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Countdown to the Annual Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk On Saturday, May 3, 2025

Meet in the **Grahamsville
First Aid Squad Building.**
Doors open at 8am.

Registration for the Walk is
at 8:30am

Group Photo outside the First Aid
Squad Building at 8:50am.

Breakfast Foods and Beverages
available before, during and after
the Walk compliments of the
Neversink General Store.

Walk starts at 9:00am around the
Grahamsville Fairgrounds and
is a variable length –walk based
on Walkers ability.

**Complimentary Blood Pressure
Checks** available to all thanks to
the **Grahamsville First
Aid Squad crew.**

The **Grahamsville Volunteer Fire
Department** will join in the
Walk again this year for the
Sullivan 180 competition.

We have also invited the
Neversink Fire Department to
join us this year.

Event will be held **Rain or Shine.**

For additional information
or to sign up for
The Journey For Sight Walk,
contact Lion Esta Jacob at
845-866-1579 or
ejacob4848@gmail.com

Tri-Valley Lion's Dinner Meeting April 7, 2025

On April 7, 2025, The Tri-Valley Lions had their monthly dinner meeting at the Neversink General Store (NGS), where Lion President Stephen Miller and Lion Esta Jacob presented *Tri-Valley Townsman* Editor, Linda Comando with a Certificate of Appreciation for the many, many years of publishing articles for our Lion's Club and sharing our news with the local community. (see photo) Of course, *The Townsman* provides all viewers of the online publication with community going-ons and local events, information on local vendors, nature-related topics, Tri-Valley School news and events, and just a plethora of good and interesting news and photos. Unfortunately, Linda's husband Frank Comando was unable to attend the dinner meeting due to a prior accident, so we wish Frank a speedy and complete recovery. Linda publishes the *Townsman* come rain, sleet, snow, hail, a broken arm and even from a hospital bed. She is just one amazing woman who truly loves her job, and we love Linda!



This was the first time The Tri-Valley Lions had our dinner meeting at the **Neversink General Store.** The buffet was delicious, and the private room was elegantly set up for the dinner. We would like to thank owners Mark McLewin and wife Cristina Aby-Azar, and back office coordinator, Angel Nunez (who is truly an angel) for the special attention they gave to our Lion's Club for this dinner and for their ongoing support of the **Tri-Valley Lions Annual Journey For Sight** which will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025 starting at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building with registration at 8:30 am. Breakfast Foods and beverages will be available before, during and after the Walk, starting at 8am.

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On the Front Burner: For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.
John 6:40

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

April 20, 1955

A son, Michael Anthony, weighing 5 lbs. 13 oz., was born to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Greenwald on Wednesday, April 13th at Flower Hospital, N.Y.C. This is their third child. It is also the ninth grandchild for the Herbert Georges and the 12th great-grandchild for the Mrs. Andrew George.

Announcement has been made of the date for the marriage of Mr. Richard Krom and Miss Anne Eaton. The wedding is scheduled for July 16th in the Methodist Church in Grahamsville.

Pfc. Charles Phelps, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Phelps of Grahamsville, recently participated in a field training exercise in Germany with the 1st Infantry Division's 18th Regiment. Pfc. Phelps entered the army in October, 1953 and completed basic training at Fort Dix.

April 7, 1965

Miss Marilyn Gockel and Miss Margaret Viscomi of Sugar Loaf were among those who left from Tri Valley School with the Senior Chorus for a three day concert tour through eastern Pa.

Mrs. Gilbert Welch was sworn in as Post Mistress of the Neversink Post Office on Friday. We wish her well in her new work.

Diane Zanetti has been accepted at the State Univ. of New York at Buffalo. She plans to major in Physical Therapy.

Steve Johnson plan to major in Food Processing Technology and has been accepted at the Agricultural and Technical College at Morrisville.

April 23, 1975

Agnes A. Slater, 69, of Rte. 55A, died Friday at Community General Hospital in Liberty after a long illness. A lifelong area resident, she was born in Claryville, July 9, 1905. She married Alfred Slater at Grahamsville on July 16, 1924. She was a retired housekeeper from Woodbourne Correctional Facility. She is survived by her husband; a son, Ralph of Grahamsville; a daughter, Mrs. Kaythrine LaHanko of Grahamsville; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Matty Russo are enjoying a second honeymoon in Florida, compliments of thier daughter, Mary Ellen Russo. They are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on April 25th.

April 18, 1985

Linda G. Smith of South Hill Road, Grahamsville, a former schoolteacher and lifelong area resident, died Wednesday, April 10, 1985. She was 81. The daughter of the late Andrew and Juliana Handford George, she was born Jan. 16, 1904 in Red Hill. She was the widow of Thomas H. Smith. Mrs. Smith originally taught in one-room schoolhouses in Grahamsville and Sundown. Survivors include one son, Thomas Smith of Grahamsville; three sisters: Esther George of Sundown, and Inez G. Gridley and Dorothy G. Grey, both of Grahamsville; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.



LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published April 20, 1995

Ladies, I think we should get back to bread baking.

In the olden days there was far less high blood pressure when us girls pounded out our frustrations during the kneading, or took the time during the rising process for inner reflections as we prepared the bread for our families.

Homemade bread contains more vitamins and minerals besides being more economical than store-bought bread. And what can be tastier than piping hot bread right out of the oven, just oozing with nice yellow cow's butter, and waiting to be eaten?

Baking bread is easier to do than baking a cake.

Did you ever wonder why some people break bread instead of slicing it? "Strictly superstitious."

Some bakers never bake rye bread on a rainy day because moisture in the air does reflect on bread.

Many years ago when "old wives' tales" were often told, one of their many subjects was bread. My Grandmother Loucks said bread should never be cut by the light of the moon; and when making bread be sure to put a cross on it to enable the devil to fly out.

One of my favorite bread recipes is for Zucchini Bread:

2 cups grated zucchini (set aside) 2 eggs, beaten
 2/3 cup oil
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 1/2 cup molasses
 1/2 t. spoon salt
 1/2 cup raisins
 2 cups flour
 1 tsp. spoon baking soda
 1 tsp. spoon baking powder (added to flour)
 1 tsp. spoon cinnamon
 1 tsp. ginger
 broken nuts

Mix sugar, eggs, oil and molasses; add sifted ingredients; add zucchini, nuts and raisins last. Pour into two greased loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Serve plain, buttered or with a whipped topping. A cup of pineapple or crushed cherries may be added if desired.

The memory of a cozy kitchen filled with a warm fragrance of freshly baked bread remains a home. It is unforgettable - try it.

Household Hint:

Wine Cork Caulk Saver

If you are planning on serving wine along with Easter Dinner, don't throw the cork away. Synthetic wine corks are great for sealing partially used tubes of caulk. Drill a 5/16-in. hole into the cork about 1 in. deep. The cork fits perfectly and makes an airtight seal.

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

Easter Lilies Apostles of Hope

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.

During the 1880s Lily bulbs were shipped to this country from Bermuda where

they successfully cultivated. 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 to 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 casing 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 Lily growers dwindled down to ten farms between Oregon and the border of California. This region- the Easter Lily Capital of the World - produces nearly all of the bulbs for the blooming potted Easter Lily market.

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, a delicate task, that will ultimately produce flowers in time for Easter.

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.

Tri-Valley Lion's Dinner Meeting

April 7, 2025

(From Pg. 1) The event is held rain or shine. See attached photos taking during the April 7th dinner meeting. We encourage one and all to come join us.



Also at the dinner meeting a donation to **Ride to Survive for Juvenile Diabetes** was approved again this year. This is a charitable event that the Lions have supported for more than 30 years, and we were fortunate in the past to have Charlie Lawrence and his children joined us many years ago for a presentation about their charity. Since then, Charlie's son has passed on and his daughter now suffers from this illness as well, however their cause is still carried on as Juvenile Diabetes affects so many young folks.



The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 48th year of existence, and we are always looking for new members. Just as a reminder, The Tri-Valley Lions bring in donations and funding

by selling sodas from our Soda Booth for events at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies, our **Annual Journey for Sight Walk and Tag Day**. Our funding allows us to continue to provide monetary and service support to **Local Food Pantries, Tri-Valley School Community Service and Achievement Awards, Children's Eye Screenings, support for Diabetes, Lymphoma and Leukemia organizations, childhood cancer, WSUL Heart-A-Thon, Guiding Eyes for The Blind**, and so much more. If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com

Wishing one and all a happy, healthy and safe Spring, and hope you will stop by our Soda Booth at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds for the 2025 Annual Little Worlds Fair and all forthcoming Fairground events.



SC Sheriff Mike Schiff Welcomed Five New Deputies



Sheriff Mike Schiff welcomed five new deputies who started in the Jail Division on Monday. They were sworn in by Sullivan County Clerk Russell Reeves who administered the oath of office. Four of the five recruits are transfers from local New York State Correctional facilities. This is a bonus for Sullivan County since the former state correction officers already have the required academy training. In the photo from left to right: Sullivan County Clerk Russell Reeves, Sheriff Mike Schiff, Dylan Newman, Dominique Smith, Tommy Watson, Jr., Jonathan Cordero, and Craig Rutledge.

Child Care Providers Needed

If you have considered working with or teaching young children, there is no better time to start! Sullivan County needs childcare throughout the county!

According to The U.S. Census Bureau, the population estimate as of July 1, 2023, is 79,920 people in Sullivan County. 6.1% of the county's population are children under the age of 5 (US Census Bureau, 2010). Making the under 5 population in Sullivan County, 4,795 children. The current number of infant / toddler childcare spots available in Sullivan County is 1,129. The bottom line is Sullivan County children and current providers NEED your assistance as childcare is filled with waiting lists.

Consider working from home and teaching children. You can run your own small business from home while contributing to and supporting the working families in Sullivan County!

If you're worried about start-up cost, we may be able to assist in supply costs through grant programs facilitated through the Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. and ALL required training is free to anyone opening a program in Sullivan County!!! Please contact the Sullivan County Child Care Council for step-by-step assistance with the application process, business aspect of your program, as well as the programs and resources available when your program is established.

The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. has determined an immediate need for Infant and Toddler childcare based on our referral services:

- o County wide - of 44 inquiries 31 were for Infant and Toddler care
- o Requests for Infant and Toddler care through our agency have been made mainly for Fallsburg, Liberty and Monticello
- o Most of our providers have no infant or toddler spots available

For more information please visit our website: scchildcare.com, the Office of Children and Family Services at : <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/becomeaprovider.asp> , or give our office a call at (845) 292-7166.

US Census Bureau, 2010.

Retrieved on 5/07/2019:

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The Hidden Key

Mysterious Book Report No. 401

Published April 9, 2020

by John Dwaine McKenna

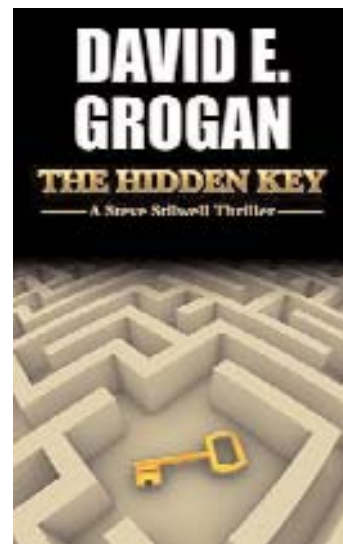


Now that we're all holed up at home, huddled around the coffee table without any basketball, baseball, hockey or automobile racing on television to keep us entertained while we wait out the Covid-19 virus pandemic, there is a bright side. It's a great time to read. Reading will expand your mind, ease your worries and soothe your soul, as you escape into literature and stop being hammered into a depression by all the talking heads on the news.

And just in time to do all of that, comes an exciting new thriller that combines murder, international antiquities trafficking, intrigue, mayhem and good guy lawyer. How much better can it get?

Hidden Key, (Camel Press, PB, \$15.95, 250 pages, ISBN 978-1603815802) by David Grogan is a propulsive, action driven thriller that starts on page one when an Iraq war veteran and US Navy Seabee answers his front door at 10:30 p.m. and is confronted by a pair of thugs intent on robbing him of a clay tablet he brought home as a war souvenir. It's the opening gambit in a hunt and chase for an ancient relic with a treasure map etched on it. Exactly one week later, retired U.S. Navy JAG (Judge Advocate General) officer and practicing Commonwealth of Virginia attorney Steve Stilwell is summoned to London to meet with an Indian billionaire at a skeezy restaurant to discuss terms of employment. They're barely seated, when two men with guns burst into the eatery and Stilwell's new client screams I've sold my soul to the Devil, and now I must pay. Moments later he is dead, leaving the confused American attorney in the hands of a pair of Scotland Yard detectives. Days later, back in Virginia, while trying to probate the late billionaire client's estate, Steve and his war wounded partner Casey, come into possession of the mysterious purloined clay tablet and set off a thrilling international chase where no one is safe from death or the allure of an ancient treasure . . . and that's only the first fifty pages of this electrifying novel . . .

The Hidden Key is a smoking-hot thrill ride from beginning to end and will leave all action adventure enthusiasts howling for their next Steve Stilwell yarn!

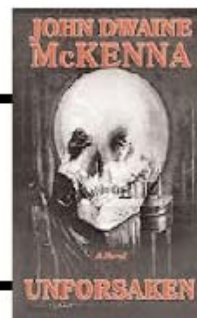
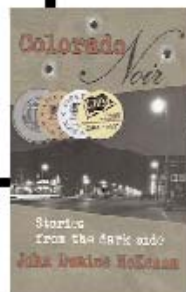


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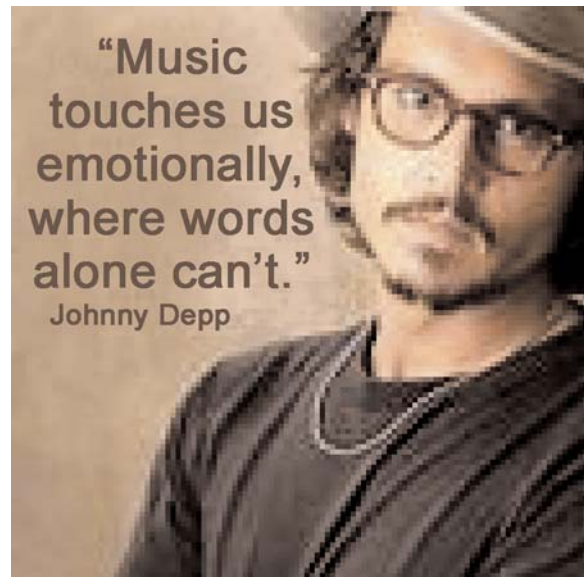


The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

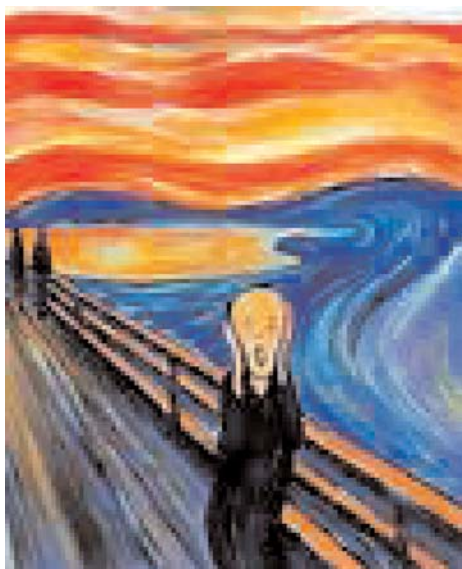
Musical Healing

I am fortunate to have two great nieces who can really sing. Really sing, I mean, like opera, like Broadway stage



"Music touches us emotionally, where words alone can't."

Johnny Depp



blasting, like pop tune melodies on the radio, and like soothing lullabies. It is a talent that I, and my immediate family, do not possess. We cannot even hit all the right notes to "Happy Birthday."

