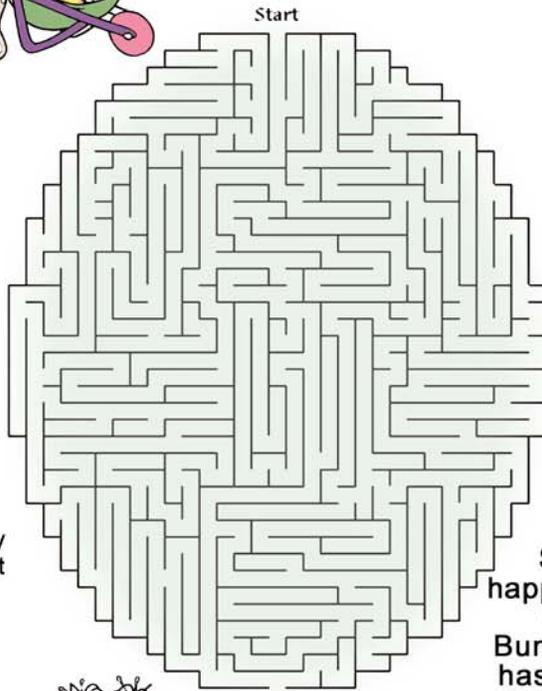
Melt butter in the same saucepan; stir brown sugar, lemon juice, salt, and white pepper into butter until brown sugar and salt have dissolved. Transfer carrots into brown sugar sauce; cook and stir until carrots are glazed with sauce, about 5 more minutes.

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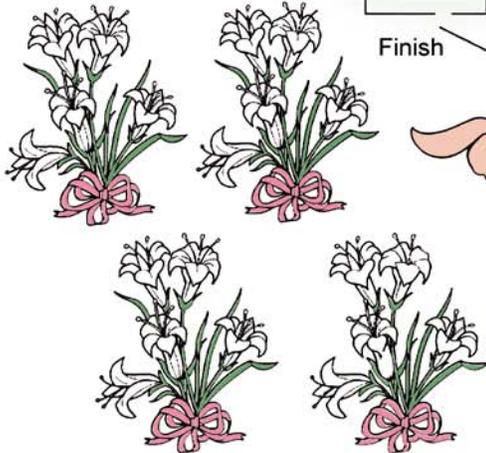
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The Easter Bunny is on his way. Can you help him get through the maze?



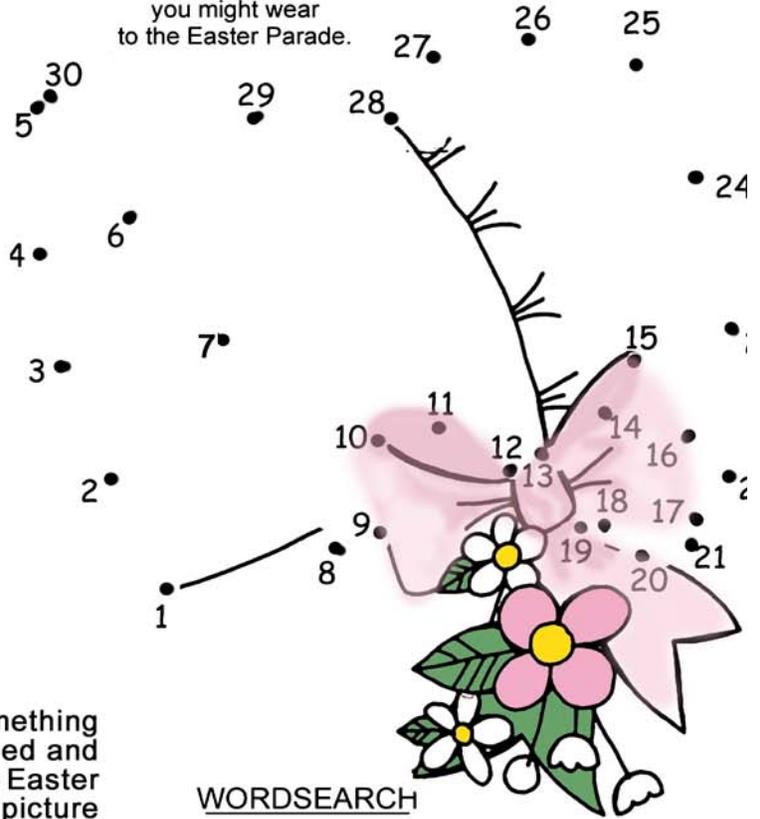
Which Easter Lily is different from the others?



Something happened and the Easter Bunny picture has changed. What are the differences between the two pictures?



Follow the dots to see something you might wear to the Easter Parade.



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- CANDY
- LILIES
- PEACE
- FAMILY

**Kids' Spring Fun Page**

L. Comando

**Cryptogram**

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## Mastodons of Orange County VIRTUAL Program by the Time and the Valleys Museum



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Join the Time and the Valleys Museum for an on-line virtual program: Mastodons of Orange County on Sunday, April 11th at 2 p.m..

A large, extinct, elephant-like mammal of the Miocene to Pleistocene epochs, more than eighty mastodon remains have been recovered in New York State. Several mastodons have been recovered in the Orange County area, the first in 1811 by American painter, soldier, scientist and naturalist Charles Willson Peale in Montgomery, Orange County.

Speaker Gary Keeton has participated in several exhumations of New York state mastodons in the local area. Join Gary to learn about the modern recovery of these creatures that roamed the area more than 10,000 years ago.

Admission to the Museum's virtual events is EASY. Just email the Museum at [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) to receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in for the program. Programs are provided FREE for Museum members. To become a member (only \$25 for a full year!) go to: <https://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership/> or just send a check to Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740.



While the program is free, a donation of \$5 or \$10 from non-members to help the Museum cover the cost of providing educational programs for non-members is appreciated. Go to: <https://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/donate/> to make a donation via paypal. For more information on this or other upcoming programs, please call 845 985-7700 or go to [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org).

**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:** Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is currently closed, but will open Memorial Day to Labor Day, and in September (days and hours to be determined). The Museum has everything in place to protect the health of both visitors and staff. Staff will be wearing masks at all times, using hand sanitizer frequently and thoroughly cleaning all touched surfaces several times a day. Visitors to the Museum and 1930s Lost Catskill Farm must wear masks, practice social distancing and use hand sanitizer frequently throughout their visit.

