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Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk - May 4, 2024



Journey for Sight 2023

It is that time of year again for The Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk, which will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building, with registration starting at 8:30am. Once again, the Neversink General Store is generously providing breakfast items, such as bagels, rolls, cakes, butter, cream cheese, and coffee. Bottled water will also be available to all Walkers, Volunteers, and anyone else who would like to stop by the First Aid Squad Building. If you just want to know what The Lions are and what we do, feel free to stop in and join us. We expect that the Fire Department will join us again for this year's walk. We hope to take a group photo outside of the First Aid Squad Building at about 8:45am on Saturday, and the Walk will start at 9:00am around the Fairgrounds. The first 75 registrants will receive a Tri-Valley Lions keyring flashlight. Doors will open at 8am for those who want to come early and enjoy refreshments and speak to Lion members. (Contd. Pg. 4)



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On the Front Burner: Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. Acts 15:18

DAYS OF YOKE...

Today's History

May 12, 1954

Sunday, May 9th, marked the eighteenth anniversary of the coming of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Milton Harris to the Lows Corners Baptist Church. In the past eighteen years Rev. and Mrs. Harris have been active in community affairs and have extended their influence far beyond the limits of their church.

Bruce Clark has rented the corner garage from Horace Curry and will be open for business in a short time.

The marriage of Miss Myrtle Warren, daughter of Mr. W. Warren of Walkkill and Mr. Roy Dymond, son of Mr. Isaac Dymond and the late Berta Wright Dymond, has been announced. The couple has been living with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dymond of Rt. 55A for the present time. Mr. Dymond, who was recently discharged from the Army, has employment with the Railway Co. at Walkkill.

April 22, 1964

Mabel Slater of Claryville died at the Liberty Loomis Hospital on Monday morning, April 20th. Mrs. Slater, 75, is survived by her husband, Harvey Slater. She was a retired school teacher. She was born in Claryville, Ulster County, on March 2, 1889, a daughter of the late Jarius and Jenny Gillette TerBush. She was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church in Claryville.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clark Ryan of Peekamoose on their 50th wedding anniversary this week. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ryan are mountain born, Bessie at Claryville and Clark at Red Hill. An Open House will be held at the R.D. Church Hall in Grahamsville on Sunday afternoon.

May 1, 1974

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zanetti and Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Many spent Sunday, April 21st, in North Plainfield, N.J. where they attended the baptism of Kristen Ann O'Brien at Grace Methodist Church. The baptism was performed by the Rev. Irving Marsland, maternal grandfather of the infant. Mrs. O'Brien is the former Lynn Marsland and little Kristen wore the lovely baptismal dress that has now been worn by four generations of the Marsland family.

Miss Carol Taylor Bradford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis E. Bradford of N.Y.C. and James L. Greenwald of Cobleskill were married on April 6th. Mr. Greenwald is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George of Sundown.

April 26, 1984

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Ben Davis of Davis Lane, Grahamsville on the death of her daughter, Mrs. Agnes Lamborghini unexpectedly at their camp in Peekamoose. Burial will be in Sandwich, Mass.

Cindy Krum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krum of Neversink, was crowned 1984-85 Loyalty Day Queen of the Dennis Ackerley VFW Memorial Post # 8648 during a contest held on the evening of April 7th. Cindy received a \$25 check and a beautiful bouquet of red, white and blue carnations.

Tidbits: (from the pen of Tom Higgins)

Some 50 countries have successfully tapped geothermal steam and applied it to generating electricity and to other practical uses. By the year 2000 geothermal steam could account for about 5% of this country's energy needs.

From the May 2, 1996 issue of *The Townsman*:

About forty friends and relatives stopped by on Wednesday, April 24th, to wish Beatrice Akerley of Neversink Road a happy birthday.

Among well-wishers were five of her six children" son John Akerley, daughters Sarah Audrey Curry, and Minnie Stewart, All of Neversink; and daughters Ella Charter and Vera Atkins of Grahamsville.

Mrs. Akerley was kept busy much of the day answering the telephone. Among the callers were her two sisters, Edith Mears of Livingston Manor and Esther Hill of Kerhonkson.

Beatrice received many gifts and cards.

From the April 24, 1997 issue of *The Townsman*

The friends and family of **Beatrice Akerley** wish her a very **happy 94th birthday on April 24**. The community has been blessed with her stories about "the good old days" for some time now, and we have all enjoyed these humorous and entertaining pieces dealing with rural life in our area. As a valued member of our *Townsman* staff, we all wish you a very memorable birthday. Congratulations Beatrice.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published April 9, 1998

Memories are a lot like true friends - The very best ones will always be there for you. I have memories that go back to childhood when things were a whole lot simpler and life didn't seem to go by in a blur. Memories of living on the "Old Man Davis Farm" with my husband, step-children and our children. How great it felt to see the first signs of spring when the thaw gave way to brilliant daffodils. The cure for cabin fever had arrived.

Memories of the kids' happy faces as I arranged their flowers in a jelly jar are vivid as ever. Then there were memories of my clothesline being mysteriously shortened as jump ropes blossomed in our driveway. Hopscotch squares were scratched in the soft dirt and the boys were playing mumble-peg with their Christmas jack knives.

In order to hang out the wash, I had to dig up more rope for the clothesline. Hanging laundry out to dry never seemed like work on the "Old Man Davis Farm." One reason for this was the view from the backyard. It was so breathtaking, rolling hills stretched away in the distance across the fields of green and Ross Bonnell's red barn and white farmhouse were nestled among the trees on his farm miles away.

Yes, memories are great friends and I have a good many of each. Every day brings more and the very best ones will always be there forever.

ED NOTES: Beatrice Akerley was born on April 24, 2903. She was a life long local resident. Beatrice wrote *Looking Back* for *The Townsman* for many years. Her little stories reflected her memories of her simple but beautiful life.

Beatrice passed away on April 29, 1999 at the age of 96. Her spirit lives on for all to enjoy, in her collection of writings - *Looking Back!*

Happy Birthday Beatrice!

Household Hint:

Old Credit Cards Make Great Scrapers

Old credit cards make great scrapers - perfect for getting spilled food off the floor, and stubborn stuff that doesn't wipe easily off counters, like spilled pancake batter. Also try them for scraping the inside of the microwave, and for scraping baking sheets.

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

Cherry Blossom Paint the Town

It's that time again when driving along Route 55 from Sundown to Grahamsville we see all the Kwanzan - Japanese Flowering Cherry Trees gracing the hillsides, especially near Rocky Hill and Eureka Road.

How did these beautiful trees get there?

In 1910 a shipment of 2,000 Japanese flowering cherries was sent to Washington, D.C. as a gesture of friendship, hoping to smooth over ongoing immigration tensions. Unfortunately, inspectors with the Department of Agriculture under the Taft



administration found the trees full of insects and diseases and recommended they be burned. This nearly created a diplomatic crisis! The decision to burn the trees required approval from the secretaries of state and war as well as President Taft himself.

By 1912, Tokyo mayor Yuko Ozaki remedied the situation and sent 3,020 more cherry trees, which the Department of Agriculture accepted. First Lady Helen Taft and Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, ceremonially planted the first two trees that still remain standing on the north bank of the Tidal Basin just west of Independence and 17th streets in Washington, D.C.

But Washington was not the only city to receive flowering cherry trees. Flowering cherry trees were also presented as a gift from the Committee of Japanese Residents of New York as part of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration in 1909, a year earlier than those first sent to Washington, D.C., commemorating the 100th anniversary of Robert Fulton's innovative demonstration of the steam-powered boat on the Hudson River and the 300th anniversary of Henry Hudson's discovery and exploration of the river. However, the steamer that carried the original delivery of cherry trees from Japan was lost at sea. The new shipment of trees arrived in New York City also in 1912. They were planted in Clairmont Park, now known as Sakura Park, on April 28th, of that year.

The Brooklyn Botanical Garden founded in 1910 eventually included The Japanese Hill-and-Pond Garden, designed by landscape architect Takeo Shiota. It was completed in 1915 and was the first public Japanese garden in the United States.

A great feature of the Empire State landscape is that flowering trees like the Kwanzan flowering cherry trees grow well in NY. If you take a ride to Ellenville this time of the year, you will also see a splendid display of these beautiful trees that made their way up to our own local landscape, especially across from the Eagle's Watch, and that was where the trees that are dispersed over Rocky Hill came from.

Quite a few years back, local resident, Raymond Hornbeck planted a few flowering Kwanzan trees that I believe came from near the old Yama Farms in Napanoch. He planted them around their new home. Looking back, that was over sixty years ago! Now those spectacular little trees are full-size filled with clusters of cherry pink blossoms. With the help of little creatures and Mother Nature, the small black fruit of the original trees and their offspring have spread over the hillside and in the valley heading toward Sundown. You can see, the flowering cherry trees adapted quite well in their new location and created their very own natural garden.

Kwanzan cherry trees (*Prunus serrulata*) are members of the rose family. They are flowering trees classified as deciduous that grow to about 25 feet in height in soil with very good drainage. The alternating leaves are ovate to lanceolate shape with serrated margins. They are often reddish-copper as they emerge, turning dark green by summer and yellow, orange or bronze in the fall. With their delicate pink flowers blossoming before their leaves fully emerge, there can be no mistaking them when they are seen.

Kwanzan has not only become a symbol for our whole nation - but a treasured gift, right here in Grahamsville, that will be appreciated for generations to come. Celebrate Arbor Day on Friday; take a ride out to see for yourself and don't forget to bring your camera!

Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk - May 4, 2024

(From Pg. 1) If you have any questions about The Journey For Sight Walk or would like to register in advance, please call Lion Esta Jacob, Director and Chairperson for the Walk at 845-985-2927 or email ejacob4848@gmail.com, and she will be glad to answer questions you may have about the Walk. We look forward to seeing you on May 4, 2024.

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 47th 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 srecords@hvc.rr.com

The Largest Collection of Dave Channon *Scrap*tures in the World! *First International Sculpture Day*

Saturday, April 27 and 28 all day

Pleasure yourself with *Scrap*ture - Scrap metal sculptures that deliver rapture. Popeye is having a fling with Mermaid. Napoleon is complex. Will gorgeous Galatea kiss Mr. Toad the 8 foot fly gobbler? Will Detroitus the discus hurler ever ride Chariot Zero G? Over a dozen more inspired misconceptions - with attitude, animated personality and anatomically incorrect engineering. Many call it Delight Manufacturing. I call it *Scrap*ture.

Unwind behind a tiny frog pond, a Yurt and many berry bushes. Watch the veggies grow.

Let Dave's *Scrap*tures withstand the withering weathering of time instead of you. Some of those corroded implements are over 200 years old! They ignore gravity, use deceptive means of support and appear dynamically imbalanced. They are funny. They are ready when you are. They can be had. Check out Dave's anarchic welding studio and five more *Scrap*ture parks near Phoenicia.

You can always call (845) 688-2977 or email Dave@EsopusCreek.com and drop by for a visit.

See the major collection at Dave Channon *Scrap*ture Studio: 247 Broadstreet Hollow Off Rt. 28, 3 miles west of Phoenicia

See more Dave Channon *Scrap*tures at:

Shandaken Inn - 1 Golf Course Road (off Rt. 28 near Big Indian)
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Phoenicia and Tannersville Wellness Pharmacies

Along road frontage at 352 Rt. 49A (just above Belleayre Ski Center)

Woodstock Art Exchange 1396 Rt. 28 (near corner of 375)

Visit: www.EsopusCreek.com for more details.

SCDW to Perform *Blithe Spirit*

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is thrilled to revive Noel Coward's comic play, "Blithe Spirit" - the very first play performed by the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop in 1950! The author described this play as "an improbable farce in three acts." The play concerns the socialite and novelist Charles Condomine, who invites the eccentric medium and clairvoyant Madame Arcati to his house to conduct a séance, hoping to gather material for his next book. The scheme backfires when, after the séance, he is haunted by the ghost of his willful and temperamental first wife, Elvira. What follows is highly amusing!

Director Albert Santiago is excited to have his directorial debut with this classic. Mekayla Rayne is Producer with Dawn Perneszi as Stage Manager/Tech. Samantha Berry is the Costumer. The extremely talented cast includes Mako San, Alexandra Recknagel, Stalina Huberchenko, Jean Eifert, Nickoloz Backra, Samantha Berry and Mariah Kravitz.

Performances of "Blithe Spirit" are on Fridays & Saturdays, May 10, 11, 17, & 18, at 8:00pm and Sundays, May 17 & 19 at 2:00pm at the Rivoli Theatre, Main Street, South Fallsburg. General admission is \$15; for Seniors, Students, Vets \$12. www.scdw.net.

The New York Times review said, "Blithe spirit" "can still keep an audience in a state of tickled contentment."

*****RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER*****

Radio Catskill Presents "Tiny Porch Concert"

**A Day of Live Local Music, Free Beer,
and Delicious Bites**

(Liberty, NY) - Due to predicted inclement weather, Radio Catskill has rescheduled the "Tiny Porch Concert" to Saturday, April 20, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. It was originally scheduled for April 13.

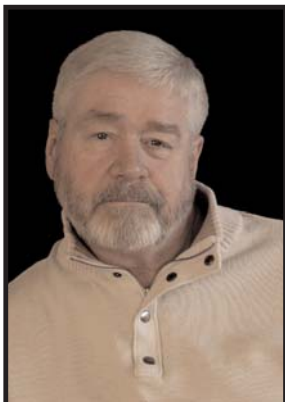
The event will be hosted on Radio Castkill's front porch located at 2758 NY-52 in Liberty, NY, and promises a day filled with exceptional local music, complimentary beer from Catskill Brewery, and wood-fired pizza for purchase from Upcycle Brews and Bites.