I believe, however, that everyone should sing. It is good for your lungs, for your endorphins, and for your soul. I just don't know if we atonal singers should ever subject anyone else's sensitive ears to our cacophony and screeching. I always positioned myself next to Donal DuBois's deaf left ear so I could do more than lip-sync in church.

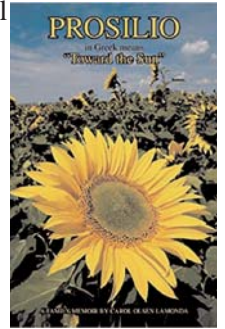
I suggest singing along, - alone, with the car radio, belting one out in the shower, or singing to an audience of trees and shrubs in the back yard. Be aware of small critters heading away a safe distance.

Singing is an emotional release, as our bodies synchronize with the harmonic vibrations. It is believed that certain frequencies can calm, heal, or energize. For example, the frequency of the earth's rotation, the Eleventh Harmonic, is believed to cure disease.

So, since I cannot sing to please others, I will sing to please myself. In certain situations, like now, I will go outside and sing to the universe in a Primeval Scream!

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent.

DPL Offers Insightful Programs & Services to Community

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-We would like to extend a big “thank you” to Stewart's Shops who granted us a generous donation through their Holiday Match Grant Program. With it, we were



A huge thank you to Stewart's Shops for their grant donation through their Holiday Match Grant Program. The monies allowed us to purchase new bilingual children's books. Please stop in the library to check them out!

able to purchase many bilingual picture books and thus significantly increase our collection. We now have board books and picture books; perfect for young children through elementary age. While the majority is Spanish/English, there are a few Japanese/English, French/English and Mandarin Chinese/English as well. Not only will these benefit children who are bilingual but also could help older students taking secondary school Spanish practice their reading skills. The books are beautiful and every one should take the opportunity to check them out. We truly appreciate Stewart's Shop and their continued support of the DPL as well as their commitment to literacy, community and education!

Our first “Up in the Air” LEGO program of the season held on Wednesday, April 9 went beautifully. The children in grades 4-6 were very inventive with their LEGO parts and balloons, creating dynamite looking hot air balloons. Our next program will be on



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bugs will be a big hit. We're just happy to see what their imagination comes up with. Registration is required and open to

Wednesday, April 30 for children in grades 2-3. They will be tasked with building the ultimate backyard treehouse of their dreams. How high can they build them? We'll find out. Then, on Wednesday, May 7 from 3:00PM to 4:30PM, UPK-grade 1 children will be invited to try their hand at building balloon-powered vehicles. It's going to be a great time and hopefully we'll be able to get some to race. Our final LEGO program will be on Wednesday, May 14 for toddlers ages 3 and 4. Their theme is “Spring is in the Air” so anything “spring-like” such as flowers or



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<http://www.bloominggreenlawnandlandscape.com>
 “If it grows by day, have it cut & split by Knight”

Tri-Valley residents.

The Women's Health presentation with Rachel Brazell went well, with many in attendance. “It was a fabulous program with lots of important information shared and gained. The group shared tips for what helped them. There were a lot of great discussions,” Nicole Richardson, DPL Community Programs Associate, said. In the future, she added, there will be more programs like this one. Next week, on April 23-25th, Ellenville Regional Hospital representatives will be at the library from 9AM to 12PM to discuss services the hospital provides to the community. Some topics include men and women's health, sports medicine, physical therapy, patient care planning, digital imaging, cardiac rehab and specialty services. Please join us and ask any questions you might have.

We are getting ready to host our popular “Boujee” Bingo...one of our annual fundraisers. It's a great night out for all who participate with lots of great prizes, laughs and mingling. We greatly appreciate those who can come out, enjoy the night and support the library. Speaking of supporting the library's endeavors, we will soon be posting information on how to donate used books and materials for our summer book tent and GPP Book Sale. Ultimately, you'll be contacting Michelle Gorman to set up a time to drop off materials. Please call ahead so we can be ready for your donation and once the tent is set up outside, please don't just leave your donation in it. We have a very specific process for donations and it's easier for all involved when that process is followed. But, as I've said, more specific information will be forthcoming!



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Sean Grady Promoted to Rank of Detective



Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff congratulates Sean Grady on his recent promotion to the rank of Detective. Detective Grady, who has 19 years of service with the Sheriff's Office, will serve as a uniform Detective in the Sheriff's Youth Division. He will continue his assignment as a School Resource Officer, and investigate crimes reported by school districts.

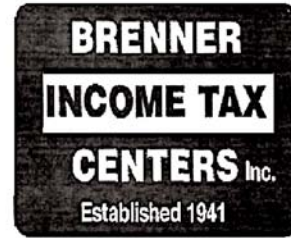
Sullivan to Enforce Flow Control Law Garbage Collected in County Must Be Disposed in County

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County legislators agreed this week to more rigorously enforce the County's existing "flow control" law, which mandates that trash generated locally must be brought to a local disposal location.

"Haulers who collect garbage in Sullivan County but then transport it outside Sullivan's boundaries are breaking the law, and we're stepping up efforts to monitor, ticket and fine any commercial hauling companies which permit their drivers to illegally ship trash to out-of-County locations," explained District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, Chair of the Legislature's Public Works Committee and Vice Chair of the Legislature.

"A primary reason for flow control is due to our contract with the upstate landfill to which we send our garbage: Seneca Meadows," he added. "If we don't

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make our tonnage obligations, our rates can increase."

Article IV, Section 171-6, Part B of the Sullivan County Administrative Code mandates that "unless authorized by the rules or by an order of the Commissioner of Public Works, no person shall pick up or haul solid waste and/or recyclables generated inside the County to a solid waste management facility located outside of the County."

"That rule has been in place for decades, but recently, we've discovered that some garbage hauling companies are taking trash to Orange County or Pennsylvania, where tipping fees are cheaper," Perrello stated.

Late last year, legislators authorized the increase of 2025 tipping fees for trash removal companies bringing waste to Sullivan County-operated transfer stations, upping the fee from \$120 to \$136.50 for municipal solid waste (MSW) and to \$150 a ton for construction & demolition debris (C&D).

"We were forced to raise rates because of our rising exportation costs," Perrello explained. "We decided to spread the cost of the system more fairly across actual users instead of taxpayers, who have for decades subsidized the solid waste system. As a result, haulers who bypass our facilities cheat the taxpayers of Sullivan County. We are going to put a stop to that."

Any commercial user or solid waste collector or hauler convicted of violating the County's flow control law could be charged with a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500 for the first offense, \$1,000 for the second offense and \$1,500 for each subsequent offense, and/or being jailed for up to six months.

Ulster County DMV Mobile Unit Expands Service to Town of Plattekill

Kingston, NY - The Acting Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck is pleased to announce an update to the DMV Mobile Unit schedule. Beginning Thursday, April 17, 2025, the DMV Mobile Unit will now serve the Town of Plattekill on the third Thursday of every month. The mobile unit will be located at the Plattekill Town Hall, 1915 Route 44-55, Modena, NY 12548.

In an effort to be as conveniently accessible to as many Ulster County residents as possible, the County Clerk's Office provides limited DMV services through the DMV Mobile Unit, which now travels to seven different towns throughout the year. The mobile unit offers a selection of essential DMV services, bringing convenience to residents who may not be able to visit the Kingston DMV office.

Services Available at the DMV Mobile Unit:

- Driver's License Renewal
 - Learner's Permit
 - Non-Driver I.D.
 - REAL ID
- Vehicle Registration
- Registration Renewal
- License Plate Surrender
- Duplicate Title Request
- Change of Address

DMV Mobile Unit Hours:

- 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this service for their DMV needs. Please note, the DMV Mobile Unit schedule may be subject to change due to inclement weather. Residents should check for updates before visiting.

For more information on the DMV Mobile Unit schedule and services, visit <https://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov> or contact the Ulster County DMV at dmv@co.ulster.ny.us or (845) 340-3700.



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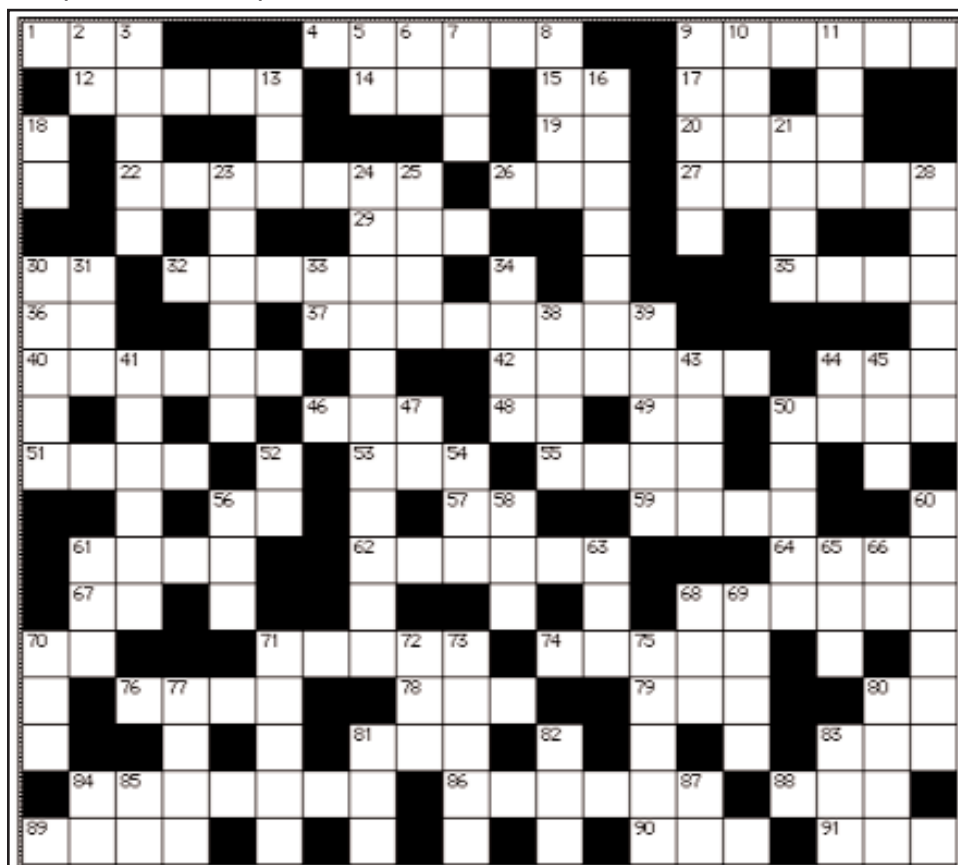
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Joyous Holiday Season - L. Comando

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4 Unleavened bread
9 Evening meal
12 Counterpane
14 Fruit-filled pastry
15 Used to link alternatives
17 Half an em
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 Carbuncle
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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 and Passover 2025
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
88 In accordance with
89 Horse of a small breed
90 Neversink or Merriman
91 Snaring trap

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2 Intelligent Quotient
3 Bulbous spring flower
5 Associated Press
6 A/K/A 'tea' tree
7 Japanese school of Mahayana Buddhism
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 Fault in a person that is less serious than the fault of the once criticizing
23 Non-physical part of a person
24 Reawakening

25 Symbols 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 Cardinal number
84 Exclamation of surprise
85 Not off
87 Egyptian sun god

Torte di Formaggio (Italian Easter Ricotta Cheesecake)

3 lbs ricotta, drained well
8 eggs
1 1/4 c. sugar
1/4 c. honey
Juice and zest of 1/2 lemon
Juice and zest of 1/2 orange
2 tbs. ground cinnamon

Heat oven to 350°

Grease a large spring form pan and set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk together the ricotta, eggs, sugar, honey, lemon zest and orange zest.

Pour batter into the greased pan and sprinkle the top of cake with ground cinnamon.

Bake for 1 hour, or until the tip of a knife inserted halfway into the cake comes out clean.

Remove cake from the oven and let it completely cool before removing it from the pan.

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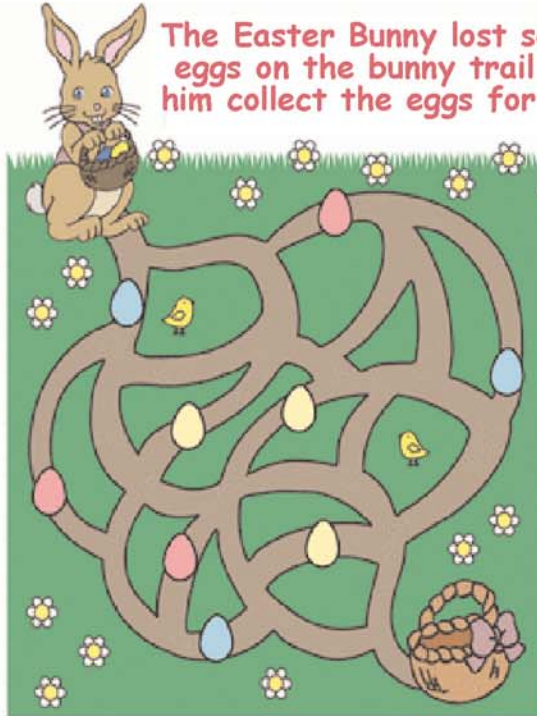
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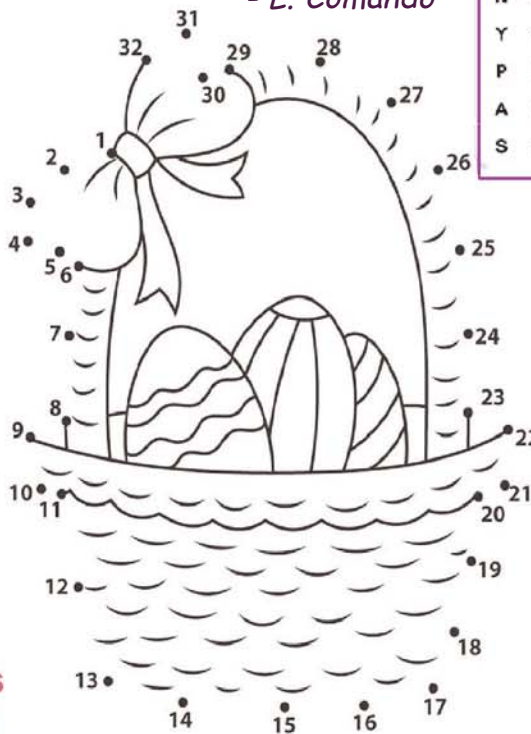
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Kids' Easter Fun Page

- L. Comando



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CHOCOLATE
HOLIDAY
CARROT

Happy
Easter

Can you find 10 differences between the two pictures?

Follow the dots, then color the eggs and Easter basket.



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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION****TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT****AT GRAHAMSVILLE****TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK**

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 Collaboration Center in said District at Grahamsville, New York, on:

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

At 7:00 P.M. (EST)

For the purpose of presenting the school budget proposed by the Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Section 1716 of the Education Law, a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money that will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public funds, 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 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting and Election. A copy of the detailed statement of estimated expenditures will also be made available at the Budget Hearing to be held on May 6, 2025 and on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 20, 2025.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting and Election, including the VOTE upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2025-2026 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education, and any other business that may legally come before this meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, at the Secondary School Lower Level Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Central Secondary School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any qualified voter who desires to submit a proposition to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting and Election, except as to a question or proposition required by law to be stated in the published or posted notice of meeting, shall file with the Board of Education a petition setting forth such proposition, not less than thirty (30) days (by no later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Monday, April 21, 2025) prior to the Annual Meeting and Election and such petition shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25)

qualified voters of the District, or two percent (2%) of the voters who voted in the previous Annual Meeting and Election, whichever is greater.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that petitions nominating candidates for the office of members of the Board of Education will be available beginning on March 10, 2025, from the District Clerk at her office in the Administration Building and shall be filed with the District Clerk at her office in the Administration Building during regular office hours between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, no later than thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting and Election (Monday, April 21, 2025). Nominating petitions shall be directed to the District Clerk; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District or two percent (2%) of the voters who voted in the previous Annual Meeting and Election, whichever is greater; 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 2025, there are three (3) Board seats available which are three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028, for seats currently held by the following Board of Education members:

Mr. George Dean

Mr. Timothy Dymond

Mr. Travis Hartman

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 6, 2025, at 7:00 PM Eastern Standard Time in the Secondary School Lower Level Collaboration Center.