Exhibitions:

- 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 newly renovated exhibition includes a section on the Lenape Native Americans, early area settlers, farming, local industries and more.
- o **Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story**, an engaging exhibition on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, includes why New York City needed water, a description of the three water systems, the heartache of the people who had to give up their homes and how the complex system was built.
- o **1930s Catskill Family Farm** is an outdoor, open air experience with several early farm buildings all illustrating life on a Catskill family farm during the 1930s, about to be removed for the building of a NYC reservoir. Building include a farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with WORKING waterwheel.
- o **One Teacher, Eight Grades**, One Room a temporary exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org). Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING,  
BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION  
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AT GRAHAMSVILLE  
TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK

MARCH 19, 2021

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 4, 2021  
At 7:00 P.M. (EDT)

for the purpose of presenting the school budget for the 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 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 19, 2021. 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 2021, there are three Board seats available which are three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, for seats currently held by the following Board of Education members:

Kimberly Botsford  
Brent Clarke  
Kathy Poppe

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 4, 2021, 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 Tuesday, May 11, 2021, and Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 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 13, 2021, 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 18, 2021. 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. (Contd. Pg. 19)

**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

(From Pg. 18)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING,  
BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION  
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AT GRAHAMSVILLE  
TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK  
MARCH 19, 2021

Potential voters who are concerned about appearing for personal registration due to COVID-19 risks, may register online at the Department of Motor Vehicles voter registration website at the following URL: <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>. Potential voters may also register by downloading a Voter Registration Form from the New York State Board of Elections website (<https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html#VoteRegForm>), completing it, and mailing it to the Sullivan County Board of Elections at the address listed on the second page of the form.

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@trivalleyschools.org](mailto:normapena@trivalleyschools.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 22, 2021. 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 22, 2021. 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 23, 2021. Completed military ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2021 in order to be counted.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-a of the 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 11, 2021) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 17, 2021), 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. A list of all persons to whom absentee voter ballots have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the District Office until the day of the election. 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 be advised that due to the ongoing and dynamic nature of the response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the dates and procedures relating to school elections may be subject to change pursuant to the Governor's executive authority or through legislative enactments.

By order of the Board of Education  
Norma Peña, District Clerk  
Dated: March 19, 2021

4/1; 4/8; 4/22; 4/29

**The Neversink Fire District** will hold a workshop on April 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm to discuss options for insurance coverage for the Neversink Fire District and to discuss some unfinished business. Workshop is open to the public. Please follow Covid-19 guidelines if you plan to attend. Thank you!

Neversink Fire Board of Commissioners 4/1

**The Village of Monticello Board of Trustees** will be holding a Special Meeting by video and teleconference, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 202.1, and applicable COVID guidelines, Executive Orders of the State and Resolutions of the Village, the public will not be permitted to attend in person on Tuesday, March 30th, 2021 at 4:00pm. The meeting will be available to the Public via the ZOOM app and the following information will be needed to access the meeting:

Topic: Village Board Special Meeting  
Time: Mar 30, 2021 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and

Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83984174377?pwd=NTFucEdXQzM0UjRVT0RzZkMxWIBIUT09>  
Meeting ID: 839 8417 4377  
Passcode: 345900  
One tap mobile  
+16465588656,,83984174377#,,,,\*345900# US (New York)  
+13126266799,,83984174377#,,,,\*345900# US (Chicago)  
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+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)  
Meeting ID: 839 8417 4377  
Passcode: 345900  
Find your local number:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83984174377?pwd=NTFucEdXQzM0UjRVT0RzZkMxWIBIUT09>  
All are welcomed to view. Thank You  
Village of Monticello  
Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

(From Pg. 19)

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, The Town of Denning is seeking sealed bids for **Delivered Material:**

Quarry Rubble (Ton), Abrasive Sand (Ton), Low Abrasive Sand (Ton), Gabions (Ton), #1 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1A Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #3 ST Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #2 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #45 Stone (Ton), Sand - Snow & Ice Control (Ton) / No Clay, Loam or Organics, Screenings (Ton), Item #4 (Ton) from Ledge Rock, Crusher Run (Ton) Tail Gate Spread, Crusher Run (Ton), Dumped Rip Rap (Ton), Flat Bed Rip Rap (Ton), Cold Patch (Ton), Bank Run (Ton), Stackable Rock (Ton), Slope Rock (Ton).

**FOB:** Blacktop Hot Mix Type 6, and Blacktop Hot Mix Type 7.

The material must be of such grade as to be acceptable to the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent. Sand for all locations shall be screened, clean, hard sharp and free from loam, clay, frozen lumps, or organic material with 100% passing through a 3/8-inch sieve.

All bids should be **delivered** price only, **except** for **FOB** black top type 6 & 7.

Upon acceptance of bid price, bidder shall in turn notify the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent when he has at least 100 tons of material stockpiled for the Town of Denning in order that the testing may be done by the Highway Department or by a designated agent for final approval.

Bid forms are available from the Town Clerks Office or the Town Highway Superintendent. Forms must be in a sealed envelope with the company name clearly visible and marked **BID**. Bids may be **mailed** to: Town of Denning, P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725

All sealed bids must be received by Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 prior to the commencement of the Town of Denning Town Board Meeting; to begin at 6:00 P.M. during SAID meeting All Bids will be publicly opened and read. The meeting is to be held at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

The Highway Superintendent must be informed upon ordering of any and all fuel charges to be added to any material delivery, followed by a fax to serve as written notice.

All material must be delivered to the Town, within the confines of the Town of Denning.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids without reason.

The Highway Superintendent reserves the right to reject any material deemed unacceptable.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD

Joy Monforte, RMC, T.C. March 10th, 2021

34/1/2021

## Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

**Our Board Meeting for April 8, 2021 has now been cancelled and rescheduled for Friday, April 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. It will be virtual and live-streamed on our YouTube Live channel.**

**There will be no Executive Session.**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWHR6NVao24w/live>

## Fallsburg School District

### 2021-2022 Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

#### 2021-2022 *Registración de Prekinder y Kinder*

- Kindergarten students must be 5 on or before December 1, 2021.
- Pre-K students must be 4 on or before December 1, 2021.
- Kindergarten Registration will take place from March 1st through March 19th.

- Pre-K Registration will take place from April 6th-April 23rd.