The "Tiny Porch Concert" showcases the immense talent within our community and provides a platform for local musicians to share their artistry. Attendees will enjoy a diverse lineup of performers, ranging from folk and blues to rock and indie. The full list of performers is available on wjffradio.org.

Admission to the "Tiny Porch Concert" is free and attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs.

About Radio Catskill:

Radio Catskill is an independent community voice of the Catskills and Northeast Pennsylvania. We connect listeners through locally focused and globally aware programming to inform, entertain, and inspire our communities, and promote understanding among people of diverse social, cultural, economic, and political backgrounds.



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The Last Hunt

Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 83

by John Dwaine McKenna

Mysterious Book Report No. 404

Published April 30, 2020

A series of fortunate events brought our attention this week, to an awesome crime fiction novelist and master of the thriller genre. His work is inspired, captivating and totally entertaining as he weaves a complex plot together in such an electrifying manner that the reader just can't put the book down. If you're craving an intricate, well-plotted suspense novel full of twists and turns that makes you think, South African author Deon Myer has everything you're looking for. His newest, *The Last Hunt*, (Grove Atlantic, \$27.00, 374 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-5692-1) is his thirteenth, and most powerful novel to date, because it deals with political corruption at the national level and the kleptocracy which accompanies it.

The story begins when a cold case file is given to Captain Benny Griessel and his partner, Captain Vaughan Cupido of the Serious and Violent Crimes Unit of the South African Police Force. It's an elite group of criminologists, known simply as 'The Hawks.' When Cupido asks, "Why are we being tasked with something like this?" The answer is succinct: "Because we are the best . . ." The Hawks are also the least corrupted, or 'captured' as the ones on the take are called. That's important. Because the cold case murder of a private detective named Johnson Johnson on *The Rovos* the world's most luxurious train, as it journeys from Cape Town to Pretoria is just the beginning of what turns out to be a deep dive into murder, political intrigue and the awakening of an entire nation to the notion that the ideals which sparked a revolution and set them free from apartheid has been hijacked and sold out for greed.

At the same time that Griessel, Vaughan and the Hawks are trying to sort out the Johnson Johnson murder, a fifty-five year old South African man named Daniel Darret is living quietly in Bordeaux, France. He's working as a humble tradesman, apprenticing to a master antique restorer, trying to leave the revolutionary life he once led behind, and live out his days in quiet peace. Then, out of the blue, a comrade from Daniel's old life reappears and begs him to do one last job, using his special skill set to strike back at a corrupt regime.

Daniel Darret's decision and his actions will then collide with Benny Griessel and Vaughan Cupido's murder investigation and leads to a stunning, electrifying and shattering conclusion that will leave the reader gasping for their next breath!

Deon Myer's works have been translated into twenty-seven languages, several TV and movie dramas, and a truckload of literary awards. He's an author other writers envy and wish they could be like when they grow up . . . an added bonus, our interview with him is attached. We hope you enjoy it!

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The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda

The Yellow Crayon

I picture Mother Nature waking up on a dreary, rainy day (and we have had our share of those days), and saying to herself, "I need to brighten up the day. All I see is the color "greige" which is a dull combination of dirt brown and gray."

"Where is my coloring box of crayons?" Mother Nature owns the big 64 color box of Crayolas that I yearned for as a child. "Let's start with GOLDEN YELLOW," she said to herself.

In a matter of moments, she splashed forsythia all over the Catskills. They stood out in contrast to the greige of ground and trees. Then she placed dots of color in all shades of yellow as daffodils poked through the muddy earth.

Yellow is the harbinger of spring, real spring, not calendar spring. As one drives along, blotches of yellow scream out from the dullness of winter to remind us that this is the first color of a palette of infinite shades to come as

crocuses, tulips, hyacinths, and lilacs join the med-

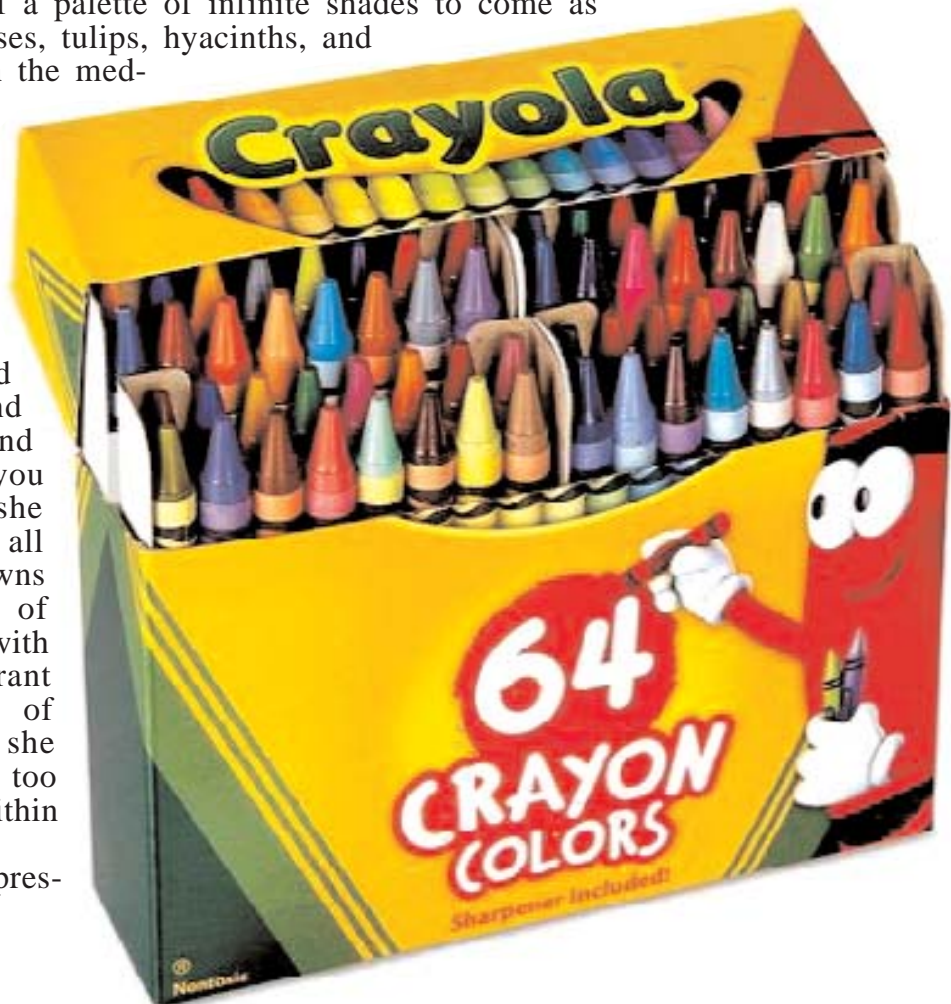
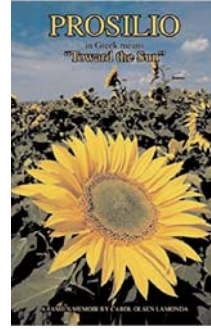
ley.

Soon the trees will bud and open as Mother Nature gather all the many greens and pinks and yellows and whites, and before you know it, she has covered all the dull browns and grays of dormancy with a vibrant hodgepodge of color as she decides life is too short to color within the lines.

She becomes an artist of abstract expressionism producing a self-portrait.

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



Sullivan Becomes First County in NY to Implement State's Cybersecurity Initiative As Part of ITS' Continual Focus on Protecting Data and People

Monticello, NY - In a significant milestone for regional cybersecurity preparedness, Sullivan County proudly announces its pioneering role as the first county in New York State to "go live" with the New York State Security Operations Center (NYSSOC).

"This achievement marks a pivotal moment in bolstering the County and State's cyber defense infrastructure and underscores Sullivan County's commitment to safeguarding its citizens and digital assets," notes Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek. "I'm grateful to Governor Kathy Hochul and her team for making this a collaborative priority."

NYSSOC is the nation's first-of-its-kind cyber command center, intended to provide a Statewide view of the cyber-threat landscape and improve coordination on threat intelligence and incident responses. Housed in a cutting-edge facility in Brooklyn, NYSSOC is dedicated to monitoring, detecting, and responding to cybersecurity threats 24/7/365.

"With the increasing sophistication and frequency of cyber-attacks targeting public and private sectors alike, NYSSOC plays a vital role in ensuring the resilience of critical systems and networks across the State, including Sullivan County," explains Lorne Green, commissioner of Sullivan's Information Technology Services (ITS) Division and Chief Information Officer. "In Sullivan alone, we face close to a billion cyber events every month."

By collaborating with partners through NYSSOC to leverage real-time threat intelligence, analyze traffic and develop response strategies, Sullivan County is positioned to mitigate risks and swiftly respond to emerging cyber threats.

"I am immensely proud of my staff's dedication to this effort, and we are privileged to be at the forefront of cybersecurity innovation," Green affirms. "This achievement underscores our commitment to the safety and security of our residents, businesses, and critical infrastructure. By collaborating with State and local partners, as well as the private sector, we are enhancing our collective resilience against ever-evolving cyber threats."

"This is a testament to Sullivan County's ongoing desire to innovate in ways that benefit and protect our employees and taxpayers," notes District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, chair of the Legislature's Management & Budget Committee, to which ITS reports. "We may be smaller in population and resources than some of our fellow counties, but we're ahead of them all in several areas, including maintaining extraordinary vigilance over our sensitive data."

UC Secures \$25K Grant from Bank of Greene County for Senior Home Repairs

Grant Enables Emergency and Non-Emergency Repairs for Low-Income Seniors, Ensuring Safe and Secure Homes

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County today announced that the Office for the Aging has received a \$25,000 grant from the Bank of Greene County to help pay for a variety of crucial repairs to the homes of older adults, fostering environments where they can maintain their independence and safety. From fixing porch steps to addressing malfunctioning well pumps, these funds will help alleviate financial burdens and enhance the quality of life for seniors, with availability slated for summertime.



Left to right - Stephanie Premo, Bank of Greene County Commercial Business Development Officer; Susan Koppenhaver, Ulster County Office for the Aging Director; Donald Gibson, Bank of Greene County President & CEO; Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger; Donald MacCormack, Bank of Greene County Vice President & Director of Municipal Banking; and Sean DuBois, Bank of Greene County Southern Region Executive & Commercial Lender.

"We thank the Bank of Greene County for providing the County with valuable funding to help our seniors, many of whom live on fixed and modest incomes, make repairs to their homes," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "This assistance can make all the difference to seniors for whom needed repairs were financially out of reach, improving their safety, comfort, and well-being."

"I would also like to personally thank Jen Metzger, Ulster County Executive, and Susan Koppenhaver, Director, Ulster County Office of the Aging, for all of their wonderful assistance in designing and administering this Senior Grant Program," said Donald Gibson, Bank of Greene County President and CEO. "I believe this unique grant will be very impactful in supporting low-income seniors residing in Ulster County. The grant is designed to provide not only assistance for emergency home repairs allowing seniors to stay living in their home, but also to ensure the safety of life for those seniors."

"At the moment, we rely on the generosity of our volunteer handyman, who takes time out of his day to do a variety of repairs around the County for our clients who request them," said Susan Koppenhaver, Ulster County Office for the Aging Director. "The work he does is wonderful, he cheerfully assists, and sometimes brings help, and the homeowners have paid for materials, but perhaps this grant can help with materials for those on a fixed income. If anyone with handyman skills would like to join our team, now would be a very good time to help our seniors age in place safely!"

For information on becoming a volunteer for this, or any OFA program, visit <https://ulstercountyny.gov/aging/volunteer-program>.

A copy of the Volunteer Form is also attached with this release.

For more information, contact the Ulster County Office for the Aging, at (845) 340-3456.



Daniel Pierce Library

Between the Bookends

Upcoming Special Events at DPL Promise Great Memories

By Lisa Carroll

We are offering those fantastic **Ultimate Discount Cards** for \$15. At the library, you can pick up a card for Liberty, Monticello, Ellenville, Middletown, Kingston or Kerhonkson. If you order online, the card(s) will be shipped to you and there are additional town options like Pine Bush. They are a fantastic way to save money—each card offering discounts at local restaurants and shops—as well as a wonderful opportunity to show your support for the library. The discount cards can be utilized multiple times throughout the year. It's a terrific way to check out some of our local merchants!

And if you are already here, purchasing the discount cards, you can also pick up a ticket for the **DPL's Cheer & Charcuterie** event. Victoria, of Garigliano Events, will be here on Saturday, April 27 from 11AM to 12PM teaching participants how to create a stunning charcuterie board. It's sure to be a fabulous afternoon! Tickets are \$45 (adults only, please) and include the class, all materials and a glass of wine (non-alcoholic options available as well).

And on Friday, May 31, we will be hosting our famous **"Boujee" Bingo!** We are so excited! It's such a great night—tons of awesome prizes, lots of laughs and everyone goes home happy. The doors open at 6:30PM and calling starts at 7PM. A ticket is \$40 per person (18 years old and older) and includes 7 games, door prize entry and light refreshments. There will be additional game boards available for each game at \$5 as well as tricky tray tickets available for an additional purchase (and chance of winning!) You can purchase your tickets for **"Boujee" Bingo!**...where what happens at bingo, stays at bingo...at the adult circulation desk.