At-Large Voting: the three candidates with the highest amount of votes will fill the three vacant positions.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition will appear on the ballot:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the following resolution be approved?

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, be authorized to make the expenditures shown in the budget presented by the Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. No person shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 20, 2025, whose name does not appear on the register of the District or who does not register as hereinafter provided, except a person who is otherwise qualified to vote and is registered under the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Wednesday, May 7th, 2025, and Thursday,

May 8th, 2025, in the Administration Building between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, and any person shall be entitled to have that person's name placed upon such register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration, that person is known or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 15th, 2025, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the four (4) calendar year periods prior to May 20, 2025. 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, they are also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available for inspection in the office of the District Clerk by any qualified voter of the District on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election during regular office hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, except Sunday (Saturday by appointment only), and at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that consistent with Section 2018-a of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting and Election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 13th, 2025) OR the day before the Annual Meeting and Election (Monday, May 19th, 2025), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their agent. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time) in the District Office on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election, except Sunday (Saturday by appointment only), and at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District. Military voters who are qualified voters of the District may apply for a MILITARY BALLOT. A military voter may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application, or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. Applications for military ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed military voter registration applications and military ballot applications must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Thursday, April 24, 2025, the twenty-sixth day before the Annual Meeting and Election. Military ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. A list of persons to whom military ballots are issued will be available

for inspection in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 15, 2025 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on weekdays prior to Annual Meeting and Election and on at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that consistent with Section 2018-e of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for **EARLY MAIL BALLOTS** may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting and Election (Sunday, April 20, 2025) and at least seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting and Election if the Early Mail Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 13, 2025) OR the day before the Annual Meeting and Election (Monday, May 19, 2025) if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their agent. Early Mail Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election. A list of all persons to whom Early Mail Ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, in the District Office on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election, except Sunday (Saturday by appointment only), and at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and 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. A challenge to an early mail voter may not be made on the basis that the voter should have applied for an absentee ballot. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election.

By order of the Board of Education,

Samantha Damms, District Clerk

4/3; 4/10; 4/17; 4/24

Dated: February 13th, 2025

4.

Travel Advisory – Callicoon Bridge Closed to All Traffic Over Three Tons

The New York State Department of Transportation is advising motorists that the Callicoon Bridge - also known as Interstate Bridge #7 - which spans the Delaware River and links Bridge Street in the Town of Callicoon, Sullivan County, with State Route 1016 in Damascus Township, PA will be closed to all traffic over three tons beginning the morning of April 3 until emergency repairs are complete at a time yet to be determined. Heavy vehicles should seek alternate routes until further notice.

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to section 103 of General Municipal Law, Sealed bids are being requested for the following items:
Sealcoating Bank/Town Hall & Route 42 Park

(1) Bank's section is 7200 SF w/two handicap parking spots.

(2) Town has four sections of lot for a total of 29,885 SF w/two handicap parking spots.

(3) Route 42 Park – Town has walking path 26,400 SF & apron in front of garage 1125 SF.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, 273 Main Street, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740, Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding holidays. All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall no later than 2:00 pm on Monday, May 12, 2025 at which time or as reasonably soon thereafter, all bids will be publicly opened and read.

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

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF NEVERSINK

STACI CONJURA, TOWN CLERK

JOB OPENING AT DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY PT Library Clerk

\$15.50/hour

The Daniel Pierce Library is seeking a part-time Library Clerk who will be responsible for performing essential library functions and providing excellent customer service to our patrons. The Daniel Pierce Library is located in Grahamsville, NY and serves the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District.

Responsibilities:

- Works at the circulation desk, checks materials in and out, processes holds and renewals, shelves books and assists patrons
- Assists with library programs and events including but not limited to, setting up and taking down tables, chairs, signs, and displays
- Performs other duties, as needed

Qualifications:

- High School or equivalency diploma. Associate's Degree preferred
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team setting but can also work independently
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and technology skills
- Ability to work in a dynamic library environment

Schedule:

- This position has varying hours, ranging from 10-18 hours per week. Will be expected to work the Tuesday and Thursday night shift (3:00 pm - 7:00 pm) and Saturdays when open

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to crusso@rcis.org

4/17; 4/24; 5/1; 5/8

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Signs Law Granting ADU Tax Incentive for Homeowners, but Calls for Amendment Excluding Short-term Rental Uses

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has signed Local Law No. 9 of 2024, which provides a real property tax exemption for homeowners on the added value of constructing an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) on their property. This law, which took effect upon signing, is meant to incentivize residents to construct ADUs for permanent housing, helping to address the housing crisis, but the County Executive expressed concerns in a signing memorandum that the law did not clearly prohibit a tax break for an ADU used as a short-term rental (STR), which is contrary to the purpose of the tax incentive.

Under the new law, homeowners can opt into a provision of the state's real property tax law that allows for an exemption from County taxes on the portion of the property's increased value - up to \$200,000 - that results from the construction of an ADU. This exemption lasts for five years, after which it gradually decreases - by 25% annually for three years, followed by 10% annually for two more years.

ADUs are small, self-contained residential units that may be part of a house or garage, or they may be a free-standing unit on the homeowner's property. The County's Housing Smart Communities Program encourages municipalities to create ADU-friendly zoning laws, and has offered two rounds of grants to homeowners to build ADUs in exchange for keeping the rent affordable for at least 10 years. The ADU grants cannot be used for short-term rental purposes. The new tax incentive, which was proposed by the County Executive, was intended to support ongoing County efforts to expand permanent housing. However, the Legislature amended the proposed law, removing language stipulating the residential purpose of the tax exemption.

In a signing memorandum accompanying Local Law No. 9, County Executive Metzger stated:

"The sole purpose of this local law is to support homeowners in constructing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) for permanent housing on their property, helping to address the housing crisis we continue to face in Ulster County. Indeed, the intent of the Governor and State Legislature in passing the legislation allowing for a property tax exemption on the capital improvements from construction of ADUs was to incentivize this affordable form of housing. As amended, this local law contains no prohibition against taking advantage of this tax break for the purpose of constructing a short-term rental (STR), which is entirely counter to the intent of the law. I am therefore signing this local law with strong reservations, and will put forward an amendment at the next legislative session to prohibit this tax exemption if the ADU is used as a short-term rental."

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Supper**

5:30 pm

May 3, 2025

*Many items from the Indoor
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*Sundown
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Church Hall*

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Mass Times

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

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

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

8:00 AM Monday through Friday
9:00 AM Saturday

HOLY DAY EUCHARIST

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**Grahamsville
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Methodist
Church**

First Thrift

**Sat., Apr. 19
9 am - 12 noon**



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Sundown UMC 8:30 am
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown

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350 Main Street, Grahamsville

Pastor Harriet Wilkin
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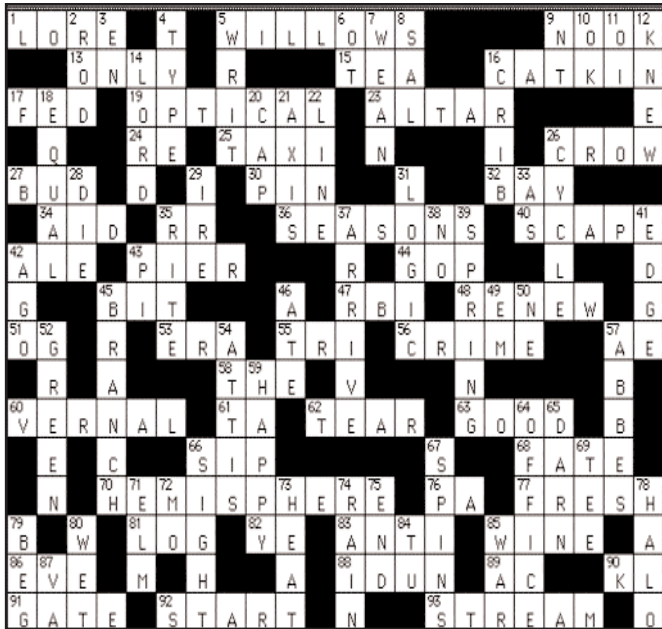
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am

Holy Days 5:30 pm

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

Ans to last week's Crossword



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answer

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5	7	2	8	9	4	6	1	3
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7	3	5	2	1	9	4	6	8
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Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper

Saturday,
May 3, 2025 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall
**Check out the tables with Yard Sale items
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(Covered Dish Suppers are held the
First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall)



Clip & Save Grahamsville United Methodist Church 356 Main St. P.O. Box 86 Grahamsville, NY 12740 Thrift Sale Schedule 2024

All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

April - 19th	August - 2nd and 16th
May - 3rd and 17th	Sept - 6th and 20th
June - 7th and 21st	October - 4th and 18th
July - 5th and 19th	Nov - 1st and 15th (weather permitting)

Dec 6th – Holiday Craft Fair

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays,
starting March 11, 2025, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appoint-
ment. Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.

grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Harriet Wilkin, Pastor

2025 Journey For Sight Walk

Saturday, May 3, 2024 Journey For Sight Walk at the
**Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building and Grahamsville
Fairgrounds.** We would love to have you join us this year, and you
will see more information about **The Journey For Sight Walk** in
upcoming editions of *The Townsman*.

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VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or
history of Sullivan County
at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.
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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/16/25	Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association 1st meeting of the year-Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm
4/17/25	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
4/17/25	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
4/19/25	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 Noon
5/3/25	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church
5/6/25	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
5/13/25	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
5/14/25	Town of Neversink - Board Meeting

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Weekly Update For The Week Of

April 14 - 18, 2025

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

Monday, April 14

- **5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board**, in the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Kingston

Tuesday, April 15

- **5:30 PM - Democratic Caucus**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- **6:15 PM - Republican Caucus**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

The Following Public Hearings & Legislative Session are held in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Livestream at [youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature](https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature)

- **7:05 PM - Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of Agricultural Markets Law**, On the Eight Year Review Of Agricultural District No. 3 And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities
- **7:10 PM - Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 2 Of 2025**, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 232 Living Wage, Definitions, In Relation To Youth Employment Programs

- Immediately Following Public Hearings - Legislative Session

Wednesday, April 16

- **9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- 10:00 AM (or immediately following IDA) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, April 17

- No Meetings

Friday, April 18

- No Meetings

Time for Spring Cleaning, Sullivan County! Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck Returns April 1 through October 31

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's Annual Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck launches April 1 and runs all the way through October 31, 2025. By resolution of the County Legislature, the disposal fee is waived during that time for roadside & public trail litter at County-operated transfer stations.

This popular annual event is coordinated by the County's Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department and the Division of Public Works.

"This is a great way to 'clean ourselves up' as we get ready for spring, summer and fall," says Legislature Chairman Nadia Rajs. "One of the first impressions we make on anyone - residents and visitors - is the state of our roads. We can really put the shine on this beautiful area, and keep it that way!"

Residents who wish to participate in the Litter Pluck may pick up their free disposal coupons, along with program guidelines, at their town or village hall, any County-operated transfer station, or the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department in the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. Participants will be asked to register at the County-operated transfer station at the time of disposal.

For more information about the Litter Pluck, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beautification at 845-807-0287 or email scparks@sullivanny.gov.



*A presentation by
Robert and Johanna Titus
at the Time and the Valleys Museum
St. Rt. 55, Grahamsville*

*The Hudson River
Schools of Art
and their*

Ice Age Origins

Sunday, April 27 2 p.m.

*Members: Free, Non-Members: \$5 In person & virtual
845-985-7700 info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org*

Catskill Edible Gardens Continue Growing Building the next generation of healthy eaters and food entrepreneurs!

[LIBERTY, NY] - The Catskill Edible Garden Project has worked since 2012 with Sullivan County schools, daycares, and youth-focused non-profits to design edible gardens as outdoor educational and gathering spaces. Sullivan 180 partners with Catskill Mountainkeeper and Cornell Cooperative Extension to provide funding support, technical assistance, education, and programming.

Edible gardens offer hands-on experiences with healthy local food and exposure to food and agriculture as important aspects of our community and culture. Gardens give students the ability to be outside, use their power of observation, and to connect to their place in nature and within their community.

New this year is the availability of "grow kit" options, where applicants can select plants to have directly delivered to their garden as part of the grant. The summer grow kit, for example, includes tomatillo, tomato, celery, brussels sprout, strawberry, and marigold seedlings, as well as seed packets of cucumbers, bush beans, squash, and sunflowers.

"Our school garden is important because it teaches children about whole foods and where they come from. It shows them how easy it actually is to grow fruits and vegetables, and how enjoyable it can be to reap the benefits of your labor of love," shares Dennis Lankau, the Garden Coordinator at Kenneth Rutherford Elementary School.

Participants in this year's grant program include the following entities and their intended focuses:

Eldred Jr. Sr. High School for building of new edible garden beds to be used in conjunction with Family & Consumer Science cooking classes as well as hands-on environmental study.

Emma C. Chase Elementary School for grow kits, seed-starting supplies, soil, and tools.

George L. Cooke School for grow kits, re-building of garden beds, and irrigation installation.

Homestead Primary School for grow kits, garden gloves, educational garden companion books, benches, and garden signs.

Homestead Collaborative College High School for seeds, fertilizer, irrigation supplies, and compost.

Kenneth L. Rutherford Elementary School for the use of expanded containers within the garden, repair of garden shed, and outdoor classroom seating.

Liberty Elementary School for grow kits, cedar vertical garden beds, and garden signage.

Livingston Manor Central School for grow kits, replacement of fence posts, and new hose equipment.

Roscoe Central School for seedling pots, soil, watering cans, and fruit trees to expand the indoor green room.

Sullivan County BOCES for expansion of the existing garden, new fencing and additional beds.

Sullivan West Elementary School for cold frames to extend growing season and supplies to expand garden medicinal herb education.

Tusten Heritage Community Garden for re-building of raised beds, fencing additions, and a shaded area for volunteers and events.

Valley Daycare for fencing and irrigation.

For more information or to get involved with the Catskill Edible Garden Project, contact Eva Bednar at 845-295-2719 or Eva@Sullivan180.org.

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Tri-Valley Lions
Journey For Sight Annual Walk
Saturday, May 3, 2025

In memory of our fellow Lions lost over the past years. All proceeds go into our Charity Account to help support the missions of The Tri-Valley Lions, which include Sight, Hearing, Diabetes, and support to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Local Food Pantries, Service Awards for local high school graduates, Sight Screenings, and so much more.

Register at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 3, 2025

at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building

**Please be available no later than 8:45am for a group photo before
The start of the Walk.**

**Walk starts promptly at 9 am from the First Aid Squad Building
and consists of as many loops around the Fairgrounds that
each walker feels comfortable doing.**

COME WALK WITH US!

Refreshments will be served before and after the walk.