Registration will take place online. Please visit <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> for instructions and to reach our online registration form

\*Please note: ALL incoming Kindergarteners MUST register, even if registered for Pre-K last year.

- Los estudiantes de Kinder deben tener 5 años el 1 de diciembre de 2021 o antes
- Los estudiantes de Prekinder deben tener 4 años el 1 de diciembre de 2021 o antes
- La registración de Kinder se llevará a cabo desde el 1 de marzo hasta el 19 de marzo.
- La registración de Pre-K se llevará a cabo del 6 al 23 de abril.

• La registración se realizará en línea. Por favor visite: <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> para instrucciones y acceder a nuestro formulario de registro en línea

\* Tenga en cuenta: todos los estudiantes nuevos de Kinder DEBEN registrarse, incluso si se registraron para Prekinder el año pasado.

If you wish to download this week's Church bulletin from St. Peter's, Liberty, NY please go to: [stpeters/bulletin](http://stpeters/bulletin)

As New York begins to open allowing churches to once again have services, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.

St. Mark's UM Church  
68 Clinton St., Napanoch

**YARD AND CLOTHING SALE  
CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



**Sundown United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper**

5:30 pm

To be Announced

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*



**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Saturday Thrift Sale**

9:00 am to 12 noon  
To be Announced

**Thrift Sale**  
9am-12 noon  
Luncheon  
11 am - 12:30 pm  
To be Announced



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CREMATION MEMORIALS & BENCHES, MONUMENT LETTERING & CLEANING



**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**

The Little Church with the Big Heart

**Sunday, 8 am Service of Holy Communion, except: Second Saturday of each month, 12:00 noon**

Music by Fred VanWagner  
Coffee hour follows service  
All are welcome!

5277 State Rt. 42 • South Fallsburg  
845-436-7539  
[www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org](http://www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org)

**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 morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 5:45 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

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



**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
Peakamoose Rd., Sundown  
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.  
Pastor Seung Jin Hong  
845-985-2283  
e-mail: [Sundownumc@gmail.com](mailto:Sundownumc@gmail.com)

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
Rte. 55, Grahamsville  
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30 a.m.  
Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!

**Regular Office Hours**  
Wednesday 9 am - Noon  
Friday 3 pm to 6 pm

If you wish to make an appointment to talk to Pastor Seung Jin Hong please call 845-985-2283

For all other information contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong.  
845-985-2283 • e-mail: [Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com)

*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 @ 10:00 am

Church Hall available for rent  
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

**Loucks Funeral Home**

**Geoff and Heather Hazzard**

**"Celebrating Life, One Family at a Time"**

79 North Main Street  
Ellenville, New York  
(845) 647-4343

**St. Augustine's Chapel**  
Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY

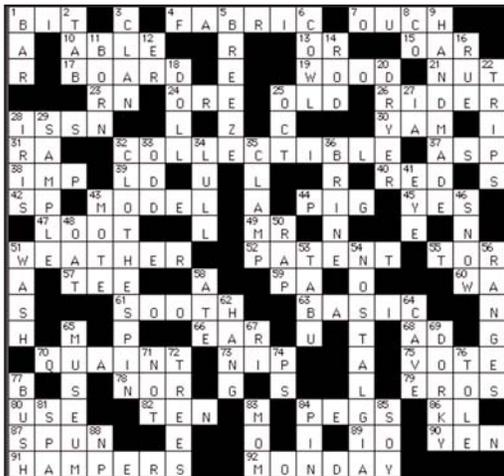
Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
Holy Days 5:30 pm

Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, **Pastor**

**AL-ANON MEETINGS-** <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>  
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne  
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

**VETERANS** always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY. For information call 845-434-8044.

**Ans to last week's Crossword**



**SC Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Tree & Shrub Sale**

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce their annual spring Tree & Shrub Program. Landowners can choose from a wide variety of deciduous and conifer trees and shrubs and specialized packets such as Nut Tree, Flowering Tree & Shrub, Wildflower, Butterfly, and perennials. Seedling varieties allow for you, the purchaser, to select what's right for your needs. We offer a range of quantities at reduced costs to promote conservation plantings. Other items available through the program are fruit trees and wildlife habitat housing.

Trees and shrubs offered through the District program can be planted for a number of purposes such as wildlife habitat, windbreaks, hedges, screens and streambank and road bank stabilization.

To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 and request the brochure and order form or go online at [sullivanswcd.org](http://sullivanswcd.org). The order deadline is **April 12, 2021**.

**SC: Mail DMV Renewals to the Local Office**

Monticello, NY - After mailing in their license and registration renewals, NYS Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) customers have reported long delays in receiving their documentation back from the State offices in Albany and Utica.

"Residents may not realize that they can mail those same renewal forms in to us at the Sullivan County DMV Office - and they'll get what they need quicker than mailing to a State office," notes County Clerk Russell Reeves, who oversees the local DMV operations. "This only applies to mailed renewals for licenses and registrations."

"What's good about handling these locally is that Sullivan County retains 12.5% of each transaction amount, whereas we get nothing if it all goes directly through the State," he explains. "So in addition to faster service by mail, doing your DMV business locally brings revenue back to your home County."

The mailing address is Sullivan County DMV, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

While appointments are required to visit the DMV office in the Government Center, Reeves affirms his staff remain available to assist with any transactions people need. Appointments are typically available within a few days and can only be made online at <https://sullivanny.us/Departments/Clerk/DMV>.

**Experience Freedom**

Dear Friend,

As we enter into the holiday of Passover, the holiday which represents freedom, let us look within and around us.

Each of us at the Rhinebeck Jewish Center is striving to achieve freedom on a personal level, to go beyond our limitations both self-imposed and otherwise.

As a community, we have experienced a lot of challenges over the last year and we endeavor each day to break the boundaries of stereotypes and pre-conceived notions, stretching and re-shaping the fabric of our community and environment.

May our individual and communal efforts be noticed above, and may Hashem grant all of us the strength to make the final push towards true national and global freedom with the coming of Moshiach, may it be speedily in our days.

Wishing you and your families a very Happy, kosher, and liberating Passover,  
 Rabbi Hanoch & Tzvie Hecht, and family

**Paul Plumadore's "Paper Trail" to Open at DVAA**

The paper montage art of Paul Plumadore will be featured from April 3 - May 8 at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. The solo exhibition, titled "Paper Trail," will display 75 original pieces in the ground floor Alliance Gallery. Presented in restored antique and vintage frames in a collaboration between the artist and framer Pauline Glykokokalos, the pieces take on a life of their own.