In other news, **Our Spring Children's Program** started last week, and it has been a lot of fun. The children are enjoying the stories, crafts and playing together after checking out books. Our teen programs are under way and our **National Library Week** celebration puppet show was well attended. **Our Spring Children's Lego** programs have just been posted on our website and social media outlets and registration is open (to Tri Valley residents). There are separate programs for toddlers through sixth graders, so review the information and age requirements of each before registering. For children attending Tri Valley Elementary, there is bussing available from school to the library on the day of the program, but parents/guardians need to send in a note to the elementary school main office to secure a spot on the bus.

Staff Pick:

I've been on a bit of a "survivalist" kick of late and have read two really great books. The first, ***I am Still Alive*** by Kate Alice Marshall, is a YA book about 17-year-old Jess who survived a horrible car accident and finds herself living with her father in the very remote wilderness of Canada. Things don't go as planned and she is forced to rely on herself to survive the winter, alone and physically broken. By the end of the story, I was crying. I am not giving any spoilers here, but it's worth the read.

The second is ***The Mountain Between Us*** by Charles Martin. This is the first book I've read by Martin and (while I haven't finished it yet) it has been a good story. Two strangers, Ben and Ashley, are trying to get home after being stranded in a Salt Lake City airport during a blizzard. As fate happens, there's a charter pilot that claims he can get them across the mountains and to another airport ahead of the storm. Tragedy strikes and they find themselves smack dab in the High Uintas Wilderness. Can they get themselves back to civilization? They have more supplies than most seem to have in these types of situations, but the environmental factors are substantially bad. Like I said, I haven't finished the story yet, but I'm really pulling for them. There have been so many challenges along the way that at this point, they are battle worn. I had to stop reading this morning...at a literal cliffhanger...when Ben was pulling the sled Ashley was riding in—to save themselves a 10-mile hike around a valley—he loses her down the hill, an avalanche occurs...and...I don't know because I had to go to work, but believe me, I have a date with a hot cup of coffee and my book tonight.



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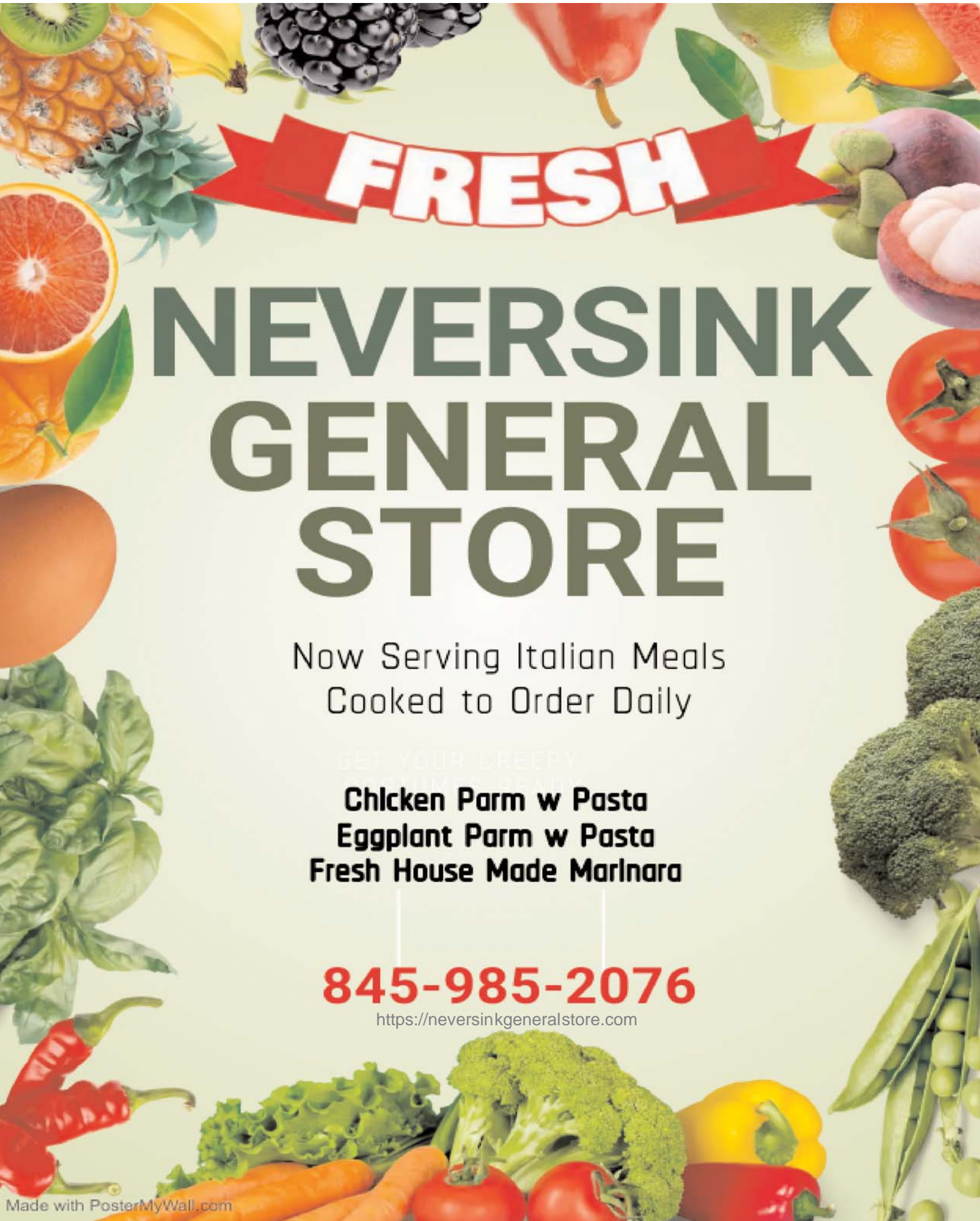
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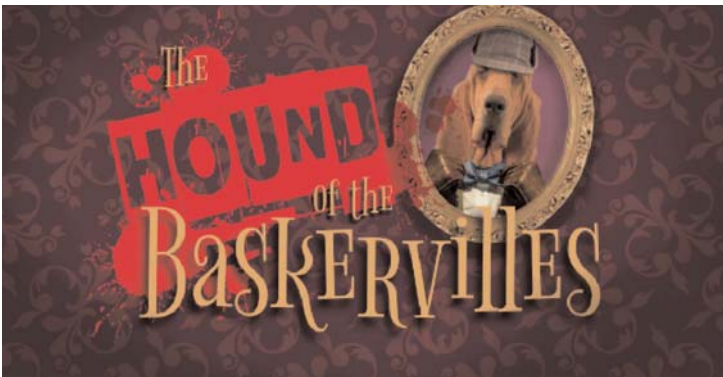
The Scene Too

– By Jane Harrison
No column this week.



Shadowland Stages 2024 Season Announcement

The new season features a star-studded World Premiere, **THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM**, a rock and roll musical celebrating the music of the 60s, **BEEHIVE**, and a slate of comedies and regional premieres, solidifying SHADOWLAND's reputation as the region's go-to venue for new plays and high-quality performances.



SHADOWLAND STAGES kicks off its season with the regional premiere comedy, **HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES**. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's renowned Sherlock Holmes tale receives a gloriously funny makeover in this sublimely hilarious theatrical adaptation. If you enjoyed last season's **THE 39 STEPS**, you're sure to love this comic spoof that captivated audiences across England. Set to preview on May 31st and run through June 16th (with an Opening Night on June 1st at 8 PM) on The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES, **HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES**, adapted by Steven Canny and John Nicholson, and directed by Brendan Burke, follows the investigation of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson into the mysterious death of Sir Charles Baskerville, supposedly linked to the ancient curse of the Hound of the Baskervilles.

Starting June 21st, SHADOWLAND is excited to present the



heartwarming tale of **DEAR JACK, DEAR LOUISE** in The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES, their new intimate black box theatre. This new play by Ken Ludwig is inspired by the love

story of the playwright's parents. US Army Captain Jack Ludwig begins corresponding with Louise Rabiner, an aspiring actress in NYC, during WWII, but their relationship faces challenges as the war progresses. Set to run from June 21st through July 7th (with an Opening Night on June 22nd at 8 PM), **DEAR JACK, DEAR LOUISE** is hailed as "An affecting love letter to unlikely romance! A poignant, funny tribute to the enduring power of human connection." (The Washington Post). **DEAR JACK, DEAR LOUISE** is a co-production with Penguin Rep Theatre located in Stony Point, NY.

The laughs continue with **LEND ME A SOPRANO**, also by



comedic powerhouse Ken Ludwig running from July 12th through August 4th on the MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES (with an Opening Night on July 13th at 8 PM). Set in 1934, the Cleveland Grand Opera Company prepares for world-class soprano Elena Firenzi's one-night-only performance in the starring role of Carmen, leading to a series of chaotic events when she arrives late. Described as "An undeniable crowd-pleaser!" (Houston Press) and "Guaranteed to leave audiences teary-eyed with laughter." (Broadway World), this delightful farce, adapted from the author's Tony Award-winning **LEND ME A TENOR**, will have you singing with laughter!



The centerpiece of SHADOWLAND's season, **BEEHIVE, THE 60S MUSICAL**, created by Larry Gallagher and directed by Brittany Proia, will run from August 9th through September 8th on The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES (Contd. Pg. 12)

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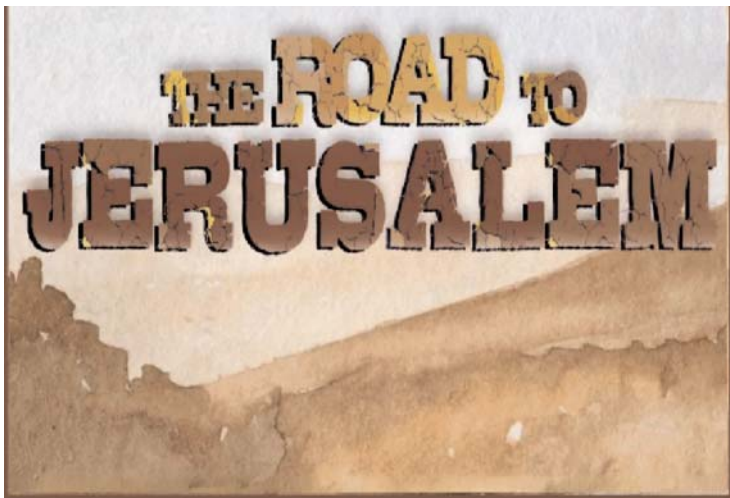
Shadowland Stages 2024 Season Announcement

(From Pg. 11)



THE GARBULOLOGISTS, a poignant new comedy by Lindsay Joelle, will run from September 13th through September 29th in The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES (with an Opening Night on September 14th at 8 PM). The play follows Danny, a gruff blue-collar sanitation veteran, and Marlowe, an Ivy League-educated newcomer, as they navigate their NYC garbage route and form an unexpected bond.

Closing out the six-show MainStage season, SHADOWLAND is proud to present the world premiere of **THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM** by Nicky Glossman, running from October 6th through October 20th on The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES (with an Opening Night on October 7th at 8 PM). An all-star cast portrays seven interconnected stories set in the town of Jerusalem, Arizona, in 1889, exploring the hopes and hungers that manifested a harsh destiny in the American West.



The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES is located at 157 Canal Street in Ellenville, NY. The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES is located at 14 Market Street in Ellenville, NY. Season subscriptions and tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at (845) 647-5511 or online at shadowlandstages.org.

About SHADOWLAND STAGES:

SHADOWLAND STAGES, entering its 39th year, is a professional Equity theatre located in New York's beautiful Hudson Valley. The theatre produces a season between May and December of seven shows, including two musicals and a holiday production. Shadowland also houses the Academy at SHADOWLAND STAGES, a separate education program providing classes in acting, dance, and music for kids and adults.



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Three Generations of Poetry

What better way to celebrate National Poetry Month than sharing three generations of works by local residents? Beatrice Ackerley (Gran), born on April 24, 1903 –long before National Poetry Month was recognized, also wrote *Looking Back* for many years for *The Townsman*. Her daughter, Vera followed her mother's poetic talent, as did her granddaughter, Marilyn, who was kind enough to send a few pieces of poetry and a few pictures for the occasion –Beatrice's Birthday and National Poetry Month. Thank you Marilyn.



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by Chris Farlakas

"Look at that shot Grandma made," exclaims John Akerley, on the left, who at that time was 6 years old. On her left is grandson, Gerald Bivins. Both of her grandsons are in awe as they watch Beatrice break the rack.. Beatrice, a/k/a "The Pool Playing Proprietess of The Hut" that was located in the heart of Grahamsville back in the '60's.

My Childhood Home

Beatrice Akerley 1960
(note...Gran grew up in Grooville,
near Livingston Manor)

I went back for a visit, a few tears to spill,
To a little white house, which stands on a hill.
The weeds are all grown where once it was bare.
I found my dear maple tree still huddling there.

I walked through the woods where once we did play
When we were children, so happy and gay.
The brook rumbles on at the foot of the hill.
A bit farther, remnants of the old saw mill.

Then I gazed 'cross the field where, a child, I trod,
To the little school house that stands in the yard.
Now used as a church, folks still gather there
To sing praises to God and unite in prayer

I went on my way, with happy memories,
And hopes another child will climb my maple tree.

Note.... A good many of her poems are about one or all of her children and many grandchildren, and reminiscences similar to what she deals with in her "Looking Back" columns... ML

The Changing World

Beatrice Akerley
1963

Families of many years ago
Often counted a dozen or so,
While today we seldom see
A family of more than two or three.

Many years ago, upon the farm,
They worked with their parents 'til chores were done.
Today they sit in their chair with ease,
Enjoying a picture on their TVs.