**For additional pledge sheets or questions about the Journey For Sight Walk,
please call Esta Jacob 845-985-2927 or Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981.
Thank you.**



2024 Journey for Sight Annual Walk

Tri-Valley Lions

Journey for Sight Rules

1. Anyone under 18 years of age must have the signature of parent or guardian on the form.
2. Each participant should encourage as many sponsors as possible. Sponsors may pledge as much as they wish.
3. The Sponsor Pledge Form must be returned by 8:30 am on the day of the event.
4. Pledges must be collected from your Sponsors and turned in at Registration or no later than June 1 to any Lion.
5. The Journey For Sight will begin at 9:00 am. Participants must sign in between 8:30 am and 9:00 am at the GRAHAMSVILLE FIRST AID BUILDING (where the walk will begin and end). Refreshments will be available during this time.
6. The event will be held rain or shine.
7. All food and drinks given before, during, and after the event are free.
8. Neither Tri-Valley Lions, nor Lions International will be responsible for injuries incurred during the event.
9. It is suggested that Participants without pledges offer a donation of \$20.00.

Spring Chicks Are Cute, But Caution is Key: Prevent the Spread of Avian Flu

There Are No Current Active Cases in Ulster County

KINGSTON, NY - In response to the ongoing risk of Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) spreading to domestic poultry and wildlife, the Ulster County Health Department is urging the public to be very thoughtful about backyard flocks of chickens and ducks. This is especially important around the Easter holiday, when many people purchase baby chicks and ducklings, often unaware of the health risks, challenges, and heightened disease spread during Avian Flu outbreaks.

In January, a Bird Flu case was confirmed at an Ulster County farm, leading to the loss of 50 birds and precautionary measures to prevent further spread. There are currently no reported cases of human transmission of Bird Flu in New York State.

"We understand that many people are motivated by the desire to produce their own food or enjoy the company of animals. However, with Avian Flu still a threat, it's crucial that people follow the CDC guidance to keep yourself and your animals safe," said Ulster County Public Health Director Eve Walter. CDC guidance can be found at www.cdc.gov/bird-flu/caring/index.html.

Avian Flu is a highly contagious viral disease that primarily affects wild and domestic birds. The virus can spread rapidly through direct contact between infected birds, contaminated surfaces, or even through the air. Allowing backyard poultry to roam freely or interact with wild birds increases the risk of virus spread. Migratory birds can transmit the virus to domestic flocks and vice versa, creating a dangerous cycle that becomes difficult to control.

Although the risk of transmission to humans remains low, the economic impacts are substantial, particularly for the poultry industry, which can face significant losses from the culling of infected flocks.

Exposure to infected animals can cause symptoms in humans like red, itchy eyes, fever, sore throat, cough, runny nose, and headaches. In birds, the disease progresses rapidly - watch for signs such as sudden death, loss of appetite, swelling or discoloration, and nasal discharge. Avoid handling sick birds under any circumstances.

For more information on preventing the spread of Avian Flu, contact the Ulster County Department of Health at 845-334-5527. For additional information, visit <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/avian/>.

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Saturday, May 17th 2025Rain Date: Sunday, May 18th

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2025 SHOW DATES

FRIDAY 7/4/25: LIBERTY RISING STREET FAIR

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FRONT PARKING LOT, NORTH MAIN STREET, LIBERTY, NY 12754. OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.

SHOW TIME 9:00 AM TILL 3:00 PM JUDGING 12:30 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 3:00 PM PARADE 12:00 NOON. DASH PLAQUES FOR THE FIRST 30 VEHICLES.

PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE; TOP 3 2005 & NEWER, TOP 12 2004 & OLDER, KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. RAIN OR SHINE.

SATURDAY 7/12/25 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, SULLIVAN STREET WURTSBORO, NY 12790 OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES. DASH PLAQUES FOR THE FIRST 40 VEHICLES.

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 4:00 PM PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 20; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; BOARD OF TRADE CHOICE; CLUB PICK AND BEST OF SHOW. RAIN OR SHINE.

SUNDAY 8/10/25 MONTICELLO BAGEL FEST

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, BROADWAY MONTICELLO, NY 12701 ENTER FROM RTE. 17 EXIT 105 TO PLEASANT ST. MAKE RIGHT TURN ONTO BROADWAY. OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.

SHOW TIME 9:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM JUDGING 12:30 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 3:30 PM PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 5 2005 AND NEWER; TOP 35 2004 AND OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE; BEST FIRE TRUCK; BEST OF SHOW

DASH PLAQUES FOR FIRST 40 VEHICLES; GOODY BAGS; RAIN OR SHINE

SATURDAY 9/13/25 OUTPOST BBQ. SHOW RAIN DATE SUNDAY 9/14/2025

6611 ROUTE 209 KERHONKSON, NY IN LARGE FIELD BEHIND BBQ BUILDING.

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SHOW TIME 10:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM JUDGING 12:30 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 4:00 PM

PRICE PER VEHICLE \$15.00 TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 2 RACE VEHICLES; TOP 5 2005 & NEWER; TOP 20 2004 & OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; OUTPOST BBQ CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. DASH PLAQUES FIRST 40 VEHICLES



Rabies Clinic
Hosted by the Tri-Valley Lions Club



When: Tuesday June 3, 2025, From 6-7:30 pm

Where: Grahamsville Fairgrounds- Pavilion

8230 State Rte 55 Grahamsville, NY

Cost: FREE - Donations Accepted

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PETS ARE LEASHED OR IN A CARRIER
BRING PRIOR PROOF OF VACCINATION WITH YOU**





Sundown
United
Methodist
Church



May 3, 2025
5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share
Enjoy good food and fellowship

and don't forget to check out the tables
filled with a variety of collectibles,
household items and more
that will be available for sale

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall
(Intersection of Sundown Rd., Peekamoose Rd. & Greenville Rd., Sundown, NY 12740)



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A donation of ANY amount will go directly to the 1848 Claryville School and help:

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PLEASE make a tax-deductible donation today using the form below or go to www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. This historic building is an important part of our fading past and should be preserved and enjoyed by all - your donation will make that happen!

Thank You!

Yes! I would like to make a donation to preserve and open the 1848 Claryville School.

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Time and the Valleys Museum

P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, NY 12740

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<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$100	City: _____ State & Zip: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Silver	\$200	
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Gold	\$500	Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

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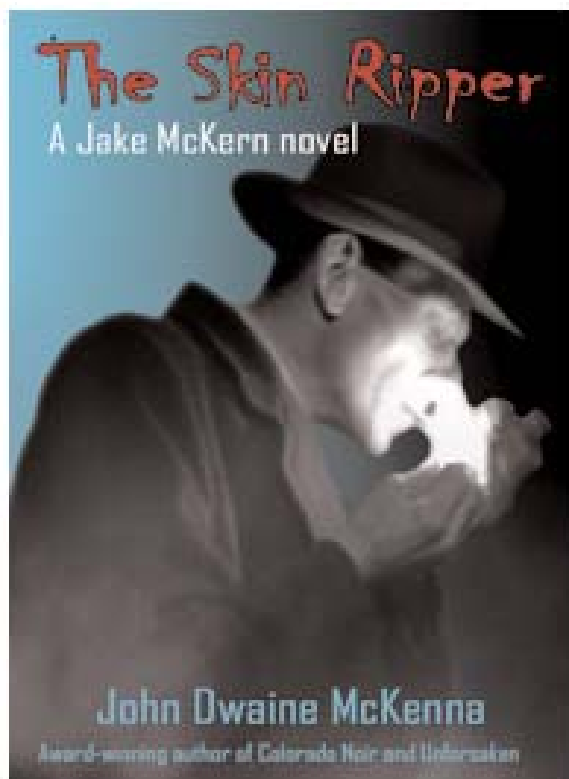
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Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Seeks Social Media & Marketing Partner

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce has announced the release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking a creative and motivated marketing partner to support its growing communication, branding, and promotional efforts.

The Chamber is looking for a qualified individual, marketing professional, or creative agency to provide social media management, content creation, marketing strategy, and advertising support on an ongoing basis - helping to tell the story of the Sullivan County business community and amplify the voice of its 500+ member businesses.

"This is an exciting time for the Chamber as we continue to grow our presence both online and in the community," said Ashley Leavitt, President & CEO of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce. "We are looking for someone who understands the fast-paced, ever-changing world of business and marketing - someone creative, flexible, and ready to engage with our local businesses and help promote all the amazing things happening in Sullivan County."

Scope of Services Will Include:

- o Social Media Management across platforms (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn)
- o Content Creation & Graphic Design for social and print materials
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 - o The Annual Fundraiser
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 - o The Bagel Festival
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- o On-site Content Capture at Chamber Events

The selected contractor will work closely with the Chamber's President & CEO, staff, and Board of Directors for an initial one-year contract period, with the potential for renewal based on performance.

Proposal Submission Details:

Deadline to Submit: Friday, May 2nd, 2025 by 1:00 PM

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Fallsburg Hires Samantha Lefberg as New Assistant Principal

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School is excited to announce its newest assistant principal, Samantha Lefberg.



After graduating from Pine Bush High School, Ms. Lefberg earned her undergraduate degree in Creative Writing and Spanish from SUNY Oswego. She went on to pursue a master's degree in Adolescent Education in Spanish at Brooklyn College. She soon began her career as a Spanish teacher at Brooklyn College Academy, where she

was a valued and active faculty member for over a decade.

Among her top priorities, Ms. Lefberg aims to foster a strong school culture, maintain high morale, and create a positive, energetic environment for both students and staff. "I'm just excited to become a part of the family, it seems very welcoming already," she said. "I'm eager to get to know the students and faculty."

Governor Hochul Announces Major Milestone for New York's Safe Options Support Program

Program Connects More Than 1,000 New Yorkers Experiencing Chronic Homelessness with Permanent Housing

Benchmark Reflects Ongoing Success of Statewide Program Aimed at Bringing Lasting Stability to Vulnerable New Yorkers in Crisis

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that the Safe Options Support (SOS) program has connected more than 1,000 New Yorkers experiencing chronic homelessness with permanent housing and stability. In total, the program has found permanent housing for 723 individuals in New York City and 285 individuals in areas of the state outside of the five boroughs, including Long Island and upstate.

"The Safe Options Support program has brought new hope and lasting stability to unsheltered New Yorkers, including many who have spent months and even years living on the streets," Governor Hochul said. "Through trust and support, these teams are helping vulnerable individuals - including many living with mental illness - attain permanent housing and start on the path to sustainable recovery."

Administered by the State Office of Mental Health, the SOS program has now helped permanently house 1,008 individuals, including 147 in OMH-licensed housing. With the first teams launched in Spring 2022, the SOS program now has teams canvassing all five boroughs of New York City, both counties on Long Island, and 19 additional counties across the state.

Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said, "From the initial contact on the street through when that individual is permanently housed, the SOS teams offer compas-

sionate, holistic care that is designed to build trust and provide critical support. These teams are building trust among New Yorkers with complex issues and helping them to thrive in their communities. Governor Hochul's steadfast support for this program is providing very tangible results across the state."

In addition to marking this latest achievement, Governor Hochul also announced the establishment of a new SOS team to assist older adults and individuals with chronic medical conditions in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens or the Bronx. Launched last month by the Bridge, this new team provides specialized support to individuals aged 51 and older and those with existing chronic medical conditions who are already enrolled in the SOS program.

The new team was established in response to the rapid increase to the number of older adults experiencing homelessness in recent years - a trend projected to continue and further accelerate. About 42 percent of individuals enrolled in SOS are 51 or older - including many living with unmanaged chronic disease but limited access to healthcare.

New York State Office for the Aging Director Greg Olsen said, "Supportive service models, like Safe Options Support, play a critical role in helping vulnerable individuals obtain and remain in stable, safe and suitable housing environments. Older adults have unique housing needs, including accessible health and community-based services, age-friendly community or building design features, and more. By addressing these needs holistically, the Safe Options Support approach builds on Governor Hochul's commitment to innovative programs that help New Yorkers of all ages."

State Senator Samra G. Brouk said, "Housing stability has a profound impact on the mental health of New Yorkers. As the rates of individuals experiencing homelessness increase, we need to invest in proposals like Housing First and the Safe Options Support program that secure permanent housing and can radically improve outcomes for those who are experiencing chronic homelessness. We must continue to invest in our communities in crisis, especially our older adults who face multiple barriers to stability and safety." (Contd. Pg. 39)



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Governor Hochul Announces Major Milestone for New York's Safe Options Support Program

(From Pg. 38) Assemblymember Linda B. Rosenthal said, "With hundreds of thousands of people battling homelessness and many more on the verge of eviction, now is the time for New York State to make strong investments in programs that help people access safe and stable housing. The Safe Options Support program has connected hundreds of people, including older adults and those with chronic medical conditions, with permanent housing statewide, enabling them to focus on their health and begin rebuilding their lives. As this program demonstrates, providing people with the support they need to access stable housing is the humane approach and pays off in dividends. We must continue our work of putting affordable housing within reach for all New Yorkers."

The SOS program now supports 28 teams statewide, including 17 based in New York City, 10 located in areas upstate and one on Long Island. In addition to providing coverage in all five boroughs, the program also supports a targeted response team dedicated to providing outreach in the Times Square area of Manhattan.

Later this month, OMH is also expected to launch two new teams focused on young adults in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Brooklyn. Operated by ACMH, these new teams will focus on individuals between the ages of 18 and 25, providing them with developmentally appropriate support and skill building that will help them thrive in the community.

The SOS program uses Critical Time Intervention, an evidence-based practice that helps connect vulnerable individuals in crisis to housing and supports, including critical mental health services. Teams work with individuals experiencing homelessness to strengthen their skills and support network so that they can be successfully housed, and their care can be transferred to community-based providers.

Services are provided for up to 12 months, pre- and post-housing placement, with an intensive initial outreach and engagement period that includes multiple visits per week. OMH coordinates with local mental health and social services departments, mass transit, and other organizations to identify priority areas based upon reported density and level of need.

The SOS program was initially provided \$21.5 million in the FY 2023 State Budget. Governor Hochul then expanded funding for the SOS teams to nearly \$30.1 million in the FY 2024 budget, \$35.2 million last year and \$32.9 in FY 2026.

In addition to this funding, the FY 2026 Executive Budget includes \$2.8 million to add street medicine and street psychiatry to SOS teams statewide. This funding will allow teams to provide immediate medical and psychiatric care to unsheltered individuals, improving the effectiveness and timeliness of outreach services.



Governor Hochul Announces Connectall Request to Bring Broadband to Hardest to Serve Areas of the State

Final Push To Award \$644 Million Federal Investment To Serve Every New Yorker: Initiative Targets Last 0.3% of Homes and Businesses Across the State

Caps a Two-Year Process To Map and Confirm Service for New York's Nearly Five Million Locations

Request for Applications Available Here, Submission Deadline May 5, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. ET

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the launch of the ConnectALL Deployment Program Request for Applications (RFA) for Priority, Reliable, and Alternative Technology Solutions, a critical milestone in the multi-year process to secure affordable, reliable, high-speed internet service to the final remaining unserved and underserved locations across New York State. (Contd. Pg. 48)

DEC Reminds New Yorkers to be 'BearWise' This Spring *Public Encouraged to Remove Bird Feeders, Feed Pets Indoors* **26th Annual Eastern Black Bear Management Workshop Held in Lake Placid**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton today reminded New Yorkers to remove or secure outdoor food sources that may attract black bears. Throughout the spring and early summer months, black bears have depleted fat reserves and will search extensively for easily obtainable, calorie-dense foods, which can lead to an increase in the potential for human-bear conflicts near homes and residential areas, especially before the spring green-up when natural food sources for bears are scarce.

"Across New York State, black bears are emerging from their winter dens looking for something good to eat, including human-created sources like bird feeders, grills, and pet food," DEC Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. "Repeated access to these food sources can make bears bolder, so DEC encourages New Yorkers to practice the BearWise basics to help keep bears wild and prevent the potential for human-bear conflicts."

DEC advises New Yorkers to reduce the potential for human-bear conflicts to protect bears and themselves by practicing the BearWise basics: <https://bearwise.org/six-bearwise-basics/>

- Empty feeders and clean spilled seed and let nature feed the birds from spring through fall.
- Secure or store garbage and recycling cans in a sturdy building.
- Clean and remove residual grease and food from grills and smokers.
- Keep pets and livestock food indoors; those with chicken coops or apiaries should consider installing an electric fence to protect flocks and hives.