Mr. Plumadore has been cutting and reassembling printed matter since the mid-1970's and his work has been published in many outlets, such as book and record covers and editorially in The New York Times, Psychology Today, GQ, and many others. He is also featured in the hard cover book "The Best Collage Artists in the World."

The Gallery is located at 37 Main Street in Narrowsburg, NY. For more information and to reserve a time slot for viewing the show contact [DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org](http://DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org) or call 845-252-7576. Masks and social distancing will be required.

**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

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## NY's 50 years of Age and Older Eligible to Receive the Vaccine

New Yorkers 50 years of age and older are be eligible to receive the vaccine. We continue to kick vaccinations into overdrive throughout the state by expanding eligibility, establishing new vaccination sites and opening up eligibility to providers to reach new populations. New York's distribution network is ready to handle an expected increase in supply, and we're excited to expand eligibility even further as we move to get through the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, limited supply from the federal government means that New Yorkers should remain patient. If you are among those who become eligible tomorrow, check New York State's Am I Eligible website to find an appointment (if available) at a State-run vaccination site near you, or call 1-833-NYS-4-VAX. VaccineFinder, a website affiliated with the CDC and Boston Children's Hospital, can also help eligible New Yorkers find vaccination locations.

## Ulster County COVID-19 Vaccination sites have Performed 52,103 Vaccines, with 29.2% of Residents Now with at Least One Vaccine Dose

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan today announced that Ulster County has performed over 50,000 COVID-19 vaccinations. With 52,103 vaccinations performed, almost 30% (29.2%) of residents have received at least one COVID-19 dose. 21,071 residents have completed the COVID-19 vaccine series. This week, Ulster County has been allocated 4,170 vaccines across all providers.

"This is a significant milestone in our pandemic response as we continue to ramp up our vaccination efforts," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "Ensuring that we can vaccinate all of our residents in a safe, rapid, and equitable way remains my top priority as we continue to work to increase access to this life-saving vaccine. While the increase in vaccines is welcome news, we cannot forget that we are still not through this. I am encouraging all residents to continue to wear masks, socially distance, and take necessary precautions to stop the spread."

Last week, Ulster County shifted its main vaccination location from the Kate Walton Field House to the Hudson Valley Mall. The move allows for up to 2,500 doses per day to be administered and 300 parking spots for residents. Residents looking for an appointment can join the waiting list by visiting [vaccinateulster.com](http://vaccinateulster.com) or call 845-443-8888.

Additionally, in response to a request from County Executive Ryan to open a state-site in Ulster County, New York State opened a state-run mass vaccination site at the Ulster County Fairgrounds in the Town of New Paltz last Friday. Residents looking for an appointment can visit [am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov](http://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov) or call 1-833-NYS-4-VAX.

The expanded locations will be key to the county's efforts to ensure all residents can receive the coronavirus vaccine rapidly, safely, and equitably. In addition, the County is continuing to coordinate closely with other key partners -- including hospitals, health care facilities, pharmacies, and providers -- to add additional vaccination capacity throughout the county.

## Message from Governor Andrew Cuomo on COVID-19

As we continue to move vaccination forward we also need to revitalize New York's economy and make sure we reopen safely. To that end, we launched Excelsior Pass, a free and voluntary platform for businesses & individuals that can be used to easily access secure proof of a recent negative COVID test or vaccination.

The question of "public health or the economy" has always been a false choice – the answer must always be both. As more New Yorkers get vaccinated each day and as key public health metrics continue to regularly reach their lowest rates in months, the first-in-the-nation

Excelsior Pass will assist as the next step in our fact-driven, science-based reopening.

Learn more and have your testing and vaccination information in an easy-to-carry and share digital form.



## Why wear a mask?

Out of respect.

When you wear a mask you are saying,  
I respect my neighbors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,  
I respect nurses and doctors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,  
I respect other people.

We all need to show respect to one another in difficult times.

Wearing a face covering is a small inconvenience to protect others. We have gotten through this crisis by standing together and doing the right thing. The right thing - the respectful thing - is to wear a mask.

## CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

- 4/6/21 Claryville Fire District 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville  
 4/7/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm (App submission Dt. 3/24/21)  
 3/9/21 Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)  
 4/2/21 **Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY**  
 4/4/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular  
 4/20/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm  
 4/15/21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall  
 5/9/21 Claryville Fire Dept **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7 am until noon  
 5/15/21 Boy Scout Troop 97 **Fish/Chicken & Chips Dinner** 4:30-6:30 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds (See ad on pg. 27 for details)

**Save the Date!**

**Matthew Bertholf's 10th Anniversary Memorial Horseshoe Tournament Sunday, July 11, 2021**  
 Neversink Fire Department Pavilion.

**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.

**PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS**

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

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update for the week of March 29 - April 2, 2021

### Monday, March 29

o 12:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board Meeting, Hosted by WebEx, By Phone Dial 1-408-418-9388, Access Code 132 664 9433#, Password: 1234#

o 6:00 PM - Low Carbon Concrete Forum - Hosted by Dept. of Environment, UC Climate Smart Comm., UC Environmental Management Council, Climate Reality Project, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Registration required. Register a:

<https://ulstercountyny.zoom.us/j/9433333333>

### Tuesday, March 30

o 4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Audit Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 811 5206 2867, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

o 4:45 PM (or immediately following the UC EDA Audit Committee) - Special Meeting of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 811 5206 2867, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

### Wednesday, March 31

o 6:30 PM - Environmental Management Council, Powered by Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615, Passcode: 278571, Dial In (929) 205-6099

### Thursday, April 1

o 5:30 PM - Human Rights Commission Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 301 339 6875, By Phone Dial: (929) 205-6099

### Friday, April 2

o No Meetings

## Tri-Valley Elementary School **WANTED:**

**Local establishments to display student KINDNESS artwork**

Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office at 985-2296 ext. 5306 or [pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org).

All artwork and frames will be provided by the District and refreshed bi-annually.