Years ago, they walked to school
And followed closely the Golden Rule;
Today, they ride on a school bus.
If something goes wrong, they'll make a fuss.

Does it do them harm? I don't think so...
It's not just changing for children, you know.
With vacuums, dishwashers, and TVs,
It's also changing for you and me !

Now, even our farming, I think you'll agree,
Is far easier than it used to be !

My Grand Children

Beatrice Akerley

I am now having sunshine where once I had gloom:
Grand children are filling every room!

Once, it was neat, but very bare,
With no little foot marks on my stair.

I was very unhappy, there is no doubt...
No children's toys were strewn about.

Once more, white curtains look quite brown,
And every chair seems upside-down.

Refrigerator door is left ajar.
I just sat on a Hershey bar!

Shoes and socks are strewn about;
Owners, in the brook, no doubt.

I look back with happy tears
To those happy, frantic years

When their moms and dads were small.
Sometimes I'd think I'd climb the wall!

If I could have those days once more,
I would not mind us being poor

I would not mind my children's noise...
I'd kiss them and say, "Good girls and boys."

My grandchildren are here to dispel the gloom,
Like dew-kissed flowers in every room

And I feel happy as they stop and say,
"Can we stay over another day?"

Three Generations of Poetry

My Home Town

Vera (Akerley) Atkins

In the little house in Grahamsville
Where the Wilkins now reside
Precious mem'ries of my childhood
I recall with loving pride.

From the little one-room schoolhouse
Such good times I can't forget
With classmates and special pals
Like Cara and Jeannette.

We built a club house in the woods,
Went wading in the brook,
And made a snowman ten feet tall
With a mischievous look.

But Sunday was our special day.
No matter what the weather,
We dressed up in our very best
And walked to church together.

My friends went to the lower church,
I went to the upper,
But I would often visit them,
Or go to a church supper.

Their little church was very quaint;
I sat up like a king
When Donald thumped the organ
So everyone could sing.

I'll always love our little town,
And if I ever roam
Fond mem'ries deep within my heart
Will always bring me home.



*Beatrice Akerley with eldest
daughter, Vera.
Circa: late Spring 1923*

Winter Wonderland

Vera (Akerley) Atkins

Throughout the night the freezing rain
Tapped upon my window pane
, Then in the early morning light
Behold, a most delightful sight.
A million diamonds everywhere
Lovely far beyond compare
Gleaming in the morning sun
Of a new day just begun
Every tree was bowing down
Showing off it's glittering crown
Woven by God's loving hand
A gorgeous winter wonderland

Three Generations of Poetry

Butterfly

Marilyn Vasko Laufer



*Beatrice Akerley (on right) with her mother Ella Johnston, daughter, Vera (Vasko) and granddaughter, Marilyn (Vasko) Laufer
Circa: 1946 ?*

A fuzzy caterpillar spins a wonderful cocoon
All around her body in the Fall.

Through the Winter cold and snow she sleeps protected there
Until the warm Spring sun begins to call:

"Come out and look around at all the changes while you slept!"

She opens new wings, moves them to and fro.
She yawns and looks around her...yes, she does feel different now.
She has the urge to spread those wings and "go!"

And very soon she is quite skilled at soaring on the breeze.
She flutters and does somersaults and then
To rest, she lands on pretty flowers, on grasses and in trees
Until she's in the mood to try again.

If she flew by a clean, calm pool, she'd see reflected there
A lovely multi-colored butterfly;
The delicate and special little creature she'd become,
That brightens up the world as she flits by!

My Neighbor's Cat

I would expect some feathers on the ground
Where food's put out, and hungry birds abound.
But what I'm finding seems much more than that:
Should I, perhaps, suspect the neighbor's cat?

She's taught herself to hunt, and now she's good!
(I'd hate to be a chipmunk in my woods.)
I love to watch, and photograph wild life,
Like animals with which my woods are rife...
So, now I ask myself, "What should I do?
Ban her cat as suspect, and the neighbor, too?"

"Good fences make good neighbors/" said the poet,
But fences don't keep cats out, we all know it!

One day I returned home from work and found
A small dead snake near my door, on the ground.

Another time it was a little mouse
Which lay upon the walkway near my house.

And then, two moles reposed by my front door,
Their lawn destruction done forevermore!
How dare I choose to battle 'gainst a foe
Who honors me with such great gifts as those?!

Sooo....
For now, by day, I'll guard the birds that come
And partake of their dinner at my home
And then, at night, I'll take my feeders in
And accept that this case is a "win-win."
(figure)

Marilyn Vasko Laufer
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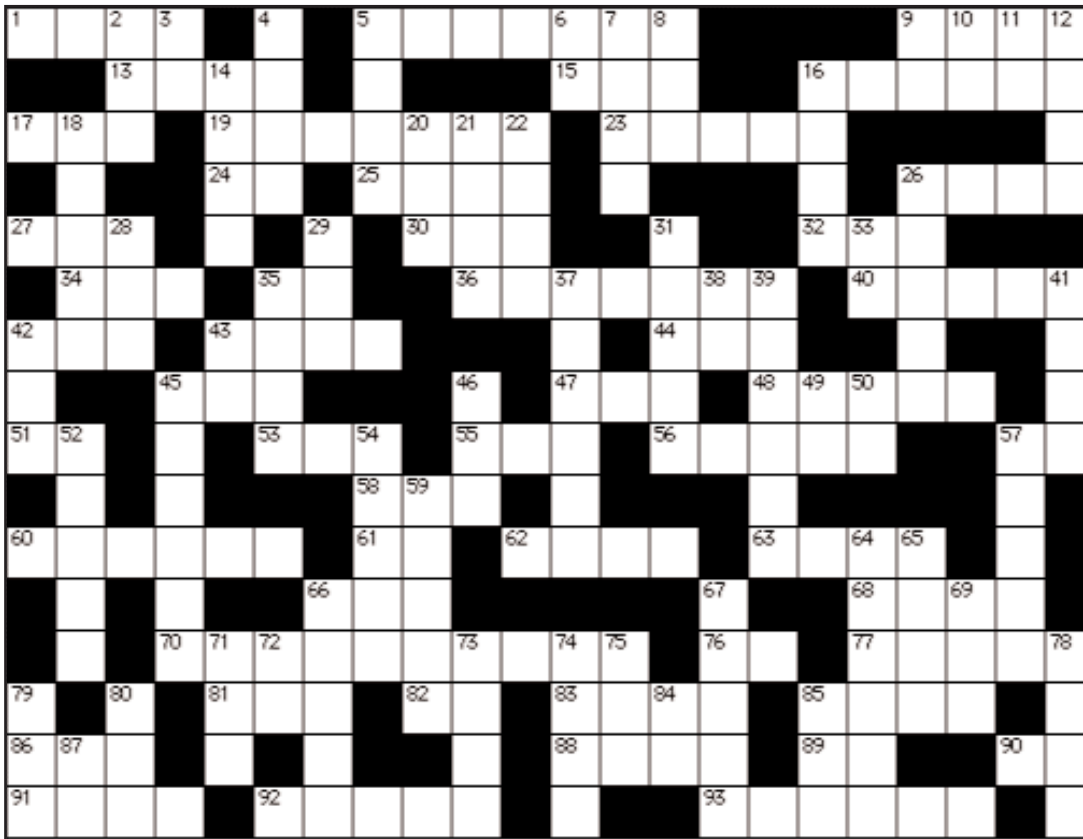
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An Earth Day Celebration Sunny Yellow Cake

- (No artificial ingredients or preservative)
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 - 2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup butter, softened
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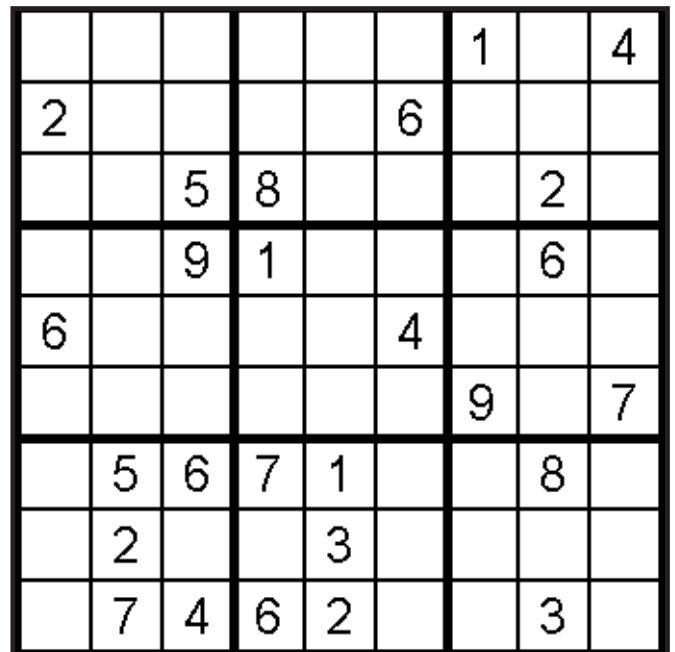
In a bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt with a wire whisk.

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Add vanilla and mix until completely combined. Slowly add flour alternatively with milk. At end of addition batter should be smooth. Divide between the 2 pans.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes. Cool 5 minutes in the pan, then invert onto a rack and cool completely before frosting with your favorite recipe - or top it off with strawberries and whipped cream!

P.S. Making a cake from 'scratch' may take a few more minutes, but look at all the advantages, especially when 'love' is one of the ingredients!

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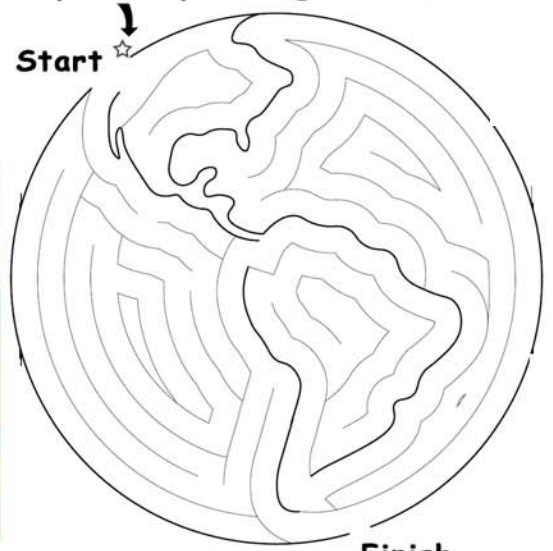
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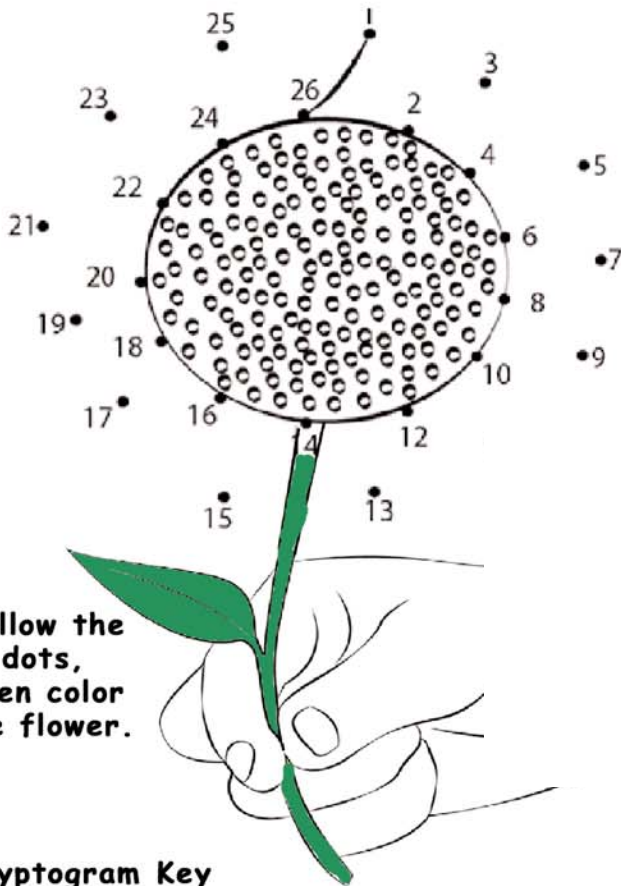
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Sullivan 180 Will Participate in the 9th Annual Hudson Valley Gives Funds will support the Healthiest Fire Department Challenge

[Liberty, NY] - Sullivan 180 will participate in the 9th Annual Hudson Valley Gives on May 15, 2024. Donations to Sullivan 180 will support the 2024 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge Turtle Awards.

The Sullivan 180 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge focuses on the health and well-being of our county's firefighters by promoting healthy eating, physical activity and mental health. Departments receive credit in the form of 'turtle points' for each health-focused activity they complete. Earning these points makes the department eligible for grant funding in the form of Turtle Awards at the end of the challenge in September. The Challenge was designed to be fun, yet impactful, with a touch of competition to introduce resources and promote healthy lifestyles within the firefighter culture.

"The Wurtsboro Fire Department is very appreciative to have received \$1,500 in grant funds from Sullivan 180 for the Healthiest Fire Department Challenge," said Sara Frost, Wurtsboro Fire Department Challenge Captain. "We were able to buy some much needed gym equipment. A recumbent bike, gazelle, rowing machine, pull up bar, gym mats, walking pad, and weights. We even purchased a volleyball set to have some fun outside. This equipment will allow all our members access to a healthy fitness area right in our own building."