Lastly, neighbors should alert neighbors to any bear activity so they can take these same precautions.

New Yorkers are advised to never feed or approach bears. Feeding bears intentionally is dangerous and illegal. Bears that become habituated to being fed can become a threat to people and property.

This week, DEC hosted the 26th Eastern Black Bear Workshop (EBBW). The EBBW is a biannual meeting of bear managers, researchers, and biologists from across North America that facilitates information sharing and collaboration to address the challenges facing bear conservation and management. In 1972, DEC hosted the first workshop, which included bear biologists from 11 U.S. states and the U.S. Department of the Interior. At the time, there were only approximately 2,000 to 3,000 black bears in New York. This year, more than 100 black bear management experts representing 25 U.S. States and Canada, as well as representatives from academia, national parks, non-governmental organizations, and private industry attended this event. DEC estimates there are currently approximately 8,000 bears in New York. This conservation success story demonstrates the effectiveness of DEC's science-based approach

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to black bear management in New York State. The knowledge and experiences shared at these workshops is invaluable to improving black bear management in New York.

By taking time to practice the BearWise basics, removing any unnatural food attractants and encouraging neighbors to do the same, New Yorkers are helping keep bears away from people, homes, and neighborhoods, and that helps keep bears healthy, wild, and safe

For more information on how to live responsibly with black bears, visit DEC's website at: <https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/black-bear/management/bearwise> and [Bearwise.org](https://bearwise.org).

More information on reducing backyard bear conflicts is available on DEC's YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xM2Et5xAgI4>

More information on reducing bear conflicts while camping is available on DEC's YouTube page:

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A 2024 interview with DEC Big Game Biologist, Brendan Quirion is available to download (video, 261 MB).

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/fs/programs/press/Fish&Wildlife/Black%20Bear%20Info.mp4>

NYS Environmental Conservation Police on Patrol

Multi-Regional Investigation Leads to Poaching Penalty - Greene County

A Queens County man recently appeared in court and paid a penalty for illegal deer hunting in Greene County last year following a months-long investigation involving ECOs, a Bureau of Environmental Crimes Investigator, and K9 Unit from three DEC regions.

On Dec. 7, 2024, Region 4 ECO Palmateer responded to a trespass complaint in the town of Catskill. The complainant reported hearing gun shots near his residence and claimed to witness a subject fire a shot at a wounded doe. The complainant said he confronted the subject, who then fled into the woods. Officer Palmateer arrived at the location, found the deceased doe, and determined the alleged trespasser likely discharged a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling without permission from the owner, which is unlawful.

Through an investigation, the Officer identified a possible subject from Queens who did not possess a Deer Management Permit for the wildlife management unit where he was hunting, precluding him from legally harvesting an antlerless deer. The next day, ECO Palmateer contacted Lieutenant Macropoulos and ECO Swart in Queens County (DEC Region 2) to interview the subject. The man admitted to shooting at the doe four times, as initially reported, but claimed he was not sure how far away he was from the residence when he fired.

On Dec. 9, 2024, ECO Palmateer contacted ECO Wood and his K9 partner CJ to help find shot components at the alleged shooting location. Officer Wood and CJ found four spent shotgun slug shells, along with other evidence consistent with the statement given by the subject. Each shell was located within 500 feet of a dwelling.

On Jan. 12, 2025, Investigator Sulkey re-interviewed the subject in Ulster County and during the interview, he admitted the shotgun shells belonged to him. ECO Palmateer charged the subject with discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling (four counts), the illegal take of a white-tailed deer, and taking an antlerless deer without a Deer Management Permit, all misdemeanors.

The subject answered the charges in the Town of Catskill Court on Feb. 13, and paid a total fine of \$702.50.

Bear Cub and Hunter - Greene County

On March 15, employees at



Hunter Mountain resort in the town of Hunter contacted DEC to report a bear cub along the Madison Square ski trail. Resort employees managed to get the bear off the trail and into nearby woods. ECOs Milliron and Palmateer responded to the location and discovered the cub hiding in tall grass

adjacent to the ski trail. The cub appeared malnourished and dehydrated, and was moving slowly with no mother in sight. The Officers contacted Friends of the Feathered and Furry (FFF) Wildlife Center in the town of Hunter for assistance and together managed to safely catch the cub as it unsuccessfully attempted to climb a small tree. The cub, believed to be more than a year old and weighing only 15 pounds, was transported to the rehab center where it will receive care until healthy enough to be released back into the wild. FFF reports that the young bear is improving and now weighs approximately 21 pounds.



DEC Announces Winner of "Create a Watershed Superhero" Poster Contest

Brooklyn Student from SEEALL Academy Selected as 2025 Poster Contest Winner

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton and the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) are pleased to announce the 2025 winner of the annual "Create a Watershed Superhero" poster contest for middle school students is Anna Tiudic from the SEEALL Academy of Brooklyn. Fourteen student artists were recognized as winners out of more than 700 submissions from 22 schools across New York State.



"The winner of the 2025 Create a Watershed Superhero poster contest reminds all New Yorkers of the everyday actions we can take to protect our watersheds and conserve water," Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. "DEC congratulates Anna Tiudic and all the student poster contest participants for their creative submissions and their burgeoning interest in environmental stewardship and protecting the state's natural resources." (Contd. Pg. 42)

DEC Announces Winner of "Create a Watershed Superhero" Poster Contest

(From Pg. 41) The annual poster contest encourages middle school students to learn about their role in protecting watersheds and how to conserve and safeguard water resources, now and for future generations.

"NYWEA is proud to take part in this poster contest with the DEC every year, and even more proud of all of the Watershed Superheroes we now have because of the involvement of the students and teachers who participated this year," NYWEA's Executive Director Khristina Dodson said.

The winning posters will be featured in DEC and NYWEA's 2026 annual calendar, with the top prize winner's art featured on the cover.

2025 Poster Contest Winners –Top Winner: Anna Tiudic: 8th Grade, The SEEALL Academy - Brooklyn

Also Recognized: • Ella Berlin: 6th Grade, Ichabod Crane Central School - Valatie

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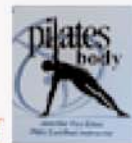
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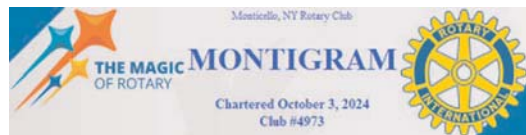
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From President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James

Happy Tax Day to all! Remember that through our foundation, your donations to the great work we do are tax deductible! Thank you for all you do to help us help others!

Guest Speaker: Dan Conniff - Scouting America

Dan Conniff of Scouting America shared the new way in which Scouting is serving both boys and girls in our community. Scouting teaches team work, self-awareness, fortitude, caring, kindness, and so much more. Dan is the Chief Operating Officer of - Scouting America - Greater Hudson Valley Council. His area covers 7 counties including Sullivan and goes all the way up to Albany County.



Dan will be working with the Monticello Rotary to increase participation with the Scouts for the Monster Run on August 3, 2025. In addition, President Lori Orestano-James shared that Troop 101 in Rock Hill is also holding their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, May 3, 2025 starting at 4pm at the Firehouse in Rock Hill. Mark your calendars to support our local Scouts.

Thank you to Les Kristt for setting up the guest speaker.

Guest Speaker This Week - Diane Seamen - Branch Manager Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union

A new business in our community, Diane Seamen will share with the Monticello Rotary the understanding of what a Credit Union offers as a member of the community and to its membership and what the HVFCU can bring to our Rotary Club in helping to reach out mission.



Thank you Barbara Carr for setting up this speaker.

Agenda for April 15, 2025

1. Meeting Called to Order - President Lori Orestano-James
2. Pledge Of Allegiance - Past President Barbara Carr
3. Introduction of Guests of Members - Full Membership
4. Guest Speaker - Diane Seamen
5. Committee Reports:
 - Taste of Sullivan - Helen Diehl
 - MJF Parkinson's Walk - Les Kristt
 - Scholarship Committee - Marty Miller
 - RYLA Update - Lori Orestano-James
 - Day of Service Food Drive - Lori Orestano-James
 - Rotary Radio - Rick Stein
 - BBQ - Alex Rey
6. Regional Updates/District Updates
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Happy Dollars
10. 50/50
11. Adjourn

Montigram President's Corner

(From Pg. 45)

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

Taste of Sullivan Committee Meeting - April 15, 2025, 5:30pm - Albella Restaurant (Please note - there BOD Meeting will be rescheduled as Helen needs this meeting involving many of the Board with one week out from this event.)

Taste of Sullivan - April 22, 2025, SUNY Sullivan, 6pm - 8pm

MJF Unity Walk for Parkinson's - Saturday, April 26, 2025, Hurleyville Rail-Trail 10:30am. Sponsored by the Liberty Rotary Club

Day of Service Food Drive to Benefit United Way - Saturday, May 17 9am - 1pm

Lastly, our meetings are hybrid. We would love to see you at our meetings either in-person or and/or Zoom. For those of you who attend regularly, we thank you for your commitment.

With Rotary Pride,
Lori Orestano-James
President Monticello Rotary 2024-2025

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Tantalize Your Taste Buds at the Monticello Rotary Taste of Sullivan!

Monticello - The Monticello Rotary Second Annual Taste of Sullivan in collaboration with SUNY Sullivan to benefit the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless will take place at the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse at SCCC on April 22, 2025 from 6pm - 8pm.

Over 20 Sullivan County restaurants, distilleries, and food distributors will be serving samplings of their culinary delicacies. From appetizers to desserts, participants will enjoy the multicultural and diverse eatery options in our area.

Students from the SUNY Sullivan Culinary Department, along with SUNY Rotaract Members and Monticello and Fallsburg High School Interact Clubs, will be on hand to showcase their culinary talents and assist in the operations of this event.

In addition, raffles will be available for gift certificates to the vendors present and many others throughout Sullivan County to help raise funds for this worthy cause.

Tickets are priced at \$40 per person and are available online:

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/PGFWGZAT853LN> or through Monticello Rotary members, contacting us at RotaryMonti@gmail.com, or by Facebook Messenger PM to our Facebook Page.

Any restaurant/distillery/food distributor who would like to participate, please contact us as indicated above.

TEAM Monticello Rotary Joins In Walk to Fight Parkinson's

The Monticello Rotary Club is joining in the Unity Walk raising funds to fight and find a cure for Parkinson's. Monticello Rotary Members Hudson Cooper and Les Kristt are co-chairing Team Monticello Rotary at the local Michael J. Fox Foundation Parkinson's Unity Walk sponsored locally by the Liberty Rotary Club. Under Cooper's and Kristt's leadership Monticello Rotary will solicit funds to garner much needed financial resources to eliminate this terrible disease. The local walk will take place on Saturday, April 26 at 10:30am on the Hurleyville Rail-Trail. It is an easy 1.3-mile walk that is quite scenic, pleasant, and will provide a first hand look of the beauty of Spring in Sullivan County. All are encouraged to join in the efforts walking/donating with the Monticello or Liberty Rotary teams. The walk is easy enough where children and grand children can take part making this a family fun event for a good cause.

To Join Team Rotary or find out more information on how to participate and/or make a donation, please contact Hudson or Les at RotaryMonti@gmail.com

Monticello Rotary has already pledged to donate \$250 for the cause with individual members of Rotary making donations to fight this dreaded disease. You can make your tax deductible donation and/or join the team at: <https://give.michaeljfox.org/team/651164> or by sending a check made out to Monticello Rotary with "Michael J. Fox Walk" written in the memo, and send it to Monticello Rotary, POB 444, Monticello, NY 12701. Thank you all for your help on this important project.

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More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

For any other questions
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Governor Hochul Announces Connectall Request to Bring Broadband to Hardest to Serve Areas of the State

(From Pg. 39) ConnectALL will accept applications from April 15 through May 5, 2025 to fund projects deploying traditional fiber optic, cable, hybrid fiber-coaxial, and licensed fixed wireless broadband service, and federally designated alternative technologies such as unlicensed fixed wireless and low earth orbit satellite services. Applicants can view the Request for Applications here and submit a proposal by May 5, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. ET. <https://broadband.ny.gov/connectall-deployment-program-request-applications-0>

"Today marks a watershed moment in New York's digital future as we launch the final application phase of our historic ConnectALL Deployment Program," Governor Hochul said. "Broadband is no longer a luxury - it's essential infrastructure for education, healthcare, economic opportunity, and daily life. With this program, we are ensuring that every single New Yorker, regardless of their zip code or economic circumstances, will have access to high-speed internet. By leveraging innovative technologies to reach our most remote communities, we are fulfilling our commitment to create a more equitable and connected Empire State."

Empire State Development President, CEO, and Commissioner Hope Knight said, "Closing the digital divide in New York requires innovative approaches and strong partnerships between government and the private sector. This RFA represents the culmination of years of strategic planning and implementation to ensure that all New Yorkers have access to affordable, reliable broadband service. By embracing a range of technology solutions, including alternative options for our hardest-to-reach areas, we are demonstrating our commitment to leaving no community behind in the digital age."

The RFA is open for applications and information on the Project Areas and eligible locations is available on the ConnectALL website. Organizations that have not yet completed the prequalification process, which was conducted from June 2024 to February 2025, will have an additional opportunity to submit these materials as part of their RFA response.

The Deployment Program is the component of the Governor's ConnectALL Initiative that exclusively addresses locations in the state that have no option for reliable, high-speed internet service. The Program launched in December 2022 with a statewide mobilization to improve the accuracy of federal broadband maps. ConnectALL, along with federal, county, and local partners, have since secured commitments for service for thousands of homes and businesses that allowed the Deployment Program to focus on approximately one percent of locations in the state. Following an earlier RFA that focused exclusively on fiber optic and other reliable solutions, ConnectALL is currently reviewing proposals to serve more than half of those locations. The Request for Applications announced today focuses on the approximately 20,000 homes and businesses that have not yet received proposals, do not have other commitments in place, and cannot currently be connected by a standard installation from an earth-based broadband provider.

ConnectALL will make the planned awards for the full \$644 million in federal grants available for public comment upon submitting them to the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for approval by the federally-mandat-

ed deadline of July 25, 2025. Pending NTIA approval, selected projects are expected to commence in 2025 with completion within four years.

Governor Hochul's ConnectALL Initiative

Governor Hochul has made expanding broadband access a cornerstone of her administration's efforts to create a more equitable New York. Through the ConnectALL initiative, New York State is investing \$1 billion to transform the state's digital infrastructure, enhance competition among providers, and ensure that every New Yorker has access to reliable, affordable high-speed internet. To date, ConnectALL has overseen the successful launch and implementation of several programs to advance broadband access, including:

- o The Digital Equity Program will invest \$50 million, including a federal allocation of at least \$37 million, to implement the New York State Digital Equity Plan to close the digital divide. On March 24, ConnectALL closed the Digital Equity Program Capacity Grant Request for Applications, through which ConnectALL expects to award approximately \$15.5 Million of the federal allocation.

- o The Affordable Housing Connectivity Program will provide up to \$100 million in grants to bring new broadband infrastructure to homes in affordable and public housing leveraging funds from the U.S. Treasury Department's Capital Projects Fund. The first awards under this program are securing \$10 a month broadband service and \$30 a month Gigabit service for over 14,000 low-income households in Buffalo, New York City and Rochester. The program continues to accept applications from internet service providers and expressions of interest from housing owners and public housing authorities.

- o The Municipal Infrastructure Program will fund broadband expansion projects owned by a public utility or publicly controlled. ConnectALL is accepting applications to Phase 4 through April 25, 2025. To date, ConnectALL has awarded over \$240 million through the program, funding construction of nearly 2,400 miles of broadband infrastructure that will reach 98,000 locations across New York State. Visit the ConnectALL Projects Dashboard for more information on Municipal Infrastructure Program projects.