## Help your local business grow Advertise locally in *The Townsman!*

Classified ads - \$6.00 for the first 20 words/

20 cents each additional word  
1" Boxed ad (1" x 3")  
- \$7.50 per week

Business card ad (2" x 3")  
\$15.00 per week

(3" x 4") - \$30.00 per week

(3" x 6") - \$45.00

(4" x 6") - \$60.00

1/4 pg (4" x 5") - \$50.00

(6" x 8") - \$120.00

1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$80.00

Full Page - 8" x10" - \$160

**Low Rates - High Visibility!**

## Be Vigilant: COVID's on the Rise

Liberty, NY - COVID-19 cases are on an upward track, and Sullivan County Public Health Services is urging everyone - vaccinated or not - to take proper precautions.

Community transmission is widespread, and nearly 28% of the local March cases thus far are among those 24 years old or younger - making young people the most impacted age group by COVID-19 in Sullivan County currently.

"For the past two weeks, we've seen a steady increase in active coronavirus cases across the County," notes Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. "To go from 142 cases at the beginning of the month to 265 as of yesterday may not sound like much, but that is an 86% increase. Sullivan County's 7-day average percentage positive rate is 6.7%, just below Orange County at 7.1%, and that's got our attention. We are seeing about 30 new positive cases per day."

The number of quarantined/isolated people in Sullivan County - 765 as of March 25 - is more than double what it was at the beginning of the month, and two more deaths have been logged just in March, for a total of 68 since the pandemic began a year ago.

Based on population density, the spread can be attributed not to specific places, but to human behavior and congregation of susceptible people. The most important and vital measure people can take to prevent the spread and potential overwhelming of the healthcare system is to get vaccinated when they are eligible, regardless of which vaccine is available. All - Moderna, Pfizer and Janssen - are equally proven to drastically reduce the chances of serious illness, hospitalization and death. Additionally, it is still imperative to wear a mask in public spaces and practice good hand hygiene, as well as social distancing.

"This increase is looking similar to the rise we saw after the holidays, when people discovered they had contracted the virus from a friend or loved one at a party or family gathering," McGraw observes. "With schools out for spring break this coming week and residents travelling to other states and locales for vacation, we're concerned this upward trend of active cases will continue."

Public Health Services and a range of community providers are actively delivering COVID-19 vaccine doses to thousands of people every week, and as of March 25, 24% of the total population of Sullivan County has completed their full series of vaccinations (one or two shots, depending on the vaccine).

"We have not achieved 'herd immunity,' so the risk of widespread community transmission remains very present and very real," McGraw warns. "We urge everyone - whether they were vaccinated yet or not - to continue wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands regularly, and staying away from close gatherings with people they don't see daily and/or who are not yet fully vaccinated."

Vaccines are available at pharmacies, hospitals, mass vaccination sites operated by New York State, local health departments, and other providers statewide - please contact your provider of choice to schedule your vaccine appointment. More info is available at [www.sullivanyny.us/departments/publichealth/covidvaccines](http://www.sullivanyny.us/departments/publichealth/covidvaccines).

Eligible New Yorkers can receive a vaccination through a network of State-run sites distributing vaccine statewide - to determine eligibility and schedule appointments at New York State-run vaccination sites only, use the "Am I Eligible?" app. Eligible New

Yorkers can also make an appointment at a New York State-operated vaccine site at [www.ny.gov/vaccine](http://www.ny.gov/vaccine) or through the New York State COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).

## SC's Police Reform Plan Available for Review & Comment

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Legislature will host two opportunities for public comment in the coming week regarding the Sheriff's Office's Police Reform and Reinvention Plan.

The plan and hearing are in accordance with the New York State Governor's Executive Order #203, which requires a comprehensive review of current Sheriff's Office Patrol deployments, strategies, policies, procedures and practices to develop a plan to improve operations and address the particular needs of the community.

The plan must be submitted to the State by April 1 and is available for review at <https://sullivanyny.us/Departments/Sheriff>, or a copy can be inspected at or requested from the Office of the Legislature, 100 North Street, Monticello (845-807-0435).

The first opportunity for public comment will be at a Special Meeting of the Legislature's Public Safety Committee at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 26. The second opportunity will be at a public hearing scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 30. Both meetings will be held in the Hearing Room of the Government Center in Monticello. Speakers and observers are welcome in person (subject to COVID-19 requirements) and online at <http://sullivancountyny.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>.

Written comments will be accepted through close of business on Monday, March 29, and can be emailed to [policereform@sullivanyny.us](mailto:policereform@sullivanyny.us).

## Message to Our Friends and Neighbors from Frost Valley

The last time we shared with you our Emergency Edition of Frost Valley Life, our organization was in dire financial straits. Today, we're pleased to share with you this Thank You Edition of Frost Valley Life, our semi-annual newsletter, as a tribute to everyone who helped and continues to help ensure our survival.

Inside this newsletter, you'll find:

- o A message of gratitude from our CEO, Jerry Huncosky
- o An Update on our Year End Campaign
- o Stories of children and families served by Frost Valley - stories that will continue!
- o How Frost Valley has adapted its programming to continue serving the community during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- o Upcoming Events at Frost Valley

Thank you to everyone who has supported Frost Valley through this difficult time by making donations, donating their refunds, fundraising on our behalf, or by sharing wonderful words of encouragement!

Because of you, Frost Valley is able to continue serving generations to come!

To read the Spring Newsletter go to: [https://issuu.com/frost-valleyymca/docs/fvymca-fv\\_life\\_spring\\_2021-web](https://issuu.com/frost-valleyymca/docs/fvymca-fv_life_spring_2021-web)

## **Sullivan County Will Be Accepting Agricultural District Applications Also Will Be Reviewing Currently-Included Parcels**

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County will be conducting its annual 30-day window for accepting applications to include viable agricultural land into the County's Agricultural Districts. At the same time, the County will also be conducting its eight-year review of Agricultural District 1.

Land that is included in a county agricultural district certified by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets becomes eligible for the protections of New York's Right-to-Farm Law, which prohibits the unreasonable restriction of sound agricultural practices. Since 1971, the creation of certified Agricultural Districts under NYS Agriculture and Markets Law has been important to the State and County level efforts to preserve, protect, and encourage the development and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food and other agricultural products.

Agricultural districts are required to be reviewed by the County and recertified by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for agricultural viability every eight years. During the review process, landowners can elect to have their land remain in the district, remove their land from the district, or request to add land to the district.

Please note that while land can be added to an agricultural district each year through the annual inclusion process, land can only be removed through the eight-year review process. Landowners who want their land to remain in an agricultural district do not need to take any action during the eight-year review.