Hudson Valley Gives is an annual day of online fundraising led by the Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan. Local and regional non-profit organizations, including Sullivan 180, participate and fundraise for various causes. For more information on how to donate to local non-profits through Hudson Valley Gives, visit HVGives.org. If you are interested in sponsoring a Turtle Award, contact Kassondra Johnstone at 845-295-2682 or Kassondra@Sullivan180.org.

Sullivan 180 is working to build a healthy community, one degree at a time, through people, places and policy with support from Bold Gold Media Group, Manor Ink, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat, and WJFF Radio Catskill. Learn more at Sullivan180.org.

Make A Difference In Our Communities Everyone Has a Role to Play

[Liberty, NY] Sullivan 180 invites you to be a part of an exciting season of grassroots community engagement by attending the Volunteer and Community Health Champion Orientation on April 24, from 6:00-8:00 pm at the CVI Building at 1 Cablevision Center Drive, Liberty. Sullivan 180 is seeking volunteers to help with their mission to build a healthy community, one degree at a time, through people, places and policy. The organization is focusing much of its work on prevention and empowering a healthier generation.

Individuals can become a Sullivan 180 Volunteer, a Community Health Champion, or work with a Sullivan 180 project in the community. Opportunities are matched to an indi-

vidual's skills, interests and availability. These include beautifying schools and public spaces; teaching workshops; leading health and wellness programs; and outreach support. Everyone has a role to play. Discover how your talents and passion can help make Sullivan County a healthier place to live, learn, work and play.

"I was born and raised in Monticello and it feels good to give back." shared Diane Moss, Sullivan 180 Volunteer. "I enjoy working with everyone involved. I volunteer because I want to make a difference where I live."

Research from the Corporation for National and Community Service indicates volunteering enables those participating to broaden social networks, enhance mental well-being, lower blood pressure, increase physical activity and reduce stress. "Volunteering is a way to stay connected to our communities; from the people in them, to the places within them," said Anne-Louise Scandariato, Sullivan 180 Volunteer Director of Community Engagement. "The gift of time and talent serving others is healthy, exciting and can lift our spirits."

The orientation is also a chance to get to know Sullivan 180, meet the staff and learn about initiatives, projects, workshops and community service opportunities. If you are unsure, stop in to find out more.

Pre-registration for this free event is requested at Sullivan180.org or by calling the office at 845-295-2680.

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The Narrowsburg Beautification Group's Annual Litter Pluck is this Saturday!

Please join us (and please share the event on your social media).

Meet us in the public parking lot
at 198 Bridge Street

Choose from mapped areas
around town to pluck

Get supplies to use
(safety vests, bags, pickers)

Receive a commemorative t-shirt

The Litter Pluck is for cleaning up
roadside debris only

No household waste will be accepted

Part of the 4th Annual Upper Delaware
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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

MARCH 15, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brent Clarke
Rose Woods

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

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

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

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

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

**Immediate Openings
Tri-Valley Central School**

**Cleaners
Maintenance Worker**

Please forward resumes and
Tri-Valley's application
(located at www.trivalleycsd.org) by **May 10th**
To: tri-valley-recruitment@scboces.org
Attn: Maintenance or Cleaner Search EOE

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TOWN OF NEVERSINK SPRING CLEANUP 2024

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

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

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

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE:

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA (Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law)

Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review.

This data is the information which will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel which will appear on the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Denning, which will be filed on or about May 1st, 2024. The information may be reviewed, by appointment in the Assessor's Office at the Denning Town Hall at 1567 Denning Road, Claryville NY 12725.

An appointment to review the assessment information may be made by telephoning the Assessor at (845) 549-0552 or emailing the Assessor at assessor@denningny.gov.

Dated: 8th day of April, 2024

Patricia Masterson
Town of Denning Sole Assessor
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4/18

SC ROAD CLOSURE

Jeffersonville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a **portion of New Bridge St. in the Village of Jeffersonville** to repave County Bridge 351, located south of the intersection of **New Bridge St. and State Route 52**.

This section of New Bridge St. is scheduled to be closed to all traffic starting at 8 a.m. April 29, 2024, and will remain closed for approximately two (2) weeks.

SC Road Work Notice

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

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

Watershed Management Plan for the Neversink River Watershed Underway

(Monticello, NY) Sullivan County, in partnership with Friends of the Upper Delaware River and Trout Unlimited, are developing a comprehensive, non-regulatory Neversink Watershed Management Plan (NWMP).

The next two public meetings are as follows: First public meeting will be in-person on Thursday, May 2nd at 2pm entitled 'NWMP Draft Review' in the Robert D. Norris Community Room at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library (479 Broadway Monticello, NY 12701). The second public meeting will be virtual over zoom on Wednesday, May 15th at 6pm entitled 'NWMP Final Draft

Review'. More information and registration details can be found here: <https://www.FUDR.org/NeversinkWMP>

The effort is supported by a federal grant award from the Delaware River Basin Restoration Program to the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management. This program is funded by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Once completed, the watershed management plan will serve as a non-binding and voluntary blueprint to help ensure the future sustainability of the watershed.

The planning process includes a number of elements including the development of a project steering committee composed of experienced watershed practitioners and a comprehensive series of public education sessions to maximize the public input and involvement.

"The success of this plan hinges upon the interest and participation of a wide range of watershed stakeholders. We encourage everybody who attended our previous meetings to join us again as we review the completed draft of the Neversink Watershed Management Plan. Input from the community on the draft is vital in order to help guide future management activities that will benefit everybody in the watershed." said Jillian Pagnotti, Friends of the Upper Delaware River's Watershed Program Coordinator.

For more information:

Molly Oliver

Policy Director, Friends of the Upper Delaware River

607-206-3217

molly@fudr.org

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

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

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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

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

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>
Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740

Dial by your location
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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church

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

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:15 am
Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor
Church Hall available for rent
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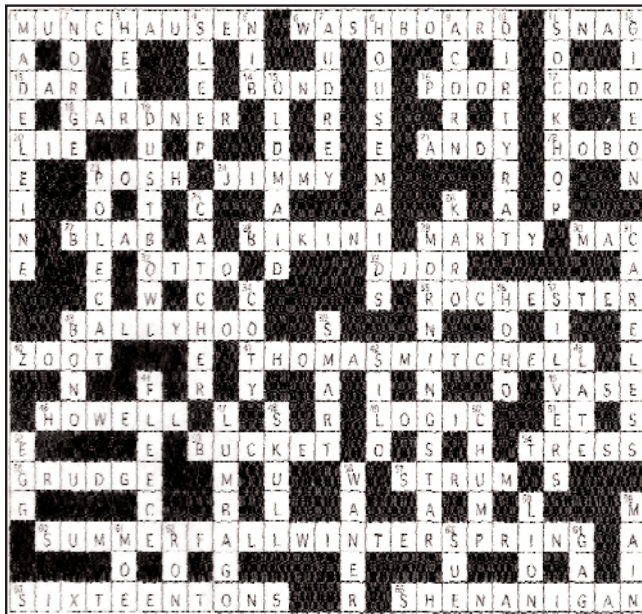
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



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

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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

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

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

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

2024 Journey For Sight Walk

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

Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic

Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 2 to 3:30 pm
 Grahamsville Fairgrounds-Pavillion
 8320 State Rte 44 Grahamsville, NY
 FREE - Donations Accepted

Please make sure your pets are leashed or in a carrier
Bring prior proof of vaccination with you

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 For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/18/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
4/18/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
4/20/24	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon
5/1/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
5/4/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
5/7/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
5/14/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
5/8/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Save the Date!

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of

April 15 - 19, 2024

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

Monday, April 15

6:00 PM - Trails Advisory Committee, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

6:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Finance Committee, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Offices, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

Tuesday, April 16

5:00 PM - Caucus: Democrats, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

6:00 PM - Caucus: Republicans, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

7:05 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2024: A Local Law Amending The County Charter And Administrative Code in Relation to the Commissioner of Health and Mental Health and the Medical Examiner, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & via Livestream at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>

7:10 (Or Immediately Following the Public Hearing) - Legislative Session, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & via Livestream at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>

Wednesday, April 17

8:30 AM - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Governance Committee, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

9:00 AM (Or Immediately Following UCCRC Governance Committee) - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

10:00 AM (Or Immediately Following IDA) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline**Thursday, April 18**

o **9:30 AM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Reform Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Youth Bureau**, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston

Friday, April 19



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

Dimensions should be approximately 24" x 30".

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

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

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12:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024

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Turning Pages at Wayne County Arts Alliance

The Wayne County Arts Alliance is proud to present TURNING PAGES, an exhibition of 2D and 3D work by John Kascht. This exciting exhibition will be on display April 26 - June 15 at the WCAA Gallery, 959 Main Street Honesdale PA 18431; with an opening reception 5-8pm on Friday April 26. Hours are Thursdays thru Sundays 11am-4pm and Saturdays open till 6pm.

TURNING PAGES draws from four decades of illustration for The New York Times, The New Yorker, The Wall Street Journal, Time, Rolling Stone, GQ, and many other publications.

Also featured in the exhibition is the first-ever showing of models created for The Mysteries, the bestselling book written by Bill Watterson (of Calvin and Hobbes fame) and illustrated by Kascht and Watterson.

Text panels throughout the gallery will offer a peek at the process behind the art.

John's work straddles a line between cartooning and portraiture. A master caricaturist, John studies people with the meticulousness of a forensic examiner, identifying the characteristics that make each person uniquely recognizable. He stretches and amplifies those features in search of a likeness that captures some glimmer of "the life at the center."

Despite its irreverence and exaggeration, his work stays grounded in traditional draftsmanship. The Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery owns two dozen of John's iconic caricatures and calls him "a keen and insightful observer of human nature who forces us to see our public figures with new eyes."

Drum Circle at MISU

Join us on Thursday, April 18 from 6:00-7:00pm for Drum Circle at MISU.

All ages and abilities are welcome!

Drums will be provided, first come first serve. If you have a drum, bring it!

Paul is an avid percussionist and educator from Kingston, New York. He is an instructor of percussion, world music, and music theory at SUNY Ulster and SUNY New Paltz. He is an avid performer, researcher, and clinician of traditional African music. He studied in Ghana on three separate occasions and, in 2016, was awarded a Fulbright grant to document traditional music in South Africa. The resulting research is published in the academic journal African Music.

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SCVA, Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce and Town of Liberty Teaming Up to Bring Kansas City Barbeque Society National Barbeque Contest to Liberty *Free Event for All Ages at Walnut Mountain Park on June 15*

LIBERTY, NY (April 16, 2024) - The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA), Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce, Town of Liberty and Town of Liberty Parks and Recreation Department are excited to announce that Catskills Barbeque, an official sanctioned event of the Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS), will be coming to Walnut Mountain Park in Liberty on June 15.

This free event will be held from 12-6 p.m. and is fun for the whole family. Barbeque stars from the region and our backyard will compete for bragging rights and a \$1,000 prize purse! All are welcome to show off their BBQ skills in categories including chicken and ribs; entry fees are \$125 for KCBS members and \$20 for amateurs.

Attendees can expect local food and BBQ specials, kids' activities, vendors, beer, wine, spirits, and live music. Whether you're a seasoned BBQ aficionado or just looking for a fun day out with the family, there's something for everyone at this not-to-be-missed event.

"We're thrilled to bring the Catskills Barbeque to Liberty for delicious food and family fun," said Roberta Byron-Lockwood, SCVA President and CEO. "The Catskills are known for their natural beauty and rich culinary heritage, and we can't wait to showcase the best of both worlds at this summer's event. It's going to be a day filled with mouthwatering flavors and expert chefs all right here in Liberty."

There's also a great mission behind the Catskills Barbeque-all proceeds will go to Warrior Companion, a nonprofit that provides pet insurance for the service animals of disabled veterans.

"Walnut Mountain is right in our backyard, and we're happy to be bringing this event here," said Jack Bodolosky, President of the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce and Founder of Warrior Companion. "And it's important to me to support my brothers and sisters with their service animals, which helps tremendously with PTSD."

"We're so excited to be sanctioning the Catskills Barbecue on June 15th, this will be a one-of-a-kind BBQ competition in the beautiful Walnut Mountain Park," said Rod Gray, Chief Executive Officer of Kansas City Barbeque. "It's the perfect event to bring your family for Father's Day weekend. Be sure to mark your calen-

dars -- you won't want to miss it!"

There are still spots available to enter your team to compete in the BBQ contest, as well as spots to be a vendor. Applications can be found on the website, www.catskillsbarbeque.com.

The Catskills Barbeque will take place on Saturday, June 15 at Walnut Mountain Park, 73 Walnut Mountain Rd, Liberty, NY 12754. Admission is free to the public with free parking. Be sure to mark your calendars and bring your appetite for an unforgettable day in the Sullivan Catskills!

For more information, visit www.catskillsbarbeque.com or contact the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association at 845-747-4449.

SLAC

**Senior Legislative Action Committee of
Sullivan County Monthly Meeting**
10 AM, Friday, April 26, 2024, in the Legislative
Committee Room, at the Sullivan County Government
Center, Monticello NY

When we reach the Medicare age of 65 we have a 50/50 chance of needing the services of a long term care facility. Those services can include rehab for joint replacement or other medical reasons. The other service one may need is long term care for medical purposes or permanent care due to the inability to care for one's self in a home setting.

We have three nursing homes within Sullivan County. They are: Roscoe Regional Rehabilitation & Residential Health Care Facility, Located in Roscoe NY, Achieve Rehab and Nursing Facility, located in Liberty NY, and The Care Center at Sunset Lake, located in Liberty NY. The first two nursing homes, Roscoe and Achieve, are privately owned. The Care Center at Sunset Lake is publicly operated by Sullivan County under their Certificate of Need. There are no, not for profit long term care facilities in Sullivan County.