- o The Connectivity Innovation Program advances innovation and new broadband solutions, business models, and technologies in order to increase private sector investment and entrepreneurship; drive equity and innovation in the broadband marketplace; and reinforce a thriving research, development, and manufacturing ecosystem to support connectivity innovation in New York. ConnectALL is accepting applications to the Connectivity Innovation - Mobile Service RFA through June 17, 2025.

State Senator Kristen Gonzalez said, "As Chair of the Senate Internet and Technology Committee, I'm proud to support the launch of this next phase of the ConnectALL Deployment Program. I want to thank Governor Hochul for her continued commitment to ensuring every New Yorker, in every part of our state, can access affordable, high-speed internet."

Assemblymember Steve Otis said, "Difficult to reach locations present the greatest challenge to providing all New Yorkers high-speed broadband access. This is a noteworthy request for applications that invites innovative and alternative approaches to provide access to hard-to-reach locations and underserved communities. Governor Hochul and Empire State Development's ConnectALL office are national leaders in the drive for broadband expansion by encouraging varied approaches that fit the situation. This Deployment program is another example of why New York's programs continue to break new ground."



Time and the Valley Museum's Community Takeout Chicken BBQ

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Governor Hochul Announces Home Energy Assistance to Help New Yorkers Stay Cool this Summer

• Program Provides Air Conditioning Units for Those Susceptible to Extreme Heat and Humidity, Older Adults and Families With Young Children
• Applications Accepted Beginning April 15

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that applications are open to help low-income New Yorkers stay cool this summer through the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). Overseen by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, the program will pay for an air conditioner for eligible households that include someone who has a documented medical condition exacerbated by extreme heat, or households with young children or older adults.

“High temperatures and humidity in the summer pose a grave threat to those with certain medical conditions, as well as older adults and young children,” Governor Hochul said. “This assistance is crucial for at-risk New Yorkers, and I encourage those who may be eligible to apply as soon as possible so they can stay cool in their home when the worst of the weather hits. My administration is committed to protecting vulnerable communities and ensuring every New Yorker has the resources they need and deserve to stay safe and healthy year-round.”

To qualify for federally funded cooling assistance, applicants must meet HEAP eligibility criteria and income thresholds, which vary by household size, and include at least one member of the household who suffers from a medical condition aggravated by extreme heat or is under age 6 or over age 60. For example, a family of four may have a maximum gross monthly income of \$6,390 or an annual gross income of \$76,681, and still qualify.

Applications for cooling assistance will be accepted beginning Tuesday, April 15, and funding is expected to be available through the beginning of June. New York State expects to receive its federally obligated funding for this program in the coming weeks to ensure those who qualify for assistance can receive it. Once again, the start date in mid-April will allow those who qualify to have their unit installed before the worst of the summer heat and humidity arrives. Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

The HEAP cooling assistance program covers the cost of an air conditioning unit and installation.

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Commissioner Barbara C. Guinn said, “This program is targeted at those who are at high risk in heat emergencies, but do not have an air conditioner or the means to purchase one. HEAP cooling assistance will help some of our most vulnerable residents to remain safely in their homes during heat emergencies and avoid the health risks posed to them by extreme hot and humid weather.”

Senator Charles Schumer said, “Every New York family and senior deserves a safe, affordable home with air conditioning to keep themselves and their children cool throughout the summer. I am fighting the Trump adminis-

tration's illegal firings of all federal LIHEAP employees to ensure residents in every corner of the Empire State can tap into the federal funds they need to deal with challenging air conditioning costs. I am proud to have turned up the heat on the feds to get them to deliver this emergency assistance to keep families and seniors safe and cool in their homes this summer, and thank Governor Hochul for her work ensuring vulnerable New Yorkers get the resources they need to make ends meet.”

Representative Paul Tonko said, “I've long been a proud supporter of programs that help families afford their home energy needs, and I'm thrilled to celebrate this critical initiative to protect at-risk New Yorkers from dangerous summer heat and humidity. As climate change continues to drive increasingly extreme temperatures, we must continue to invest in solutions like the HEAP cooling assistance program that help seniors, young children, and those with medical conditions stay safe and comfortable in their homes. I'm grateful to Governor Hochul for her leadership in expanding access to these life-saving resources.”

Representative Grace Meng said, “HEAP helps thousands of New Yorkers stay cool and afford their home energy bills throughout the hot summer months. Hot and humid weather can cause significant health risks, especially among older adults and young children. Thanks to federal funding, which I supported in Congress, this program is providing households experiencing the greatest needs with critical resources to stay cool as temperatures across the East Coast rise over the next few months. I encourage all eligible New Yorkers to apply.”

Representative Joe Morelle said, “As the Trump Administration continues their draconian cuts to services like the HEAP Program, I'm glad to see New York step up to the plate and do what is needed for our families. I'm grateful to Governor Hochul for her steadfast leadership, and I look forward to continuing our work together to protect and strengthen the resources people need to thrive.”

State Senator Roxanne J. Persaud said, “HEAP cooling assistance provides eligible individuals and families with an air conditioning unit to avert heat-related illnesses among seniors, children and New Yorkers with medical vulnerabilities. I encourage New Yorkers to apply for this important benefit while it is available.”

Assemblymember Maritza Davila said, “I commend Governor Hochul and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance for prioritizing the well-being of our most vulnerable New Yorkers through the HEAP cooling assistance program. As we continue to experience more frequent and severe heatwaves, access to air conditioning is not a luxury—it is a matter of health and safety, particularly for our seniors, young children, and individuals with medical conditions. This program is a critical step in ensuring that low-income households are not left behind. I urge all eligible New Yorkers to apply as soon as possible.”

Over the past five years, more than 87,000 households have received cooling assistance totaling more than \$67 million.

Residents outside of New York City may apply by contacting their local department of social services by phone or in person. New York City residents may apply in person at a local Human Resources Administration Benefit Access Center or online at access.nyc.gov.

Color Our World

with **LEGO** at the

Daniel Pierce Library

Up in the AIR Program Spring 2025

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Up, Up & Away (Grades 4-6) Wednesday, April 9

LEGO hot air balloon challenge. Think outside the brick and see how else you can use your LEGO pieces for this design! Team up if you'd like.

Treehouse (Grades 2-3) Wednesday, April 30

Build the ultimate backyard treehouse of your dreams, high up into the sky!

Balloon-powered Vehicle (UPK-Grade 1) Wednesday, May 7

Build a balloon-powered car that goes! Race your car with a friend and see how far it can travel.

Spring is in the Air (Toddlers Ages 3 & 4 years) Wednesday, May 14

This challenge will spark your child's imagination, inspiring them to think creatively about the limitless possibilities of what they can build with their LEGO bricks, from flowers and bugs to things that soar through the sky.

PLEASE NOTE: A parent or guardian must be present for your child to attend this program.

*Imagine, create and learn with **LEGO**!*

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

Register here: DPL Color our World

<https://www.danielpiercelibrary.org/pages/index/229643/color-our-world-with-lego>

Governor Hochul Celebrates April 11th as New York Craft Beer Day

Celebrates New York's More Than 500 Independent Craft Breweries That Support 22,000 Jobs and Generate \$4.8 Billion Economic Impact

Read Proclamation Here and View Photos of the Governor at the New York State Brewers Association Here

Governor Kathy Hochul today celebrated April 11 as the inaugural New York Craft Beer Day in New York State. New York is the second largest craft beer market in the U.S. and has more than 500 independent craft breweries who support 22,000 jobs and generate a \$4.8 billion economic impact across the state.

"Today, we raise a glass to more than 500 craft breweries across New York - small businesses that pour \$4.8 billion into our economy and flavor into our communities," Governor Hochul said. "On this Craft Brewers Day, let's toast their creativity, their grit and their impact. And remember - if you're going to celebrate, celebrate responsibly. Cheers!"

The Governor made this announcement at the recent New York State Craft Brewers Association Conference and competition in Albany where she awarded the 2025 Governor's Excelsior Craft Beer Cup to Brooklyn's Grimm Artisanal Ales for their Grimm Weisse wheat beer.

To commemorate New York Craft Beer Day, patrons can download the free Official New York State Craft Beer App, created by the NYS Brewers Association, to find local breweries and is the only app that offers a map of every brewery in the state. To commemorate Craft Beer Day, customers can earn the exclusive "Inaugural New York Craft Beer Day Badge" with any passport stamp on Friday, April 11th. For more information on the app, visit <https://thinknydrinkny.com/the-app/>.

Governor Hochul's Support for Craft Producers

In 2023, Governor Hochul signed legislation providing breweries the option to renew their licenses every three years instead of annually, saving brewers \$800 - or about 30 percent - in fees over three years. This change not only lowers costs but also reduces paperwork, allowing brewers to spend less time on administrative tasks and more time focusing on their craft and growing their businesses.

Additionally, recognizing the importance of helping craft producers open quickly, Governor Hochul signed legislation that went into effect in 2022 creating new temporary permits for all craft beverage manufacturers - including breweries. For the first time, manufacturers can now begin operating while their full liquor license is pending. These permits, which cost \$125 and are valid for six months, allow new producers to begin manufacturing and selling alcoholic beverages while they await final approval. Temporary permits are generally processed in under 30 days, compared to the average six-month timeline for full licenses - significantly accelerating the launch of new craft

beverage businesses across the state.

Continuing to build on New York State's push to modernize outdated Prohibition alcohol laws, in 2024, Governor Hochul signed landmark legislation that allowed New York's small craft manufacturers of spirits, cider and mead to ship directly to consumers. The law opens significant opportunities for the state's growing craft beverage industry by providing a vital market expansion tool - allowing these producers to ship their unique products directly to consumers within New York and across state lines.

The craft beverage industry also provides a boost to New York agriculture as New York State has seen increased interest in locally produced craft beverages in recent years. This interest in locally produced beverages has increased demand for locally sourced ingredients. To continue to support the research needed to develop crop varieties of hops and barley that are disease resistant and can adapt to the climate in the northeast, the 2024-25 NYS Budget included more than \$650,000 in funding to Cornell for the Geneva Barley program and the hops breeding program.

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "New York's world-class craft brewers are reflective of New York's long legacy in the craft brewery industry, committed to making the finest beers, using the very best ingredients, including those straight from the farm. I thank Governor Hochul for declaring today Craft Beer Day here in New York State; this celebration provides us all an awesome opportunity to recognize our brewers and their contributions to our local economies, from supporting jobs and tourism to boosting growth in the agricultural industry."

State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "New York's inaugural Craft Beer Day is a well-earned toast to the producers who've turned their passion into one of our state's most beloved agricultural sectors. From grain to glass, craft beer is creating jobs, contributing to the economic resurgence of our upstate communities, and keeping New York ingredients in New York products. Congratulations to all of this year's winners of the 2025 NYS Craft Beer Awards, including the outstanding brewers representing the Hudson Valley. We're thrilled to celebrate the care and craftsmanship behind every batch and the pride it brings to so many hometowns across New York State."

In addition, New York State, through its New York State Grown & Certified and Taste NY programs, continues to support New York's craft beverage industry and its' breweries through direct marketing, social media and a number of special initiatives and events that spotlight the industry, including at sports arenas and venues across the State. For example, Taste NY is partnering with Minor League Baseball teams across New York State again this year, and in 2024, brought the very best of New York's local food and beverages, including local craft beverages, to more than 1.2 million fans at stadiums across New York. In 2023 and 2024, Taste NY sponsored a Tasting Yard at the Great New York State Fair, which featured a rotating selection of New York State craft breweries over the course of the Fair, giving visitors a taste of New York's world-class craft beverage products and giving brewers the opportunity to meet new customers as nearly one million visitors come through the Fair gates.



Advancing the Budget Framework to Pave the Way for Trump's Tax Cuts

Americans gave Congressional Republicans a clear mandate: reduce out-of-control government spending, secure our borders, and reignite economic growth, and we will deliver. Thursday's vote marked the next step in fulfilling that mandate: beginning the drafting process for the one big, beautiful reconciliation bill. In this legislation, we are committed to preserving the historic tax cuts secured under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, enhancing border security, unleashing American energy production, reeling in our national debt, and locking in DOGE savings. Passing this bill reiterated House Republicans' commitment to finding at least \$1.5 trillion in spending cuts, saving the American people money from waste, fraud, and abuse while preserving essential programs.

Any effort to slow this momentum now would jeopardize our ability to deliver on what the American people overwhelmingly supported in the 2024 election, especially the Trump Tax Cuts. On December 31, 2025, the Trump Tax Cuts are set to expire, triggering an average 22% tax hike for American families. In addition, 2 million family-owned farms would have their death tax exemption slashed, and 40 million families would see their child tax credit cut in half. Preserving and expanding these tax cuts is essential for the financial security of every hard-working American.

House Republicans are taking decisive steps toward fulfilling our promises and advancing President Trump's America First agenda by kicking off the reconciliation process.

Supporting the SAVE Act

American elections should be decided by American citizens only. This week, I voted in favor of the SAVE Act to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, requiring individuals to provide proof of United States citizenship in order to register to vote in federal elections. This common-sense legislation, which passed the House this week, safeguards the principle that only American citizens are able to vote in our elections. It protects our most fundamental right by requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote. By passing the SAVE Act, House Republicans took a historic step toward restoring trust and strengthening the integrity of our electoral process.

President Trump is Committed to Countering Iran's Nuclear Proliferation

In his first term, President Trump's Maximum Pressure Campaign delivered successful results, crippling the Iranian regime and limiting its ability to spread terrorism and malign influence across the globe. By reinstating this strategy, the Trump administration is sending a strong message to Iran and the international community, reversing years of damage caused by the Biden administration's weak policies that have emboldened the IRGC. This week, I led a letter to President Trump, applauding his administration's strong efforts to disarm Iran and prevent it from developing nuclear-capable missiles or engaging in

nuclear weapons-related research. President Trump is proving his administration is committed to striking back against Iran, sending a clear signal that the United States will not allow Iran's proxies to operate with impunity.

As your representative in Congress, my top priority is championing legislative initiatives that benefit you and your families. Each week, I review numerous bills and letters, engaging in thorough discussions with members of our community to determine which actions to support and address your needs. Below are a few bills I recently cosponsored.

H.R. 833 the Educational Choice for Children Act: The bill would offer tax incentives for individuals and businesses that make charitable donations to scholarship funds. Incentivizing these donations will bolster scholarship programs that support low-income students by providing financial assistance for various educational expenses, such as tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment.

H.R. 2806, the Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act: This bill prohibits the sale and export of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) to China. Unfortunately, the Biden Administration was forced to sell off large portions of the SPR due to its misguided anti-American war on energy. Now, House Republicans are taking critical steps to ensure that this instrument of national security is not used to enrich foreign adversaries and remains viable for future generations to come.

H.R. 2042, the Space National Guard Establishment Act: This bill would establish a National Guard component to Space Force, allowing Space Force to leverage private sector expertise in their mission of defending Americans from cyber and satellite threats. Currently, many of these individuals serve through the Air National Guard, which creates issues with personnel codes and training opportunities. This bill is critical for our national security and would specifically help the 222nd CACS, which is part of the 107th Attack Wing of the New York National Guard.

H.R. 816, the Build the Wall Act of 2025: This legislation establishes a Southern Border Wall Construction Fund within the U.S. Treasury Department. The bill would rescind all unspent COVID funds and use them through this fund to construct a border wall on our Southern Border. This would give President Trump the resources he needs to secure our borders and protect our nation's citizens.

Transparency in Congress and a well-informed electorate are vital to preserving our self-governing Constitutional Republic. My constituents deserve to know how their members of Congress vote, which is why I have explained every vote I have cast in Congress since I was first elected.