Beginning April 1, 2021, all landowners who are currently enrolled in Sullivan County's Agricultural District 1 will be contacted by mail with a worksheet form to be completed and returned by April 30, 2021. Agricultural District 1 includes lands in the towns of Bethel, Callicoon, Cochection, Delaware, Fremont, Forestburgh, Liberty, Thompson and Tusten and presently consists of 112,456 acres.

The period April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021 also marks the annual 30-day window for inclusion of viable agricultural land into Agricultural District 4. During this period, the County will accept applications from property owners seeking to be included in this District. Agricultural District 4 includes lands in the towns of Bethel, Fallsburg, Forestburgh, Highland, Liberty, Mamakating, Neversink, Rockland, Thompson and the villages of Bloomingburg and Wurtsboro.

After April 30, the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board will review all applications received and make recommendations to the Sullivan County Legislature. The County Legislature will conduct separate public hearings for the Agricultural District 1 eight-year review and the Agricultural District 4 30-day window. Following review and approval by the Sullivan County Legislature, the proposed modification of Agricultural District 1, and the proposed inclusion of land into Agricultural District 4, will be reviewed and certified by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Property owners who wish to be included in either Agricultural District, or who have questions about Agricultural Districts in general, should contact Melinda Meddaugh at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, staff support for the Sullivan County Agricultural and Protection Board, at 845-292-6180 x116 or email [mm2592@cornell.edu](mailto:mm2592@cornell.edu).

For more information on Agricultural Districts and to

review maps of Agriculture District 1 and 4, visit the Division of Planning and Community Development website at: <https://www.sullivanny.us/Departments/PlanningEnvironment/AgriculturalDistricts>.

Maps and applications are available for review at the Division of Planning and Community Development Office, located on the second floor of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701. Maps are also available for review at the Sullivan County Clerk's Office, and at the town halls for the towns of Bethel, Callicoon, Delaware and Thompson. If you plan to visit one of these offices in person, please call ahead to ensure compliance with social distancing protocols.

## **Galligan Issues Statement on Sentencing of Isaac Kantrowitz for June 2019 Fatal Crash**

On March 25, 2021, New York State Supreme Court Judge Stephan Schick sentenced Isaac Kantrowitz, 89, of Woodridge, upon his conviction for Reckless Driving stemming from a June 2, 2019, crash that claimed the lives of two Sullivan County teens. Devin Zeininger and Justin Finkel were struck by a vehicle operated by Kantrowitz on Glen Wild Road in the Town of Thompson, resulting in their deaths. After an extensive, weeks-long presentation, a Sullivan County grand jury charged Kantrowitz with Reckless Driving, an unclassified misdemeanor, and two traffic violations. Following the grand jury's determination, Sullivan County District Attorney Meagan Galligan held a press conference urging the State Legislature to pass the Vehicular Violence Act, a set of laws proposed in 2019 to correct current laws that prevent criminal prosecution of many fatal crashes like this each year across the State.

Kantrowitz pled guilty to Reckless Driving on March 1, 2021, and was sentenced today following a hearing that included statements by family members of the teens, as well as arguments by the prosecutor and defense attorney and a statement from the defendant. The Court was asked by the prosecution and the Zeininger and Finkel families to consider the impact of the loss of two young lives upon their families and their community. In imposing sentence, Schick stated that he was considering all of the circumstances in this case and the circumstances of this defendant, and imposed a sentence which includes a condition that Kantrowitz never drive again, as well as the maximum permissible fine and surcharge. His driver's license was permanently revoked.

Galligan issued the following statement: "The deaths of Devin and Justin will always be an unfathomable tragedy. When I inherited this case, my Office made this investigation a priority and fulfilled our promise to these victims to make a full, fair and legal presentation of this case to a grand jury and to prosecute any crimes it charged. The defendant pled guilty to the top charge issued by the grand jury and his license is permanently revoked. While my Office joined in the recommendations of the Zeininger and Finkel families, Judge Schick ultimately determined that justice in this case does not call for incarceration. I recognize the anguish of these families and our community, and I continue to urge our Legislators to enact the Vehicular Violence Act to fix the broken laws in our State as they relate to offenses like this."

## First Cast - Thursday April 1st 7am

Join us at the World Famous Junction Pool for our first Tandem Cast as we welcome in the first day of the season! We are pleased to have the new owners of "The Junction", Aaron and Misty, as our guests to throw the first Cast together.

"We are so honored to be chosen to open the season this year with the First Cast.", states Aaron. "We fell in love with Roscoe years ago while fishing the Beaverkill. Now we're not only happy to call Roscoe home but where we will run our business for many years to come. We plan to open The Junction as a full service bar and restaurant on May 1st and can't wait to see you all there."

## Urgent Message from APW TU

Dear Reader,

**We NEED YOUR HELP!**

Attached is an Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter extra newsletter mailing; one dedicated to the proposed Ashokan pumped storage proposal. Also attached is a copy of a letter the chapter recently filed with FERC in regards to this proposal. Please read these attachments, share them with others, and act today. There are many serious issues involved with this proposal, and we need to voice our concerns.

Thank you.

Ed Ostapczuk  
APW TU, board of directors

( Please click here for newsletter

[http:// 50megs.com/APW News.pdf](http://50megs.com/APW News.pdf)  
[http:// 50megs.com/APW Letter.pdf](http://50megs.com/APW Letter.pdf)