The national ownership trend over many, many years has been privatization, significantly reducing the number of not-for-profit or publicly owned operators. Who provides a better quality of life experience? The private or public sector? Thanks to the Long Term Care Community Coalition or LTCCC we will be showing their webinar titled "Finances and Capital Investments in Nursing Homes" with Robert Tyler Braun, PhD from Weill Cornell Medicine presenting. Dr. Braun explains how the private sector finances and operates private care facilities to achieve the goal to make a profit. Is the quality of care and life affected by the profit motive? Does the number of institutions under one ownership effect the quality of care?

We can affect change through the knowledge we gain. We need the adult care center back under the total control of Sullivan County. First understand, the Legislature has no staff, except the county manage, commissioners or department heads, who can filter the information to suit their needs or the needs of a minority on any issue. Through knowledge we become the unpaid staff to the legislators and better advocates and activists. We inform by speaking during public comment and/or talking to legislators on the street or function. Remember live streaming is viewed on average by 900 persons and they become informed advocates, if they choose.

Be here April 26 to learn. We will also try to answer any of your questions on the Open Meetings Law or the Freedom of Information Law at the end of the meeting.

DUES: \$10.00 for year 2024, collected before or after the meeting.

SLAC is affiliated with StateWide Senior Action Council, senior@org.com and NYS Alliance for Retired Americans nysara.org.

Conversations on Death: Ulster County Office for the Aging Workshop Series on Death Literacy Planned for April 26, May 3 and May 10

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County's Office for the Aging (OFA), in collaboration with Bevival founder Caren Martineau and the Ulster County Women's Network, is hosting a three-part workshop series aimed at promoting death literacy and preparedness. The series, beginning April 26 at the OFA Senior Hub in Kingston, will address important topics surrounding end-of-life discussions and planning.

Event: Death Literacy 101

Dates: April 26, May 3 and May 10

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Location: Office for the Aging Senior Hub
1091 Development Court, Kingston

The workshop series will continue on May 3 and May 10, from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, and feature experts who will guide participants through essential aspects of preparing for the end of life. From identifying end-of-life goals to understanding estate planning and financial concerns, each session promises valuable insights and practical advice, including discussions on Swedish "death cleaning," clarifying wishes, and overcoming inaction. Confronting the fear surrounding end-of-life discussions necessitates a gentle approach to navigating these challenging conversations. In these sessions, experts will unpack the life-enhancing benefits of early preparation, covering such topics as self-determination, planning for elder years, rights, care resources, getting affairs in order and financial concerns.

Key Speakers:

- o Dr. Albert Riddle, Hudson Valley Hospice Medical Director
- o Holly Strelzik, Grief Specialist and Center for the Heart Founder
- o Alison Anthoine, JD, Certified End-of-Life Doula and Founder of Elder Navigation

"While talking about death before the time of need was once considered taboo, living longer has given our aging-well population an opportunity to consider what we'd like our ending of life experience to be," said Caren Martineau, Founder of Bevival. "Planning ahead not only enables self-determination, it reduces the emotional and financial burden on loved ones. Bottom line, death literacy is a valuable tool everyone should include in their toolbox, long before the end!"

"By accepting our mortality and the likelihood that as we age we will experience infirmities and vulnerabilities, we can better anticipate, for ourselves and our loved ones, all the practical, emotional, and medical issues that may arise. Aging well takes planning," said Alison Anthoine, Founder of Elder Navigation.

"The role compassion and support plays during one's end-of-life journey cannot be overstated. Being able to create a space where the dying and their families can experience a peaceful death is very humbling," said Holly Strelzik, Founder of Center for the Heart.

The Ulster County OFA offers assistance to individuals over 60 in preparing essential legal documents such as estates, wills, powers of attorney, and health care proxies. Low-cost legal services for document review and preparation are also available.

To participate in the workshops, interested individuals can register by calling the Ulster County OFA at (845) 340-3456. Those unable to attend in person can request a streaming link by providing their email address. All are welcome and encouraged to attend these important discussions.

Careers' Program Underway at Ulster County Jail

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger visited the Ulster County Jail this week to welcome men and women participating in the 'Corrections to Careers' program, an initiative launched by the County Executive and Sheriff Juan Figueroa in partnership with the Carpenters Local 279.

The pre-apprenticeship program provides a pathway for incarcerated individuals to become a full apprentice with the Carpenter's union or another trade of their choice after their release from jail. The program is being led by Carpenters Local 279 Council Representative Matthew Ross.

Currently, eight men and five women are enrolled in the 12-week program, and many of them remarked during the County Executive's visit how excited they are to have the opportunity. "We want to make sure everyone has access to the resources they need for a meaningful career path, no matter where they are," said County Executive Metzger. "These are the kinds of programs that reduce recidivism and support a productive new beginning with the training necessary for well-paying jobs in the trades, and for future success. I am proud that Ulster County is leading the way, and thank Sheriff Figueroa and Corrections Superintendent Anthony Maggio and his team for their partnership in this program."

"It's really based upon giving people something they can value, and validate them. None of these folks ever get recognized for anything, and this gives them something meaningful to work toward. We also have 128 adults in the GED program here," said County Sheriff Figueroa. "This is important for all our members, because it gives them something productive to accomplish."

"So far this program is going great, it's really starting to take off here at Ulster County Jail," said Corrections Sergeant Megan Ferri. "We also have art therapy that started in March and a financial literacy class that's given through the Hudson Valley Credit Union. We're happy to be able to equip individuals in the jail with the skills so they can get better jobs when they are out in the community. Individual growth is so important."

County Executive Metzger included funding in the 2024 budget to extend the program to individuals on probation, and the program is currently being developed in the County Probation Department.

10th Annual Kingston Earth Fair when: May 11th, 2024, 11am - 5pm where: TR Gallo Park 30 Rondout Landing, Kingston

The City of Kingston is currently seeking volunteers for the 10th Annual Kingston Earth Fair on May 11th from 11am to 5pm at TR Gallo Park. Volunteer shifts are from 10:00am to 1:30 pm or from 1:30pm to 5:00pm. Volunteer jobs include helping with children's activities, zero waste stations, parking, event photography, the exchange store, and more.

Please contact Julie Noble at JulieLNoble@kingston-ny.gov or 845-481-7339 for more information.

Tri-Valley Lions
Journey For Sight Annual Walk
Saturday, May 4, 2024

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 4, 2024

at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building

Please be available no later than 8:50 am 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.

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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.

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.

Governor Hochul Sends Letters to High School Seniors Encouraging Students to Complete FAFSA

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that letters will be distributed to high school seniors to provide them with helpful tips and resources to complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Letters will also be sent to high school principals urging them to make sure each senior student has the resources needed to access financial aid. The mailings are a part of Financial Aid Awareness Month, which Governor Hochul launched at the beginning of this month.

"Far too often, New York students don't realize the full scope of financial aid that is available to them to help cover the cost of higher education," Governor Hochul said. "As part of Financial Aid Awareness Month, my administration is conducting outreach to high school seniors and principals to ensure students complete the FAFSA and have the resources needed to access financial support to continue their education."

Last year, New York's high school students left over \$200 million in federal aid unclaimed by not filling out the FAFSA. The FAFSA is free, and opens the door to federal and state aid, including Tuition Assistance Program and Excelsior Scholarship, as well as other college funding awards. Year over year, FAFSA submission rates are down 24 percent in New York State.

Students and their families are encouraged to go to <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/fafsaready> to learn about events and informational services in their community. Students can also follow #FAFSAReady to hear from current college students.

Leaders across the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC), State University of New York (SUNY), City University of New York (CUNY) and academic and community organizations in New York are joining the Governor in her campaign to make sure New Yorkers take every opportunity to access funding for college.

Each institution continues to host multiple events this month to help students and their families complete the FAFSA or the Dream Act, and Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) applications. Events include information sessions on how to fill out financial aid applications, virtual drop in opportunities to connect with HESC, SUNY and CUNY experts, and discussions about scholarship opportunities for students. A full schedule of events can be found here <https://startheregethere.ny.gov/events>

As part of the Governor's 2024 State of the State, she announced her plan to require graduating high school seniors to fill out the FAFSA form as an effort to boost completion rates. Studies show that students who complete the FAFSA are more likely to go to college. Specifically, 90 percent of high school seniors who complete the form go to college directly after graduation, compared to just 55 percent of seniors who don't fill out the aid application.

New York State has been working to improve the FAFSA completion statistics by training college students to provide in-person assistance with the financial aid application process.

SUNY and CUNY have taken several steps to assist students and their families in applying for financial aid to make college more affordable including:

- o Delaying deposit deadlines at state operated campuses until no earlier than May 15 and June 1 for commitment day at CUNY campuses, so that families have time to make an informed decision with their financial aid offers

- o FAFSA information sessions across the state, including FAFSA Completion events in Rochester, Buffalo, Yonkers and New York City

- o Virtual FAFSA completion workshops, held in English and Spanish to help families complete the FAFSA

- o Working with State partners to develop and promote online resources including print-ready resources for counselors and students to help guide them through the financial aid process; and

- o The launch of the SUNY FAFSA Completion Corps, an AmeriCorps funded program that supports nearly 50 SUNY students serving as near-peer mentors to help students complete the FAFSA.

- o The launch of CUNY Financial Aid Support Team (FAST) earlier this month to help 100,000 students complete the FAFSA. The Petrie Foundation awarded CUNY \$1 million for the initiative.

- o Helping high school students complete FAFSA forms through CUNY's K16 Initiatives College and Career Advisory Programs

- o CUNY sent emails to current CUNY students and Fall 24 applicants about changes to the form and launched a social media campaign. The University will also host FAFSA Completion Workshops with Admissions. Workshop dates will be posted here. <https://events.cuny.edu/>

- o CUNY campuses have increased financial aid workshops and completion events all spring and have leveraged Federal Work Study funds in partnership with the National Partnership for Student Success to hire students to support financial aid offices. The University will also host FAFSA Completion Workshops with Admissions. Workshop dates will be posted here. <https://events.cuny.edu/gt/financial-aid/>



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Rep. Molinaro Announces Winners of Writing Competition

U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced Bailey Carlucci, a third grader at Sullivan West Central School, Thalia Brennan, a fourth grader at Chenango Forks Elementary School, and August Eggena, a fifth grader at Taconic Hill Central School, have been named winners of his New York 19 Writing Competition.

Rep. Molinaro's writing contest was open to third, fourth, and fifth grade students in New York's 19th Congressional District. In 400 words or less, the writing prompt asked students: 'If you were President for a day, what would you do?'

Bailey's essay focused on ending animal abuse, creating a safe playground for amputees, and promoting unity. Thalia's writing focused on hosting fun events to bring the local community together, organizing a park clean up, and taking all seniors in nursing homes out for ice cream. As president, August would protect endangered species, build food pantries, and provide service dogs for those who need them.

Rep Molinaro said, "I truly enjoyed reading the creative essays from young students on what they would do as President of the United States. Thank you to all the kids who participated in brainstorming sessions and my competition. There were many bright ideas that would bring our local communities closer together. Congratulations to my writing contest winners Bailey, Thalia, and August!"

DEC Establishes Agency's First-Ever Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Civil Rights Office Combines Existing DEI, Accessibility, and Civil Rights Efforts Under New Chief Diversity Officer *Commissioner Seggos: New Office Will Help Build Stronger, More Diverse DEC to Represent and Serve All New Yorkers*

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

"I have made it a priority to diversify the agency's workforce to better serve all of New York's communities, especially those that are most disadvantaged," Commissioner

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Seggos said. "Standing up a new Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Civil Rights will help bring greater focus to this important work and advance DEC's mission to protect public health and the environment across the state."

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

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

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

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

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DEC and OGS Remind New Yorkers to Keep 'Lights Out' to Protect Migrating Birds

State-Owned and Managed Buildings Take Measures to Reduce Light, Prevent Bird Collisions

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Office of General Services (OGS) today remind New Yorkers to take action to protect migrating birds as they navigate night skies by participating in the 'Lights Out' initiative. Joining national and international efforts, State buildings participating in Lights Out will keep non-essential outdoor lighting from affecting the ability of birds to migrate successfully throughout New York.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "We all play a role in protecting the environment and wildlife and the national Lights Out initiative is a simple way to help a variety of bird species survive and thrive during the busy migration season. DEC is proud to join our New York State partners to lead by example and take actions to reduce bird collisions."

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner Jeanette Moy said, "Reducing excessive outdoor lighting is an easy and practical step we can take to minimize one of the many dangerous obstacles birds face during their long annual migrations. OGS is proud to join with DEC and our other partners in state government to help our avian friends safely navigate to their spring nesting sites and wintering grounds."

Many species of shorebirds and songbirds rely on constellations to help them navigate to and from their summer breeding grounds through the state. Excessive outdoor lighting, especially in adverse weather conditions, can cause migrating birds to become disoriented, a phenomenon known as fatal light attraction. According to the National Zoological Park and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, fatal light attraction has led to collisions with windows, walls, floodlights, or the ground and the death of an estimated 365 to 988 million birds annually in the United States.

Lights Out directs State-owned and managed buildings to turn off non-essential outdoor lighting from 11 p.m. to dawn during the spring migration April 15 through May 31, and also during the peak fall migration, Aug. 15 through Nov. 15. State agencies are also encouraged to draw blinds, when possible, and turn off non-essential indoor lighting during Lights Out times. In addition to benefiting migrating birds, Lights Out promotes sustainability and provides a cost-savings to the state.