To read more about my votes and see the full list with explanations of all the legislation considered this week by the House, please click here. <https://tenney.house.gov/about/my-votes-explained>

Thank you to ICE for Removing 133 Illegal Immigrants from Upstate New York

President Trump and Border Czar Homan are prioritizing getting the worst of the worst out of our country, and that includes some of the 133 illegal immigrants apprehended in the recent ICE operation in Western, Central, and Northern New York.

Under the Biden administration, CBP and ICE were unable to carry out their mission as Sanctuary City Governors and Mayors illegally allowed dangerous criminals to roam free throughout our towns and cities. Now, under President Trump's America First Agenda, these law enforcement officers are able to perform their critical national security mission, working diligently to make our country safer each and every day. Thank you to the courageous law enforcement officers for your dedication to public safety, and thank you to President Trump for upholding your commitment to getting these illegal immigrants out of our country. (Contd. Pg. 54)

This Week with Claudia

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A 50-year-old illegal alien from China convicted of assault.

A 42-year-old illegal alien from Mexico convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

A 24-year-old illegal alien from Ecuador with several convictions for DWI.

A 43-year-old H-2A visa holder from South Africa charged with distribution and possession of child pornography.

Monday, April 7, 2025

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 586, the Vietnam Veterans Liver Fluke Cancer Study Act. This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to carry out a study on the prevalence of cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer) in Vietnam-era veterans. Passing this will allow the VA to further study and understand the effects that military service during the Vietnam Era had on veterans' health and provide the necessary care for them. This passed the House by a vote of 411-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1039, the Clear Communication for Veterans Claims Act. This bill would require the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to assess and improve notices that the VA sends to individuals who file claims for VA benefits. Many times, veterans receive notices from the VA that are unclear and unnecessarily long. This commonsense legislation would ensure veterans receive notice letters from VA that are concise, understandable, and provide sufficient information for them to make informed, clear decisions on their claims for VA benefits. This bill passed by a vote of 412-0.

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1228, the Prioritizing Veterans' Survivors Act. This bill would clarify that the Office of Survivors Assistance at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is under the direct authority of the Office of the Secretary of the VA. This bill will help ensure survivors get the assistance they need, and ensure the proper oversight and accountability measures are taken within the VA for any waste, fraud, or abuse. This bill passed the House 424-0.

I voted "Yes" on S.J.Res. 28, Disapproving the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Defining Larger Participants of a Market for General-Use Digital Consumer Payment Applications." This joint resolution of disapproval overturns the Biden Administration's Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule adding regulations for nonbank entities like crypto and digital wallet apps. Specifically, this rule would have unconstitutionally expanded the CFPB's supervisory authority by bringing new entities such as PayPal or Venmo under direct oversight. These entities would be subject to extensive regulations that offer little to no consumer benefit. As a result, many digital wallet and peer-to-peer payment providers would be forced to stop offering these services, as the costs of full CFPB supervision would far outweigh the advantages. This joint resolution passed by a vote of 219-211.

I voted "Yes" S.J.Res. 18, Disapproving the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to

"Overdraft Lending: Very Large Financial Institutions." This Biden Administration rule was one of many one-size-fits all, burdensome government mandates levied on American businesses that limited industry growth and consumer choice. Under the CFPB's proposed regulation, financial institutions would need to treat overdraft services either as formal loans or adhere to strict fee limitations. This shift could make it financially unfeasible for banks to continue offering overdraft protection at current levels. As a result, many institutions may scale back or eliminate these services entirely, potentially leaving millions of consumers without a crucial safety net for managing short-term financial shortfalls. This joint resolution passed by a vote of 217-211.

I voted "Yes" H.R. 1526, the No Rogue Rulings Act. Since the beginning of President Trump's second term, partisan left-wing district court judges have been issuing nationwide injunctions on his lawful actions. These injunctions are not based in the Constitution, the law, or even fact, but rather a desire by these radical left-wing judges to stop President Trump from fighting for the American people by any means possible. This strategy is simply a continuation of President Trump's first term, where more nationwide injunctions were issued than during the Obama or Biden administrations combined. This bill would prohibit single district court judges from issuing nationwide injunctions and instead require a randomly selected three-judge panel to issue such an injunction. These injunctions would also be able to be appealed directly to the Supreme Court. I cosponsored this important bill to end the practice of these nationwide injunctions en masse by anti-Trump judges and ensure President Trump can continue his work to Make America Great Again. This bill passed by a vote of 219-213.

Thursday, April 10, 2025

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 22, the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act or SAVE Act. This legislation would amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, requiring individuals to provide proof of United States citizenship to register to vote in federal elections. Elections are the cornerstone of our constitutional republic, and the vast majority of citizens do not want noncitizens and illegal aliens to threaten our elections. We must defend this most sacred right and ensure only American citizens have a say at the ballot box. As Chair of the Election Integrity Caucus, I was glad to cosponsor and support this commonsense legislation. This bill passed the House by a vote of 220-208.

I voted "Yes" on Senate Amendment to H. Con. Res. 14 - Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2025 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2026 through 2034. This resolution contained budgetary instructions for Congress to produce legislation that ensures tax relief for working families and small businesses, reins in reckless federal spending, unleashes American energy, and secures our borders. On December 31, 2025, the Trump Tax Cuts are set to expire, triggering an average 22% tax hike for American families. In addition, 2 million family-owned farms would have their death tax exemption slashed, and 40 million families would see their household child tax credit cut in half. Preserving and expanding these tax cuts is essential for the financial security of every hard-working American. Passing this resolution is a decisive step by House Republicans towards delivering this tax relief, as well as reducing wasteful federal spending by at least \$1.5 trillion and cracking down on waste, fraud, and abuse while preserving essential programs.

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Leading Legislation to Designate the Finger Lakes Region as a National Heritage Area

The Finger Lakes Region is known for its rich, robust history and natural beauty, making it a strong candidate for designation as a National Heritage Area and have recently reintroduced legislation to officially designate the Finger Lakes as a National Heritage Area.

As a defining feature of New York's 24th District, the Finger Lakes are not only a natural treasure but also a vital part of our cultural heritage. Establishing the region as an NHA will help ensure its unique history and stories are preserved for generations to come.

It's an honor to champion this effort once again, and I'm eager to see our region receive the national recognition it so deeply deserves.



News from Representative Ryan

It was another busy week in Washington fighting to make the Hudson Valley more affordable, more safe, and more free. Here's how I've been working to make our community a better place for my family and for yours:

CONTINUING TO HOLD UNITED HEALTH ACCOUNTABLE

Last month, I launched a community inquiry about health care in the Hudson Valley.

The volume of responses, the specificity of issues, and the frankly heartbreaking stories involved are unlike anything I've seen in my time in Congress.

Hudson Valley families are getting screwed over, all so the largest health care company in the WORLD can continue to make billions.

Last week, I submitted every single piece of our data to the Department of Justice, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Federal Trade Commission for further investigation.

And I will push relentlessly for further action.

Because when our Hudson Valley community stands up with one voice, anything is possible.

If you've been impacted by Optum, you can fill out my survey [HERE](#).

Read more: Times Union: U.S. Rep. Pat Ryan releases 'shocking' results of Optum Health survey

<https://patryan.house.gov/serving-you/optum-survey>

FIGHTING AGAINST CORPORATE GREED

There's no capitalism without competition.

This week I proudly led a group of my colleagues in launching the new Monopoly Busters Caucus, a group of legislators committed to fighting corporate monopolies, like UnitedHealth, that are taking advantage of our constituents and driving folks out of business.

We're gonna fight back against these big, powerful, GREEDY corporations, hold the bad actors accountable, and ultimately put power back where it belongs: with the American people.

You can read more about the caucus here: Daily Freeman: Ryan joins other House Democrats to form Monopoly Busters Caucus <https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/04/10/ryan-joins-other-house-democrats-to-form-monopoly-busters-caucus/>

SPEAKING OUT FOR HUDSON VALLEY HEALTH CARE

Please join us for our next Community Speak Out! The event will focus on two critical issues that are deeply affecting our community: the negative impacts of healthcare consolidation in the Hudson Valley (specifically with Optum-owned practices) and cuts to Medicaid that could jeopardize the health and well-being of our neighbors.

RSVP HERE

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTdaKnJLTNAYNhav0xQMIs6vgAbXDp8Wt_eFeEvvtwCgN1g/viewform

RAISING THE ALARM AND FIGHTING BACK: HUDSON VALLEY FOOD BANK FUNDING CUT

We're all already feeling the crunch of the affordability crisis, and now Trump's USDA is ripping food away from hungry children - 2 MILLION meals in the Hudson Valley alone.

170,000 of our neighbors rely on the food bank every month. That's families going hungry. That's kids, veterans, and seniors going hungry. That's farmers going out of business. We need our entire Hudson Valley community to join together with one voice and demand that Trump and Secretary Rollins reverse this decision and restore critical funding immediately.

Read more: Daily Freeman: Ryan says federal cuts will result in 2 million fewer emergency meals in Ulster, Dutchess, Orange in 2025 <https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/04/09/ryan-says-federal-cuts-will-result-in-2-million-fewer-emergency-meals-in-ulster-dutchess-orange/>

ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE, RIGHT IN YOUR HOME TOWN

Amidst the cuts, closures and uncertainty with federal programs like Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare, we're marshaling every tool at our disposal to help folks with our C.A.R.E.S Van.

My team and I will be all over the district, bringing direct, one-on-one assistance to Hudson Valley families in their own communities. (Contd. Pg. 56)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 55)

Whether you need help with accessing a payment, or need assistance navigating a federal program, we are urgently working around the clock to get you the answers you need and services you deserve. We will also be accepting new submissions to our form on Optum - a United Health subsidiary. You can fill out the form HERE .

<https://patryan.house.gov/serving-you/optum-survey>

Our next two stops are this Tuesday, April 15th in LaGrangeville and Fishkill:

You can learn more about the C.A.R.E.S. Van here: Amidst Harmful Federal Cuts And Rising Health Care Concerns, Congressman Ryan's C.A.R.E.S. Van To Provide Assistance With Social Security, Medicaid, And Medicare

<https://patryan.house.gov/serving-you/optum-survey>

FIGHTING FOR VETERANS' HEALTH CARE

My fellow veterans risked their lives for our country - it is completely unacceptable that decades later, heroes who served in Vietnam still do not have the care they deserve.

That's why this week I was proud to pass my bill, the Vietnam Veterans Liver Fluke Cancer Study Act, with broad bipartisan support.

This legislation will finally help Vietnam veterans get the care our country owes them. I pushed hard to get this bill through the House, and will continue working with anyone and everyone to deliver for our veterans.

MARKING THE START OF PASSOVER

Chag Sameach to everyone across the Hudson Valley celebrating the beginning of Passover this weekend!

Wishing you and your family a happy & healthy holiday.

UNITED STATE SERVICE ACADEMY INFORMATION SESSION

Join my team Saturday, April 26th for an informative evening dedicated to YOUR path of service! Learn more about the U.S. Service Academies, meet active cadets and Midshipmen, and take the first step toward an extraordinary future!

CELEBRATING EXTRAORDINARY STUDENTS IN KINGSTON

First I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the incredible artistry and craftsmanship by Emma, a Kingston High School student in the Ulster BOCES welding and metal fabrication program, who was part of the SkillsUSA Welding Competition last weekend!

As well as the Cooper twins, who were named valedictorian AND salutatorian of their graduating class at Kingston High School!!

STANDING WITH HUDSON VALLEY LABOR

It was great to meet with more than 300 members of the New York State Building and Construction Trades Council for breakfast this week.

A special thank you to Hudson Valley BCTC President Todd Diorio for making the trip down to D.C.!

I will ALWAYS fight for our friends in labor.

GRANTS CORNER**APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:**

Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant Program (MPR)

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is preparing to launch a new grant program to fund the development and improvement of municipal parks and recreation sites. Funds for the MPR Grant Program are provided by the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022.

MPR funding is available for the construction of recreational facilities and other improvements to municipally owned recreational sites and parks. Examples include playgrounds, courts, playing fields, and facilities for swimming, biking, boating, picnicking, hiking, fishing, camping or other recreational activities.

Applications will be available March 19, 2025, through the on-line Consolidated Funding Application with a deadline of May 2, 2025, at 4 p.m.

\$80 Million in Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act Funding Now Available to Support Resiliency Initiatives

Last week, Governor Hochul announced \$80 million in new grant funding available to communities across New York State for climate resiliency projects. The grants, funded through the \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022, will support nature-based and green infrastructure projects designed to reduce flood risk and enhance community resilience to extreme weather.

The three resiliency related grant programs are:

Resilient Watersheds Grant Program: \$45 million will be made available through the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), building on the success of the Resilient NY program and advancing the State's goal of strengthening infrastructure and protecting New Yorkers from the impacts of extreme weather.

Coastal Rehabilitation and Resilience Projects Program: \$20 million will be made available through the Department of State (DOS) for coastal communities. The program prioritizes projects using nature-based solutions to enhance community resilience while also delivering environmental, economic and social benefits.

Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Implementation Projects Program: \$15 million will be made available through DOS for implementation projects that improve waterfront and watershed resiliency and reduce climate impacts, particularly flooding.

Applications for all three funding opportunities can be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) portal . Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2025.

Municipal Infrastructure Program (MIP)

ConnectALL's Municipal Infrastructure Program supports municipalities, state and local authorities, non-profits, and other entities to construct open access municipal broadband networks in their communities across the state.

Application Deadline: Due on April 25, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program

The DFC Support Program is the nation's leading effort to mobilize communities to prevent youth substance use. It provides community-based coalitions with up to 10 years of funding to promote positive youth engagement and address the local conditions that drive youth substance use. The grant is a 5-year grant with a maximum award of \$125,000 per year.

Apply for New (Year 1) Drug-Free Community Support Program Funding

Apply for Competing Continuation (Year 6) Drug-Free Community Support Program Funding

View DFC Applicant Training Webinar Recordings

Application Deadline: Due on May 5, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Veterans' Nonprofit Capital Program (VNCP)

Last week, Governor Kathy Hochul announced the availability of \$1.35 Million in capital grants to expand services for organizations that serve veterans, service members, and military families. Funding through the Veterans' Nonprofit Capital Program is provided for architecture, design, engineering, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or expansion of an eligible facility; and purchase of eligible furnishings or equipment.

Application Deadline: Due on May 30, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

If you want to stay up-to-date on all of that my office is doing, I encourage you to follow along on our social media channels: Facebook and Twitter .

Please remember that my office is always here to help if you have a question or need assistance. You can reach us using the contact information above and below and we will do everything we can to connect you with the resources you need.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

Here's what she's been up to this week:

1. Fighting Trump's tariff tax hikes

By instigating a global trade war, President Trump is playing games with the American economy, driving up costs for hardworking families, and fueling inflation. That's why Kirsten is fighting back against Trump's tariff tax hikes. This week, she joined a bipartisan bill to reestablish limits on the president's ability to unilaterally impose tariffs, and she signed a letter demanding that the Trump administration repeal their ill-conceived tariffs immediately. As Trump continues to cause economic chaos, Kirsten is doing everything in her power to shield New Yorkers from the administration's tariff tax hikes.

Read more. <https://www.wshu.org/long-island-news/2025-04-09/ny-tariffs-authority-kirsten-gillibrand>

2. Working to increase the minimum wage

No one working full-time in the United States should be living in poverty.

That's why this week, Kirsten joined 178 colleagues in introducing a bill to raise the federal minimum wage to \$17 per hour for all workers and gradually eliminate subminimum wages for tipped workers, workers with disabilities, and youth workers. A living wage is critical to make sure that Americans can pay their bills, feed their families, and put a roof over their heads, and Kirsten is determined to get this bill passed.