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE**



**FISH OR CHICKEN & CHIPS DINNER**

**MAY 15th**

**4:30pm to 6:30pm**

**Grahamsville Fairgrounds • Rt. 55**

**Adults \$14.00 • Children Under 12 \$8.00**

**Each single serve meal ticket includes:  
Fish OR Chicken and Chips, Dessert.**

**For advanced tickets contact:**

**Neil Terwilliger at (845) 798-3328**

**Bernie Lange at (845) 532-7607**

**Proceeds Benefit Boy Scout Neversink Troop 97**



## Fall for Art to Celebrate 25th Anniversary with 2021 Juried Art Show & Sale

Kingston, N.Y.—Fall for Art, the primary community fundraiser for the Jewish Federation of Ulster County, will celebrate 25 years with its 2021 Juried Art Show and Sale. This event showcases and supports the talented artists of the Hudson Valley. Fall for Art committee chair Barbara Cohen said that Fall for Art is thrilled to be marking 25 years of supporting artists and the community. "Fall for Art is grateful to the artists, sponsors and community support over the past twenty-four years," Cohen said. "Our 2021 format will continue that tradition while adding more time for browsing and shopping to a larger geographic area." The 2021 event will be held from 7 pm Saturday, Oct. 23, through 5 pm Friday, Oct. 29. Last year, the Fall for Art Committee, Sara Beames, Barbara Cohen, Sloane Grubard, Louise Lefkovits, Darlene Levit and Sue Worthman orchestrated the event virtually with support from Kingston's Mike Rice, website designer, and graphic designer Supattra Samanyaphon, who will also return to Fall for Art 2021's team at fallforart.org. Proceeds from this silver anniversary event support Federation causes, the participating artists, and local not-for-profits including Circle of Friends for the Dying, LGBTQ, Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, Jewish Family Services, Oncology Support Program and People's Place. "Our 2020 participating artists, sponsors and community members who purchased art," Cohen said, "made it possible to continue Fall for Art in this new format, and we hope to top last year's \$25,000 fundraising total." The 2021 Call for Entry for artists has opened. Fall for Art offers a wide range of high-quality visual art representing diverse media, including ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, mixed-media, painting, photography, and pottery. Application is open to all Hudson Valley artists through April 30 at [www.fallforart.org/call-for-entry/](http://www.fallforart.org/call-for-entry/) Jury notification will be provided to artists the week of June 7. Sponsorship opportunities are available for this 25th

anniversary event. Visit [www.fallforart.org](http://www.fallforart.org) or contact [info@fallforart.org](mailto:info@fallforart.org) or 845-338-8131.



# Spring Online Storytime 2021



Storytime is a fun learning experience that parents and children can share together. These classes are filled with stories, songs, movement, and crafts for pre-school children of all ages. We truly hope you can join us for our 8 week virtual storytime via Zoom, from the comfort of your home.

Give your child a head start by enrolling him/her in one of these valuable programs today and help your child get ready to read!

- **Mother Goose Time (12-23 months) Beginning Wednesday, April 14th**
  - **Toddler Time (24-35 months) Beginning Thursday, April 15th**
  - **Story Hour (3, 4, and 5 year-olds) Beginning Friday, April 16th**

All programs will begin at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom and run through Friday, June 4th. After registering your child for their program, we will email you information specific to your program; including dates and times for curbside pick-up of program material and weekly Zoom invitations.

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.  
Please register online at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)



These programs are free and made possible through the generosity of our wonderful community!

## County's Financial Reporting Lauded as Exemplary

Monticello, NY - For the 30th consecutive time, the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office has been accorded the Financial Reporting Achievement Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The County also received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the GFOA.



*Sullivan County Treasurer  
Nancy Buck*

The award was given after an impartial panel of judges determined the County's 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) met GFOA's high standards, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of transparency and full disclosure" in communicating financial details and motivating people to read it.

"While Sullivan County has earned this prestigious award many times over, it's never a guarantee that we'll win it again. There is a significant

amount of daily work that County staff are required to perform and a professional financial management process that culminates in this annual achievement," said County Treasurer Nancy Buck. "So it's a testament to the diligence of my staff, to whom I am deeply grateful. They make it a pleasure to come to this office - not just for myself but for the public."

The GFOA is a nonprofit association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals, with offices in Chicago and Washington, DC.

## Square! Sit back and enjoy the story of Energy Square

And we're back! Join us April 1 at 6 PM EST for the video premiere of Celebrating Community at Energy Square! Sit back and enjoy the story of Energy Square, the first Net-Zero for Living affordable housing development in upstate New York!

The event also features special dance and drumming performances by the Center for Creative Education.

\* This event was safely recorded on November 7, 2020, following CDC Guidelines

About Energy Square

RUPCO partnered with New York State Homes & Community Renewal, City of Kingston, and multiple private

investors to bring to life a \$22M mixed-use development in the heart of Midtown Kingston.

The new five-story building houses 79 people in 57 mixed-income apartments managed by RUPCO, as well as 11,000 square feet of civic and commercial space that includes the new home of the Center for Creative Education (CCE), a nonprofit whose mission is to enrich the social and cultural awareness of youth through arts, wellness and education. Other commercial tenants include The D.R.A.W., an intergenerational art education project by Kingston Midtown Arts District, and Seasoned Delicious, a minority, female-owned café and shop offering prepared meals and products made with their handcrafted traditional Caribbean flavors.

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## Reinstein Woods Offering Virtual Lunchtime Talks on Sustainability

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Reinstein Woods Environmental Education Center is inviting the public to learn about sustainability. Virtual lunchtime sessions about sustainability will be held Thursdays at noon from April 8 to 29, 2021.

"Many people are aware that we need to take drastic action to avoid the worst effects of climate change," said Reinstein Woods Center Director Meaghan Boice-Green. "Whether you live in an urban apartment, a suburban townhouse, or a rural farm, and no matter your income level, there are steps you can take to address this critical problem."

The half-hour virtual sessions will examine tools and incentives available to help people remove fossil fuels from four areas of life-electricity, food, transportation and money. Each participant will receive a curated list of resources to enable them to take action, including many actions that will save money. Participants can register for any or all of the sessions. To register, visit the Reinstein Woods website. For more information call Reinstein Woods at (716) 683-5959 or email [reinsteinwoods@dec.ny.gov](mailto:reinsteinwoods@dec.ny.gov)

# The Catskill Mountain Classic Car



## The 36th Annual Car Show Sunday, June 27th 2021 **Big Indian Valley Park**

Route 28, Big Indian, NY 12410 "Special Awards  
"Fireman's choice, Presidents choice and Best of Show

**DJ, Food, 50/50 and just good old fun**

Registration if your entering a car 8am to 12:30

Music, Food 50/50

The CMCCC is dedicated to the preservation and appreciation of the vintage and late model automobiles. To be a member is \$10.00 a year

We invite any enthusiasts to join us for the show either as an entry or to enjoy seeing all the vehicles in our beautiful Park

For more information call Frank at 845-254-4238 or [chiefrun@aol.com](mailto:chiefrun@aol.com)



## Beware of Malicious COVID-19 Phishing

Protect yourself from identity theft and fraud during pandemic recovery.

Confirm any SBA disaster assistance emails by contacting **(800) 659-2955**, TTY **(800) 877-8339**, or **disastercustomerservice@sba.gov**.