Mike Burger, Executive Director of Audubon Connecticut and New York said, "Every year, billions of birds migrate north in the spring and south in the fall, and most of them travel at night. Unfortunately, artificial lights and sky glow can confuse them, causing some to collide with windows and walls while others circle in confusion until exhaustion overcomes them. This migration season, you can help by turning off lights when they're not in use, making sure that outside lights aim down and are well-shielded, closing blinds to reduce light-spill, and building awareness with building owners and managers."

Jessica Wilson, Executive Director of NYC Audubon said, "Birds are a critical part of a healthy ecosystem, but bird populations are in steep decline due to threats including climate change, habitat loss, and collisions with buildings. Fortunately, there are easy solutions to collisions including reducing artificial light at night - which also improves human health. When buildings turn off unnecessary lights at night, they help make the environment better for birds and for people."

DEC encourages birding enthusiasts to visit I BIRD NY for more information on where and how to observe birds, upcoming bird walks, a downloadable Beginner's Guide to Birding (available in Spanish), information on the annual I BIRD NY Challenge, and additional educational resources. The New York State Birding Trail map is also available online and provides valuable information on each site such as location, available amenities, species

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likely to be seen, directions, and more. Digital information on the Birding Trail will be updated periodically, so budding outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to check back often.

DEC manages and oversees five million acres of public lands and conservation easements and plays a vital role in both protecting New York's natural resources and providing opportunities for people to enjoy the outdoors. From fishing on scenic streams, hiking and rock climbing, swimming and boating, birding, and nature study, or simply relaxing in a tent under the stars, there are endless adventures to be found. Visit things to do in NYS, connect with us on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram and X.

DEC Reminds New Yorkers to Be Bear Wise this Spring Follow Best Practices to Reduce Potential Conflicts with Bears

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos 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. (Contd. Pg. 39)

DEC Reminds New Yorkers to Be BearWise this Spring Follow Best Practices to Reduce Potential Conflicts with Bears

(From Pg. 38) “Across New York, black bears are emerging from their winter dens and may seek out human-created food sources,” Commissioner Seggos said. “Repeat access to these food sources can make bears bolder, so I encourage New Yorkers to practice the BearWise basics to help keep bears wild and prevent the potential for human-bear conflicts.”

Those who maintain bird feeders should begin emptying and cleaning spilled seed from feeders, and let nature feed the birds from spring through fall. Garbage and recycling cans should be secured or stored in a sturdy building. This is also a good time to clean or remove all residual grease and food from grills and smokers. Pet and livestock food should be kept indoors and 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.

By taking some time to practice the BearWise basics at <https://bearwise.org/six-bearwise-basics/> -New Yorkers are helping keep bears away from people, homes, and neighborhoods, and that helps keep bears healthy, wild, and safe by removing any unnatural food attractants and encouraging neighbors to do the same. For more information on how to live responsibly with black bears, please visit DEC's website <https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/black-bear/bearwise-and-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.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZTJBB8O5BY>

An 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>

DEC Releases Proposed Regulation to Implement Black Bass Fishing Tournament Permit and Reporting System Public Comments Accepted through June 10

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the release of a regulatory proposal to implement a fishing tournament permit and reporting system for black bass (largemouth bass and smallmouth bass). The no-cost black bass tournament permitting and reporting system would help identify the distribution and occurrence of black bass tournaments across the state.

“New York is a national destination for black bass fishing tournaments thanks to the quality of our bass fisheries,” Commissioner Seggos said. “This proposal would require a free permit for bass tournaments and help fisheries managers better understand tournament activity in New York State, advancing efforts to ensure high quality black bass fishing opportunities for all anglers.”

Black bass are New York's most sought-after freshwater sportfish. The number of black bass fishing tournaments has increased significantly over time, but the overall scope and scale of tournament activity in New York is currently unknown, limiting the ability of DEC fisheries biologists to fully understand and manage these important fisheries for the benefit of both tournament and recreational anglers.

The information derived from the free permit system would help DEC respond to issues such as user conflicts, overuse of the resource, and concerns about fish populations. Tournament catch data would also be used by fisheries biologist to further DEC's understanding of black bass fisheries for improved management. In addition, the proposed regulation would allow for the listing of approved tournaments on DEC's website. Having this information publicly available would assist tournament organizers with scheduling and inform recreational anglers about when and where tournaments are held.

Highlights of the proposal include:

- Requiring free permits for black bass fishing tournaments held on or after Jan. 1, 2025;

- Defining a fishing tournament and a fishing tournament director;

- Setting timeframes for permit applications, report submissions, and DEC review; and

- Providing DEC with the ability to place conditions on tournaments.

The full text and a summary of the proposed regulation are available on DEC's website and additional information is available on the Black Bass Fishing Tournament Permit webpage. DEC is interested in anglers' viewpoints and encourages public feedback on this proposal. Comments will be accepted through June 10, 2024, and can be submitted via e-mail to regulations.fish@dec.ny.gov (subject: "Fishing Tournament Permits Proposal Comments") or via mail to the Inland Fisheries Section, NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4753.

Rock The Ridge Volunteer Opportunities

Rock The Ridge, a 50-mile endurance challenge and environmental fundraiser set in the natural beauty of Mohonk Preserve on May 4, could not be a success without a strong corps of volunteers. Whether it is supporting runners at an aid station, assisting with participant check-in, cheering on participants at the finish line, or any of the many other important roles, we have fun and rewarding volunteer opportunities for you or your organization!

We'll provide training, an event t-shirt, food, and other amenities to all who volunteer their services to Rock The Ridge. We'll also provide a volunteer certification document to any volunteers who need one for community service projects. Youth between the ages of 13 - 18 years old are eligible to volunteer if accompanied by adult chaperones.

View the Rock The Ridge volunteer schedule and sign up today. For more information, please contact Andy Reynolds, Volunteer Programs Manager, at areynolds@mohonkpreserve.org or call 845-255-0919, ext. 1269. Thank you.



Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary Presents:

“A Taste of Broadway III”

The Shadowland Theatre at 157 Canal St. is featuring this rollicking '60's Broadway musical coupled with lunch at Gaby's Café, 141 Canal St., Ellenville, NY.

Date: Sunday, August 25th – Lunch at 11:45, 2 pm show.

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

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

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

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

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

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Claryville Vol. Fire Department Craft and Vendor Fair & Community Yard Sale



All Vendors are wanted!

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

When: Saturday, August 24th, 2024

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

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

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 STATION 65

1500 DENNING ROAD · CLARYVILLE, NEW YORK 12725
845-985-7270

Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 24th, 2024

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: _____

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

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Description of Merchandise: _____

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

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

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

*****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 (an item raffled off for vendors) 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! ****

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Governor Hochul Announces Record Tourism Numbers During April 8 Total Solar Eclipse

From April 6 to April 9, Nearly One Million Visitors Came to New York State Parks - A 45 Percent Increase in Attendance Compared to 2023

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced record-setting tourism numbers in New York from April 6 to April 9 as visitors arrived for the total solar eclipse. Nearly one million people visited New York State Parks from April 6 to April 9 - an increase of 45 percent compared to last year. The New York State Thruway Authority and New York State Department of Transportation recorded significant increases in vehicle travel, and the New York Power Authority provided nearly double the charging miles for electric vehicles when compared to the previous week. Governor Hochul was one of 45,000 visitors who experienced Monday's celestial event at Niagara Falls State Park.

"From majestic Niagara Falls to the mighty Adirondacks, New York was one of the best places on earth to witness this once-in-a-generation celestial event," Governor Hochul said. "We planned for more than a year to welcome a record number of visitors during the total solar eclipse, and those preparations helped this event go off safely and successfully."

In October 2022, Governor Hochul convened an Interagency Task Force comprised of nearly two dozen state agencies and authorities to prepare to welcome the influx of visitors the state expected for this once-in-a-generation event. New York State agencies involved in the Interagency Task Force reported record services provided to residents and travelers.

New York State Parks

From April 6 to April 9, nearly one million visitors showed up to New York State Parks to witness and celebrate the total solar eclipse, an increase in attendance of more than 45 percent compared to the same days in 2023. On April 8 alone, New York State Parks welcomed more than 326,500 visitors, an over 52 percent jump in attendance compared to last year. 12 state parks reached full capacity on April 8:

- o Cayuga Lake (Seneca County)
- o Chimney Bluffs (Wayne County)
- o Crown Point (Essex County)
- o Cumberland Bay (Clinton County)
- o Fair Haven State Park (Cayuga County)
- o John Brown Farm (Essex County)
- o Point Au Roche (Clinton County)
- o Robert Whele (Jefferson County)
- o Selkirk (Oswego County)
- o Seneca Lake (Seneca County)
- o Southwick Beach (Jefferson County)
- o Stony Brook State Park (Steuben County)

Governor Hochul opened campgrounds at State Parks within the path of totality early to accommodate visitors for the total solar eclipse, which were 100 percent booked the night of April 7 and 93 percent booked the night of April 8. To welcome visitors, New York State Parks and Historic Sites hosted numerous eclipse-viewing gatherings on April 8. Additionally, scientists, subject matter experts and astronauts from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) provided programming and exhibits at Niagara Falls State Park through April 8.

New York Power Authority

On April 7 and April 8, the New York State Power Authority reported that EVolve Stations dispensed over 260,000 miles of

driving, which is over 115,000 more miles dispensed than the same days the previous week.

New York State Department of Transportation

New York State Department of Transportation staff and resources were fully engaged up to and through the eclipse monitoring traffic conditions, responding to emergencies and helping motorists get to their destinations safely and with as few delays as possible. As expected, New York State experienced moderate to heavy traffic volumes in certain areas along the path of totality, especially in the North Country and Adirondacks, and aside from a few crashes that were addressed quickly, there were no major reported incidents.

New York State Thruway Authority

During the five-day period from Friday, April 5 to Tuesday, April 9, over 5.5 million toll transactions were recorded. The peak day was Tuesday, April 9, with more than 1.2 million toll transactions, a 21 percent surge over the previous year. Gas sales and overall sales at the service areas almost doubled during the eclipse weekend, with the peak day being Tuesday, April 9, similar to a summer travel weekend. In addition, charging sessions at the EV charging stations increased by over 111 percent compared to weekdays in March. New York State Olympic Regional Development Authority

New York State Olympic Regional Development Authority facilities welcomed more than 10,000 guests, including at Whiteface Mountain, Gore Mountain, Belleayre Mountain, the Olympic Center, Mt Van Hoevenberg and the Olympic Jumping Complex. All of the facilities were open access for eclipse viewing on April 8 and held special events for visitors. The venues are primarily utilized for visitor attractions, recreation, training and competition.

New York State Office of Information Technology Services In partnership with New York State Parks, the New York State Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) significantly improved the digital infrastructure within Niagara Falls State Park as part of a large-scale initiative that involved the deployment of a highly resilient, robust, and high-speed network to enhance visitor experiences. In addition, ITS employees were on site before and during the event to ensure success.

Acting New York State Parks Commissioner Randy Simons said, "What an incredible day it was! People from around the world came to our parks and historic sites to share a once-in-a-lifetime total solar eclipse. Hundreds of thousands of people enjoyed a rich, memorable experience thanks to the hard work of our staff and Park Police over a two-year period. I'm grateful for Governor Hochul's leadership as well as the assistance of our state and local partners for making the event a great success."

New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez said, "It often takes a village to make the extraordinary happen, and thanks to a multi-agency effort spearheaded by Governor Hochul, this week's solar eclipse was a rousing success for New York State. People across the state heeded the warnings, arriving early and staying late to enjoy the many wonders that the Empire State has to offer. In between people got to experience a natural event that was truly out of this world. The days, weeks and months of planning were well worth it, and I was extremely proud of the role that team NYSDOT played in this once-in-a-generation event."

Thruway Authority Acting Executive Director Frank G. Hoare, Esq. said, "Preparations for the eclipse began more than a year ago, and the thorough planning proved successful as there were no major disruptions on the Thruway system throughout the state. I want to thank Governor Hochul and her Administration for leading a collaborative, multi-agency effort that brought stakeholders together to deliver an experience that was memorable in many ways. I also want to express my appreciation to the countless individuals who traveled safely via the Thruway system to witness the eclipse, heeding advice to arrive early and stay late at their viewing locations."

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

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After a busy couple of weeks, I wanted to provide another update on how I'm fighting for Hudson and Delaware Valley priorities:

SUPPORTING HUDSON VALLEY SENIORS



Seniors shouldn't have to navigate the maze of government resources alone - that's why my office held an all-in-one Senior Resource Fair last week.

Thank you to the dozens of community partners and over 200 Hudson Valley seniors who came and made the event a huge success!

on and to make them easy to access. If you're a senior or know one who needs assistance, but couldn't join us at the resource fair, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 845-443-2930 or here on my website .

<https://patryan.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency>

ELIMINATING PFAS "FOREVER CHEMICALS" FROM OUR DRINKING WATER

This week, the EPA made a monumental ruling to crackdown on toxic PFAS "forever chemicals" by setting a national standard for the amount of PFAS in drinking water - a key requirement in the PFAS Action Act that I introduced.

This will help protect over 100 million Americans from the health hazards of FPAS exposure, including Newburgh and New Windsor families.

It's a huge first step, but I won't stop fighting until every part of the PFAS Action Act becomes law.

PROTECTING THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

Every day, I hear from at least one of the 46,000 NY-18 families who rely on the Affordable Connectivity Program for vital internet access and New York is among the top 5 states in terms of ACP enrollment per household.

We cannot allow funding to run out.