Read more. <https://cnycentral.com/news/new-york-news/senate-democrats-seek-to-increase-federal-minimum-wage-by-2030-money-house-financial-labor-paying-living-bills-feed-working-full-time>

3. Protecting Social Security

Social Security is a promise, not a political bargaining chip. The Trump administration's heinous staffing cuts, plans for indiscriminate closures of SSA field offices around the nation, and threats to limit to phone services are endangering older Americans.

That's why Kirsten is fighting back. Following her advocacy, the administration backed off of its plans to cut SSA phone services, announcing this week that these services will remain available.

This week, Kirsten continued her efforts to protect Social Security by leading a letter signed by 21 senators calling on the Trump administration and the so-called

Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) to stop their attacks on this vital program.

Read more

<https://oswegocountytoday.com/politics/gillibrand/senators-gillibrand-wyden-lead-a-group-of-21-senators-in-demanding-that-the-trump-administration-stop-their-attacks-on-social-security/>

4. Fighting for childhood education programs

Head Start and Early Head Start are the only federally supported early care and education programs specifically dedicated to serving low-income households. The Trump administration's decision to close Head Start's only regional office in New York will harm children and families across our state.

This week, Kirsten called on the administration to reverse its reckless decision to close the office and demanded answers about how it plans to ensure that the early childhood education, child care, health, nutrition, and family support services provided by Head Start can continue without disruption.

Read more

<https://www.nydailynews.com/2025/04/05/nycs-regional-head-start-office-shuttered-as-part-of-trump-admins-health-cuts/>

5. Working to preserve the Finger Lakes

Home to beautiful landscapes, rich history, and thriving small businesses, the Finger Lakes region of New York is a national treasure.

In recognition of all that this area has to offer, Kirsten is leading the push to designate the region as a National Heritage Area. This designation will promote tourism, create jobs, conserve natural resources, and make sure local communities have what they need to thrive for years to come, and Kirsten is committed to getting it done.

Read more. https://www.fltimes.com/news/sen-kirsten-gillibrand-and-rep-claudia-tenney-push-heritage-area-designation-for-finger-lakes/article_11522c2e-0422-4b58-9575-93e6c484c118.html

6. Helping constituents fight credit scams

When a Chautauqua County senior discovered a fraudulent charge on his credit card statement from a country he had never traveled to, he reached out to Kirsten's office for help.

Kirsten's team contacted the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to request a review of the issue, and the constituent was refunded for the \$1,800 charge to his credit card.

Individual casework is Kirsten's top priority. If you need help with any federal agency, contact her here. <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-yorkers/>

MEET THE TRI-VALLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Candidates Night

Open to the Public



Thursday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m.



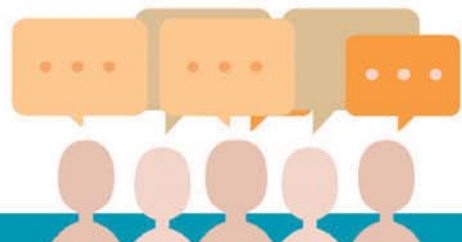
Secondary School Collaboration Space



Light Refreshments will be served



Submit Candidate Questions:
trivalleyta@gmail.com





Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Craft and Vendor Fair & Community Yard Sale

All Vendors are wanted!

New, Used, and Handmade items -- Something for Everyone!!

When: Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

Rain or Shine

Where: Claryville Fire Dept.
1500 Denning Rd
Claryville, NY 12725

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

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

Regulations for Sellers:

- Open to all sellers, artisans, antique dealers, and crafters on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **No food vendors or baked goods** (sold exclusively by the fire department).
- Food will be available for purchase throughout the day.
- **Fee:** \$20 per table (8 ft long or 8 ft picnic table). If an outlet is required, the fee is \$25 per table. Tables are provided.
- **Claryville Fire Dept. is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen merchandise**

For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer at 845-807-6563; email at claryvillefd@gmail.com.

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



Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Craft and Vendor Fair & Community Yard Sale

Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Description of Merchandise: _____

of tables needed: _____ Electricity needed (*inside the building only*): Yes ___ No ___

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

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

*****spots inside the building are first come first serve based on postage date of application*****

Pavilion: _____ Inside the building: _____

Amount Due: _____ Check if paid: cash: _____ check #: _____

Signature of vendor: _____ Date: _____

Cost: \$20.00 per 8ft table or \$25.00 an 8ft table with *electricity*. *Please note vendor spot fee is nonrefundable * Initials _____

Donation for door prize (item donated by vendor for raffle) Yes ___ No ___

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

****I understand that Claryville Fire Dept shall not be held responsible for any lost, damage or stolen merchandise**** Initials: _____ date: _____

Vendors are responsible for leaving their area in the same condition as they found it.

Registration forms and payment must be submitted by July 1st to reserve your spot!

****Payment will no longer be accepted the day of the event! ****

Make checks payable to Claryville Volunteer Fire Department

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello



**THE NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION
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ON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th from 10 am-6 pm (raindate Sept. 21)

At the

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIRGROUNDS

8230 State Route 55, Grahamsville NY

*This year we are featuring **MASSEY-HARRIS, FERGUSON & MASSEY-FERGUSON** Tractors
BUT ALL tractor makes and models are welcome to participate.*

Trophies will be awarded to working Tractors, Hit & Miss Engines and Garden Tractors

*Joining us this year will be the **Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club**, the
Catskill Region AACA Car Club and Knife Sharpening by the Buley Family.*

Join us for a day of family fun with antique tractors and machinery; classic cars; demos of sawmills, shingle mills & hit & miss engines; crafts, yard, and machinery sales; food including the Grahamsville Fire Dept. BBQ, beer garden served by Bridge & Tunnel; live entertainment with Jon Zanger & DJ Mark Hyzer; antique household & farm machinery museum; hayrides, kids pedal tractors, Timmy the Train & MORE

Get your tickets for our 50/50 Raffle. \$5 a ticket with the drawing at the show.

NRAMA is a 501-c3 non-profit organization. All proceeds benefit our Scholarship Program.

For More Information contact: **Paul Kelly @ 845-985-0081** or **Cher Woehl @ 845-985-2401**

Or check us out on FACEBOOK @ <http://www.facebook.com/groups/399517618394690>

NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 393, Grahamsville, NY 12740

The purpose of the NRAMA Scholarship is to encourage graduating high school seniors from Sullivan County to pursue secondary education opportunities in any field related to either heavy equipment, automotive mechanics or agriculture at any accredited academic or vocational school. The scholarship will be awarded annually to one individual selected by the NRAMA Scholarship Committee. The Value of the scholarship is \$500.00, and is non-renewable. Scholarship proceeds will be utilized for tuition, fees or books. In addition, the winner will also receive a one (1) year membership to the NRAMA.

The scholarship monies will be distributed after proof of obtaining a 2.0 or higher GPA and completion of first semester. Facility must send proof of GPA and semester completion.

The Applicant may use the scholarship to study any field related to heavy equipment, automotive mechanics or agriculture at any accredited academic or vocational school.

To be eligible, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in your Sullivan county home school and career and technical education during Junior and Senior years.
- Illustrate a commitment to the fields of heavy equipment, automotive mechanics or agriculture by either graduation from a related program at Sullivan County BOCES or related work efforts outside of school.
- Be accepted as a full time student at an accredited academic or vocation institution

Submit a completed application to the NRAMA by May 2nd, 2025.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State: _____ Phone: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____

What school(s) have you applied to? _____

What school(s) have you been accepted at? _____

What is the course of study? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please write a brief essay describing your career goals and what you hope to gain by furthering your education and what you may bring to our club in the future. Also include with this application one letter of recommendation from a teacher, educator or employer.

Please mail completed application to: NRAMA Scholarship Application
P.O. Box 393
Grahamsville, NY 12740

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Tri-Valley Central School
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, NY 12740

Check in at 9 A.M. and Race start at 10 A.M.

\$20 race fee, which includes a t-shirt, color packet and bib.



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Join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of
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Location:

126 Seward Ave

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For More Information Call

845.343.4284

*Please RSVP
Seats are limited*

Eligibility & Pre-Registration is required.



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Introducing
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Now you can sip, relax and read all in one place.

Get cozy and caffeinated while you enjoy a delicious cup of coffee
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You can:

Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee from Happy Belly for \$2. Choose the perfect
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Pick out a book to buy and take home or dive into it right here.

Sit back, sip your coffee and enjoy a peaceful moment.

Whether you're looking for your next page-turner or
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SEE ANY MEMBER OR
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
CHIEF NOLAN AKERLEY - 845.707.2975
ASSISTANT CHIEF ERIC AKERLEY - 845.707.1483

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The Daniel Pierce Library

Spring Children's Programs 2025

The library is a wonderful place to ignite your child's love of reading!

Calling all caregivers and their little ones, ages 12 months to 4 years, who live in the Tri-Valley Central School District! We've got some awesome programs lined up just for you. The spring session will kick off the week of April 21st and run for eight fun-filled weeks. It's completely free, thanks to the kindness of our amazing community! Registration is a must.

Mother Goose Time (12-23 months)

Beginning Wednesday, April 23rd

Toddler Time (24-35 months)

Beginning Thursday, April 24th

Story Hour (3 and 4 year-olds)

Beginning Friday, April 25th

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour

Our "Story Hour on the Road" program visits the three UPK classes at Tri-Valley Central School. Children will be registered at school.

*Register
Today!*



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Join us to discover valuable information about personal experiences with food, cooking and health, and set goals for a healthier life.

**What motivates you to nourish and take care of your body?
What are other ways you can take care of yourself?**

Map out a healthy vision for the future then identify smaller steps that support the vision. Enjoy a food demo!

Presentation by Mary Brimmer, SNAP-Ed Nutritionist

Tuesday, April 29 1:00pm
Ellenville Senior Housing Community Room
Call 845-647-6400 ext. 281 to register

THE FARM-ACY AT ELLENVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Come pick up some FREE healthy fruits and vegetables April 10 and 24, from 4 to 6pm!
**or while supplies last*

NEW LOCATION FOR 2025!

Location
ERH Main Lobby
Park and walk over to the main lobby
Lobby will not open for Farm-acy until 4PM.
10 Healthy Way, Ellenville NY 12428
Call (845) 647-6400 ext. 215 for questions.



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The MBK Family and Community Engagement Program in collaboration with Ellenville Regional Hospital RHN, SNAP-Ed New York & Cornell Cooperative Extension Invite Families and Students to take part in upcoming Family Workshops

Join Us For...

- Family Fitness Class
- Family Dinner & Nutrition
- Social Education Presentation
- Raffle Prizes
- Childcare is Available

**2025 Dates:
May 12, June 9**

5:00-7:00pm at Ellenville Jr/Sr High School




**Saturday
April 26
6-8pm**

SPRING FUNDRAISER

Join the Friends of the Olive Free Library for a Dolly Parton-filled evening of food, fun, and music! Celebrate the legend and her Imagination Library.

Dolly Forever!

Live music by Critter Bonus, playing Dolly's greatest hits
Dinner with Dolly's Southern favorites (hello, chicken & dumplings!)
Reading and stories from local author Holly George-Warren, co-author of *Behind the Seams: My Life in Rhinestones*
Best Dolly Costume Prize!

**Tickets: \$45 each
RSVP by April 20**

OLIVE SENIORS

When: 2nd Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m.

Where: American Legion Hall*

What: Guest speakers covering topics like CPR, wildlife, Ashokan Reservoir, etc. & visits from local vendors like the Catskill Visitor Center and Fruition Chocolate

Shuffleboard: meets January-May every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-noon**

* 26-28 Mountain Road, Shokan, NY, handicap accessible, bathrooms on site

** follows Catskill School District calendar and is cancelled when Catskill school is closed due to a weather event

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Liberty Diner 10% OFF Excludes all other locations. Liberty, Monticello, Kingston, Middletown, Kerhonkson, Ellenville.	Check & Ribs 15% OFF CASH SPECIAL 10% OFF Excludes all other locations. Liberty, Monticello, Kingston, Middletown, Kerhonkson, Ellenville.	Liberty Farm Plus FREE 1/2 Dozen Large White Eggs with a \$10 Purchase Excludes all other locations. Liberty, Monticello, Kingston, Middletown, Kerhonkson, Ellenville.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

March 20, 2025

UCTC Year 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update



The Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) has initiated an update to the Long Range Transportation Plan for year 2050.

To learn more about the plan's schedule, upcoming meetings, and how to participate in our survey, please visit our website at <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/admin/projects/mobility-2050>

Long Range Transportation Plan

The Ulster County Transportation Council's (UCTC) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) looks ahead twenty-five years to establish a framework for the safe and efficient development, management, and operation of surface transportation systems. Updated at least every five years, the plan covers the UCTC's Metropolitan Planning Area, which is all of Ulster County. This long-term perspective is especially valuable, as transportation projects often require significant time to progress from concept to planning, design, and ultimately, construction. The LRTP plays a key role in guiding priorities and decision-making for the region's transportation system.

Take Our Survey!

Take the LRTP 2050 survey here: www.fhstudio-apps.com/arnie/#/workshop/UCTCRTP and have your say!

Written comments or hard copies of the survey may be requested through the Ulster County Transportation Council, c/o Brian Slack, 244 Fair Street, PO Box 1800, Kingston, NY 12402-1800 or emailed to bsla@co.ulster.ny.us. The public comment period ends Monday June 30th, 2025, at 5:00pm.

Check back for updates on stakeholder meetings, pop-events, and more!



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By Any Means Necessary:

Retracing Algonquin Portage Routes in New York
A multi-media presentation by author Evan Pritchard

The Shandaken Historical Museum

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845-254-4460

Saturday, April 26th 1:00-3:30



Retracing Algonquin Portage Routes in New York's Catskills from Esopus Creek to Rondout Creek, to Chestnut Creek, to Neversink River, to the Mongaup Valley, to Callicoon Creek, and the Delaware River, including:


Willowemoc, Shandaken, Bushnellvillekill, Stoney Creek, Mongaup Valley, Mamakating, Walkill Valley, Mohakinsink, and Wawarsing.

Learn how they were all interconnected into one large transportation system via the use of portaging routes which developed into the highways and the back roads of the Catskills. Evan Pritchard is a descendant of the Micmac people, founder of the Center of the Algonquin Culture and the former Professor of Native American History and Ethics at Marist College.

He is the author of *Native New Yorkers*, *The Legacy of the Algonquin People of New York*, the widely praised *No Word For Time*, *The Way of the Algonquin People*, and many other books, including an Algonquin language series.

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Contact Rebekah at rumarbashar@asfl.org for more information.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM

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Contact Anne-Marie at afreitas@asfl.org for more information.

EVERY 2ND & 4TH

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM

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**Jesus of
Nazareth**

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

Genre Biblical Based on *The
Gospels*



Jesus of Nazareth
(Italian: Gesù di Nazareth) is a
1977 British-Italian television
drama serial directed by Franco
Zeffirelli and co-written by
Zeffirelli, Anthony Burgess, and
Suso Cecchi d'Amico which
dramatizes the birth, life, min-
istry, crucifixion and resurrec-
tion of Jesus. It stars Robert
Powell as Jesus, and features an

all-star cast of European and North American actors, includ-
ing 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 situ-
ations were invented for the film for brevity or dramatic pur-
poses. *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 feed-
ing 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 posi-
tive reviews. Particular praise is often given for Robert
Powell's portrayal of the religious leader. Ian McShane's por-
trayal of Judas Iscariot, the disciple who betrayed Jesus, was
also well received.

Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Russell Crowe

This weeks' Trivia question: What famous song writer had a
home in Lew Beach located in Sullivan County and wrote the
song "Easter Parade"?

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S ON AMAZON PRIME / IMOB PASSOVER / EASTER SUNDAY

BEN-HUR

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

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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 was completed 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 wide-screen 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)

Happy Easter

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