Avoid scams and fraud, visit **sba.gov/COVIDfraudalert**



Tri-Valley Elementary School  
"INSPIRE SUCCESS TOGETHER"



### Tri-Valley Elementary School

#### Kindergarten REGISTRATION

If you have a child that will be 5 years old by December 1, 2021, please call us at

985-2296 ext. 5405 or 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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GO BEARS!

### Tri-Valley Elementary School

#### UPK REGISTRATION

If you have a child that will be 4 years old by December 1, 2021 please call us at

985-2296 ext. 5405 or email to: [registration@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:registration@trivalleycsd.org)

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# Cornell Cooperative Extension | Sullivan County Making the Most of Your Doctor's Visit



Thursday  
April 8  
7 pm  
— FREE —  
Zoom

**Good communication leads to  
better health outcomes.**

## Learn how to:

- Prepare for medical appointments
- Communicate health issues with your doctor
- Find reliable information about your health concerns to discuss with your doctor



Daniel Pierce Library

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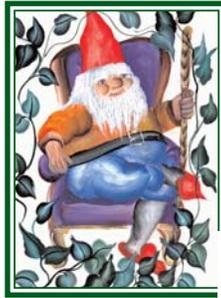
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**Jesus of Nazareth**

(TV-G / 6h 22min / Drama / TV Mini-Series 1977)

*Jesus of Nazareth* (TV series)

Genre Biblical based on *The Gospels*, written by Anthony Burgess, Suso Cecchi d'Amico, and Franco Zeffirelli. Starring Robert Powell. Theme music composer Maurice Jarre.

*Jesus of Nazareth* (Italian: *Gesù di Nazareth*) is a 1977 British-Italian television drama serial directed by Franco Zeffirelli dramatizing the birth, life, ministry, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Starring Robert Powell as Jesus, and the film features an all-star cast of European and North American actors, including eight who had won or would go on to win Academy Awards: Anne Bancroft, Ernest Borgnine, Laurence Olivier, Christopher Plummer, Anthony Quinn, Rod Steiger, James Earl Jones, and Peter Ustinov. Extra-Biblical traditions were used in the writing of the screenplay, and some characters, such as Zerah, and situations were invented for the film for brevity or dramatic purposes.

*Jesus of Nazareth* depicts Judas Iscariot as a well-intentioned man initially, but later as a dupe of Zerah's who betrays Jesus largely as a result of Zerah's false platitudes and pretexts. However, in accordance with the Gospels, the film depicts Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea as sympathetic members of the Sanhedrin. Many of the miracles of Jesus, such as the changing of water into wine at the wedding at Cana, the transfiguration, and the calming of the storm, are not depicted, although Jesus' healing of Jairus' daughter, the blind man and the crippled woman on the Sabbath, the feeding of the multitude, and the raising of Lazarus from the dead are presented here. *Jesus of Nazareth* premiered on March 27, 1977, on the Italian channel Rai 1, and was first aired in the United Kingdom, on April 3, 1977, on the ITV Network. It became a ratings success and received highly positive reviews. Particular praise is often given for Robert Powell's portrayal of the religious leader. Ian McShane's portrayal of Judas Iscariot, the disciple who betrayed Jesus, was also well received. (Contd. Pg. 36)

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**BEN-HUR**

(G · 1959 · 3HR 32MIN · ADVENTURE / HISTORY)

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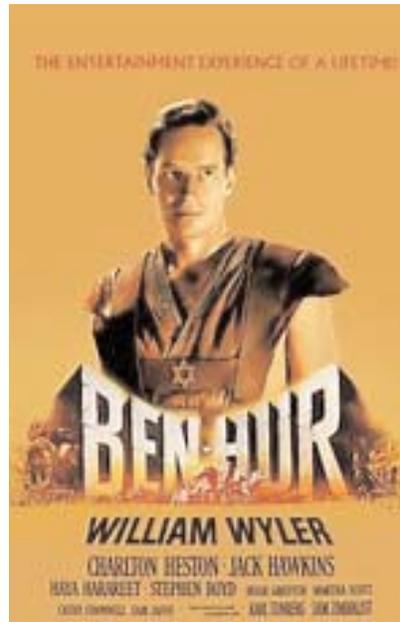
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*Ben-Hur* is a 1959 American religious epic film directed by William Wyler, produced by Sam Zimbalist, and starring Charlton Heston as the title character. A remake of the 1925 silent film with a similar title, it was adapted from Lew Wallace's 1880 novel *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ*. The screenplay is credited to Karl Tunberg, but includes contributions from Maxwell Anderson, S. N. Behrman, Gore Vidal, and Christopher Fry.

*Ben-Hur* had the largest budget (\$15.175 million), as well as the largest sets built, of any film produced at the time. Costume designer Elizabeth Haffenden oversaw a staff of 100 wardrobe fabricators to make the costumes, and a workshop employing 200 artists and workmen provided the hundreds of friezes and statues needed in the film. Filming commenced on May 18, 1958, and wrapped on January 7, 1959, with shooting lasting for 12 to 14 hours a day and six days a week. Pre-production began in Italy at Cinecittà around October 1957, and post-production took six months. Under cinematographer Robert L. Surtees, executives at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer made the decision to produce the film in a widescreen format. Over 200 camels and 2,500 horses were used in the shooting of the film, with some 10,000 extras.

The sea battle was filmed using miniatures in a huge tank on the back lot at the MGM Studios in Culver City, California. The nine-minute chariot race has become one of cinema's most famous action sequences, and the score, composed and conducted by Miklós Rózsa, is the longest ever composed for a film, and was highly influential on cinema for over 15 years. Following a \$14.7 million marketing effort, *Ben-Hur* premiered at Loew's State Theatre in New



York City on November 18, 1959. It was the fastest-grossing, as well as the highest-grossing film of 1959, becoming the second highest-grossing film in history at the time, after *Gone with the Wind*. It won a record eleven Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director (Wyler), Best Actor in a Leading Role (Heston), Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Griffith), and Best Cinematography – Color (Surtees); it also won Golden Globe Awards for Best Motion Picture – Drama, Best Director, and Best Supporting Actor –



Motion Picture for Stephen Boyd. In 1998, The American Film Institute named it the 72nd best American film and the second best American epic film in the AFI's 10 Top 10. In 2004, the National Film Preservation Board selected *Ben-Hur* for preservation by the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress for being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant." (Images courtesy of Bing Free Images)

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