I've made repeated calls to fully fund the ACP, including recently joining colleagues on a letter to Congressional leadership to extend funding beyond its current April 2024 expiration. will not give up the fight.

BRING HOME THE HOSTAGES

Last weekend marked 6 months that terrorists have illegally held more than 100 hostages, including Americans.

These are the same terrorists who killed Hudson Valley natives and their families on October 7th.

We have to keep up the pressure - any ceasefire agreement must require Hamas to release the hostages.

CONDEMNING DANGEROUS RHETORIC AND CON-

TINUING MY CALL FOR A LASTING PEACE

Recently, Representative Tim Walberg of Michigan said the solution in Gaza "should be like Nagasaki and Hiroshima" and said the U.S. "shouldn't be spending a dime on humanitarian aid."

I unequivocally condemn his dangerous and unacceptable comments, which came only days before seven World Central Kitchen workers were killed in Gaza as they tried to deliver desperately needed aid to the Palestinian people. I join the entire world in mourning these courageous heroes.

This tragedy only heightens the urgent need for a mutual, temporary ceasefire to secure the return of hostages, to send a massive surge of humanitarian aid to Gaza, and to work towards a just and lasting peace with a two-state solution.

WORKING TO END THE GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC

This week, the Biden Administration announced the largest expansion of background checks for gun purchases in decades, closing the "gun show loophole" and helping keep guns away from criminals and out of our communities.

That means safer streets for our families and for law enforcement.

The job's not done, but this is a HUGE step to ending the gun violence epidemic.

I will keep fighting for the reforms that will close dangerous loopholes and prevent illicit guns from falling into the hands of people who should not have them, like the Stopping the Fraudulent Sales of Firearms Act, the Destroy Zombie Guns Act, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act, and the Closing the Bump Stock Loophole Act.

FIGHTING TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Thank you to the advocates who made the trip from NY-18 to join me in DC to discuss working together to end the heartbreaking toll that Alzheimer's Disease takes on families.

Your fierce determination is truly inspiring and I'm honored to work alongside you in the fight to end Alzheimer's!

WISHING NY-18 A JOYOUS EID AL-FITR

This week brought the closing of the month of Ramadan, and I want to wish everyone who celebrated a joyous Eid al-Fitr.

I hope the day brought you blessings and peace alongside loved ones. Eid Mubarak!

CREATING A MORE INCLUSIVE WORLD

During this Autism Awareness Month, we must recommit to working towards a more inclusive world.

Thank you to the advocates in NY-18 fighting for that positive change, especially the Anderson Center for Autism, who I had the honor of joining to celebrate their 100th birthday this past January.

CELEBRATING AN INSPIRING VETERAN

I want to wish a huge Happy 100th Birthday to Port Jervis' own Denis DeGroat!



A WWII veteran, he has lived a life of service to our country and our Hudson Valley community, including earning a Purple Heart for his heroism.

I'm grateful that Seth from my team was there to help him celebrate and present him with a Congressional Record.

Denis, thank you for your service to this country - you are a true inspiration!



Strengthening Our Civil Liberties and National Security

At a time when our adversaries are ramping up their intelligence and military capabilities and seeking to orchestrate attacks on our homeland, we must ensure that our intelligence community has the capabilities to swiftly counteract and prevent terrorist attacks. That's why I voted in favor of the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act, the largest intelligence reform package since FISA's creation in 1978, to prevent the FBI from targeting Americans, increase transparency and accountability in our intelligence community, and strengthen our national security.

Section 702, which applies only to foreigners outside the United States, is the most critical tool to keeping America safe, whether it is countering Cyber Attacks, hindering the flow of deadly fentanyl into our country, or averting threats from China, Iran, and foreign terrorist organizations. Our Republican Majority is committed to preventing another Russia Hoax FISA disaster and ensuring that FISA can no longer be abused to target Americans and political adversaries. The abuses by the FBI have been outrageous and unlawful. I support Representative Mike Garcia's condemnation of FBI Director Wray for failing to uphold the law and holding those who violated our laws accountable. This legislation provides 56 reforms to current law, including reducing the number of FBI agents who can perform Section 702 searches by 90 percent, and enhances criminal penalties for those who violate FISA, leak FISA applications, or lie to the FISA Court. Importantly, this bill also prohibits vague "abouts" searches that make broad sweeping searches of data.

This bill does not include a dangerous proposal that would have granted Fourth Amendment rights to foreign nationals by requiring a warrant to search foreign surveillance data already lawfully collected by our national security agencies. Under existing law, national security agencies already require a warrant to collect data and take any action against U.S. citizens. This amendment would hamper important law enforcement efforts to protect Americans and would further the radical Defund and Demoralize the Police movement that has been codified by New York's Greenlight and Bail Reform laws. Approximately 90 percent of individuals on the terror watch list have crossed our Northern Border illegally, leaving New York particularly vulnerable to terror threats. Section 702 is a critical tool for law enforcement to protect New Yorkers and all Americans. By not reauthorizing a substantially reformed Section 702, we would have allowed our foreign adversaries to plan terrorist attacks without our knowledge. This would give our enemies the ability to undermine our freedoms and orchestrate attacks on our soil. As a Constitutional lawyer, I remain dedicated to protecting our civil liberties and privacy while defending our national security. This bill furthers the reforms to Section 702, which was made by and supported by President Trump in 2017, and I was honored to support its passage.

Biden's Student Loan "Forgiveness" is a Scam

87% of Americans do not have any federal student loan debt. 62% choose not to go to college.

Yet, thanks to President Biden's attempt to boost his poll numbers, these Americans will be stuck paying for Biden's student loan bailout! The Biden administration continues to ignore and undermine the highest court in America to score political points. This unconstitutional student loan forgiveness scheme is an insult to hardworking Americans in NY-24! I will continue to work to stop President Biden's illegal and overreaching student loan debt "cancellation" policy.

Introducing the Don't Quit to Lobby Act

Elected officials made a commitment to their constituents to serve to the best of their abilities their full elected terms. Recently, an increased number of members of Congress have abandoned their posts and neglected their commitment to their constituents in order to cash out and make millions lobbying. I introduced the Don't Quit to Lobby Act to change the timeframe that a former Member of Congress is prohibited from lobbying to one year after the Member's elected term ends in the House, and two years after the Senator's elected term ends in the Senate. This legislation ensures that when these members leave office, they are forbidden from engaging in lobbying activities for one year after their elected term ends, guarding against potential early retirements solely driven by financial opportunities. We must uphold the integrity of public service!

Republican wants to BAN lawmakers who leave Congress early from lobbying for one year after term ends saying 'oath of office' comes first over selfish 'exasperation' after high-profile GOP departures

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13299091/Republican-wants-BAN-lawmakers-leave-Congress-early-lobbying-one-year-term-ends-saying-oath-office-comes-selfish-exasperation-high-profile-GOP-departures.html>

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>

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7888, the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act. At a time when our adversaries are ramping up their military capabilities and seeking to orchestrate attacks on our homeland, we must ensure that our intelligence community has the capabilities to swiftly counteract and prevent terrorist attacks. Section 702, which applies only to foreigners outside the United States, is the most critical tool to keeping America safe. It plays an invaluable role in countering cyber attacks, hindering the flow of deadly fentanyl into our country, and averting threats from China, Iran, and foreign terrorist organizations. In addition, our Republican Majority is committed to preventing another Russia Hoax FISA disaster and ensuring that FISA can no longer be abused to target Americans and political adversaries. The abuses by the FBI have been outrageous and unlawful. That is why I support Representative Mike Garcia's condemnation of FBI Director Wray for failing to uphold the law and holding those who violated our laws accountable. As a solution to this abuse, this legislation provides 56 reforms to the current law, including reducing the number of FBI agents who can perform Section 702 searches by 90 percent and enhancing criminal penalties for those who violate FISA, leak FISA applications, or lie to the FISA Court.

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This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 56)

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I voted "Yes" on S. 382, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Land Into Trust Confirmation Act of 2023. The Puyallup Tribe of Indians is a federally recognized tribe located in western Washington state. S. 382 places 17.26 acres of land owned by the tribe into trust, while preventing gaming on the land. In addition, due to pre-existing contamination of the land, the bill clarifies that the United States will not be held liable for any contamination of the land that is taken into trust. S. 382 ensures American taxpayers are not held liable for the cleanup of the land, while also giving the tribe the land it needs to pursue economic development and job creation opportunities. The bill passed the House by a vote of 401-15.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2560, the Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance and Rehabilitation Act of 2023. H.R. 2560 would require the Department of Commerce to establish the Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance and Rehabilitation Grant Program. The program would award grants for the recovery, care, transportation, and treatment of stranded marine turtles, the release of rescued marine turtles, the collection of data for scientific research related to marine turtle health, and associated facility operations costs. Grants would be limited to \$150,000 over a 12-month period, and the non-federal share of any costs of an activity conducted with a grant award would be at least 50 percent, ensuring strong community buy-in. It is a thoughtful step to help these endangered animals without burdensome regulations on landowners and localities. H.R. 2560 passed the House by a vote of 332-82.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3250, the National Museum of Play Recognition Act. H.R. 3250 designates the Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum in Rochester as the National Museum of Play. Margaret Strong, who lived from 1897 to 1969, was a prolific collector of dolls and toys, and amassed more than 27,000 dolls during her lifetime. Since the museum officially opened to the public in 1982, it has grown to more than 375,000 square feet, including the National Toy Hall of Fame and the World Video Game Hall of Fame. H.R. 3250 recognizes the National Museum of Play's vital role in preserving the changing ways in which American children play. The bill passed the House by a vote of 385-31.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6655, the A Stronger Workforce for America Act. H.R. 6655 would reauthorize certain programs that support workforce training and career services for adults, dislocated workers, and youth. In particular, the bill would reauthorize the Job Corps and YouthBuild programs and would enact key reforms to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), such as imposing more robust accountability and performance requirements. I am honored to represent the Iroquois Job Corps Center in Medina, which educates youth on career paths in the trades, including masonry, electrical work, and construction. Programs authorized by H.R. 6655 play a key role in supporting our local economy and our national security and I will always be a tireless advocate for those seeking the dignity of work. H.R. 6655 passed the House by a vote of 378-26.

I voted "Yes" on S. 2051, the Missing Children's Assistance Reauthorization Act. S. 2051 reauthorizes the Missing Children's Assistance Act and improves the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Specifically, the bill would improve NCMEC's ability to: assist law enforcement to identify, locate, and recover missing and exploited children; develop educational materials to reduce the risk of child sex trafficking, online enticement, sexual extortion, and cyberbullying; provide education and technical assistance on conducting background checks on individuals working with children; offer support services to missing and exploited children and their families; and facilitate requests to have child sexual abuse material removed from the internet. Congress must continue doing everything it can to combat child exploitation and this bill is an important step in helping our nation's missing and exploited youth. S. 2051 passed the House by a vote of 406-0.



Rep. Molinaro Endorses Plan to Prevent Israel, Taiwan, Ukraine from Falling

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) released the following statement on Speaker Mike Johnson's proposal to deliver foreign aid:

"Tonight, Speaker Johnson proposed a bold plan to help Israel, Taiwan, and Ukraine fight back against unprecedented global threats. It's a plan that ought to attract a strong, bipartisan coalition."

"Since our nation's founding, nearly every generation of Americans has been called to act and stand against tyranny. This is our moment. Iran, China, and Russia have entered into an unholy alliance - threatening our nation and democracies around the world."

"We cannot be the generation that shrinks in its responsibility. When our enemies attack, as they're doing right now, America must not blink. We must respond strongly and decisively to give our allies the support they need to fight back. The Speaker's plan is our best option to prevent Israel, Taiwan, and Ukraine from falling."

"When America blinks, our enemies take advantage. They see the White House wavering and are seizing on the opportunity. We cannot allow Israel, Taiwan, or Ukraine to fall. We must act to pass an aid package that allows our allies to fight back."

Rep. Molinaro Announces Mobile Office Hours in Ulster County

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced his constituent service team will hold mobile office hours from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Friday, April 19 at the Shandaken Town Hall.

During the event, constituents will be able to connect with representatives from Rep. Molinaro's office to share comments and resolve issues they are having with federal agencies like the VA, IRS, and Social Security Administration.

If constituents aren't able to make these events, Rep. Molinaro also maintains offices in Broome County and Greene County. These offices are open from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Rep. Molinaro also has satellite offices in Sullivan County, Delaware County, and Otsego County. These offices are accessible by appointment and can be made by calling (607) 242-0200 or contacting the office online.

Details for the mobile office hours are as follows:

Ulster County

Date: Friday, April 19

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Location:

Shandaken Town Hall

7209 NY-28

Shandaken, NY 12480

Rep. Molinaro Blasts Gov. Hochul's 11th Hour Deal to Eliminate Disability Providers

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) released the following statement on Governor Kathy Hochul's new plan to eliminate disability providers through the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP): <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/politics/2024/04/11/opposition-to-a-single-fiscal-intermediary-grows-among-disability-rights-groups>

"I fully oppose Governor Hochul's reported 11th hour deal to eliminate providers through the CDPAP.

"First, the Governor tried to slash funding for the program. Now her new plan is a full government takeover of the program.

"Disability advocates know what this means: less providers and worse care. Governor Hochul's plan is a direct attack on the disability community and must be withdrawn."

Background:

In 2015 Rep. Molinaro created Think DIFFERENTLY, the nationally recognized initiative, which breaks down barriers for individuals with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities. In Congress, Rep. Molinaro built off this work by crafting bipartisan legislation to make key areas of society more inclusive.

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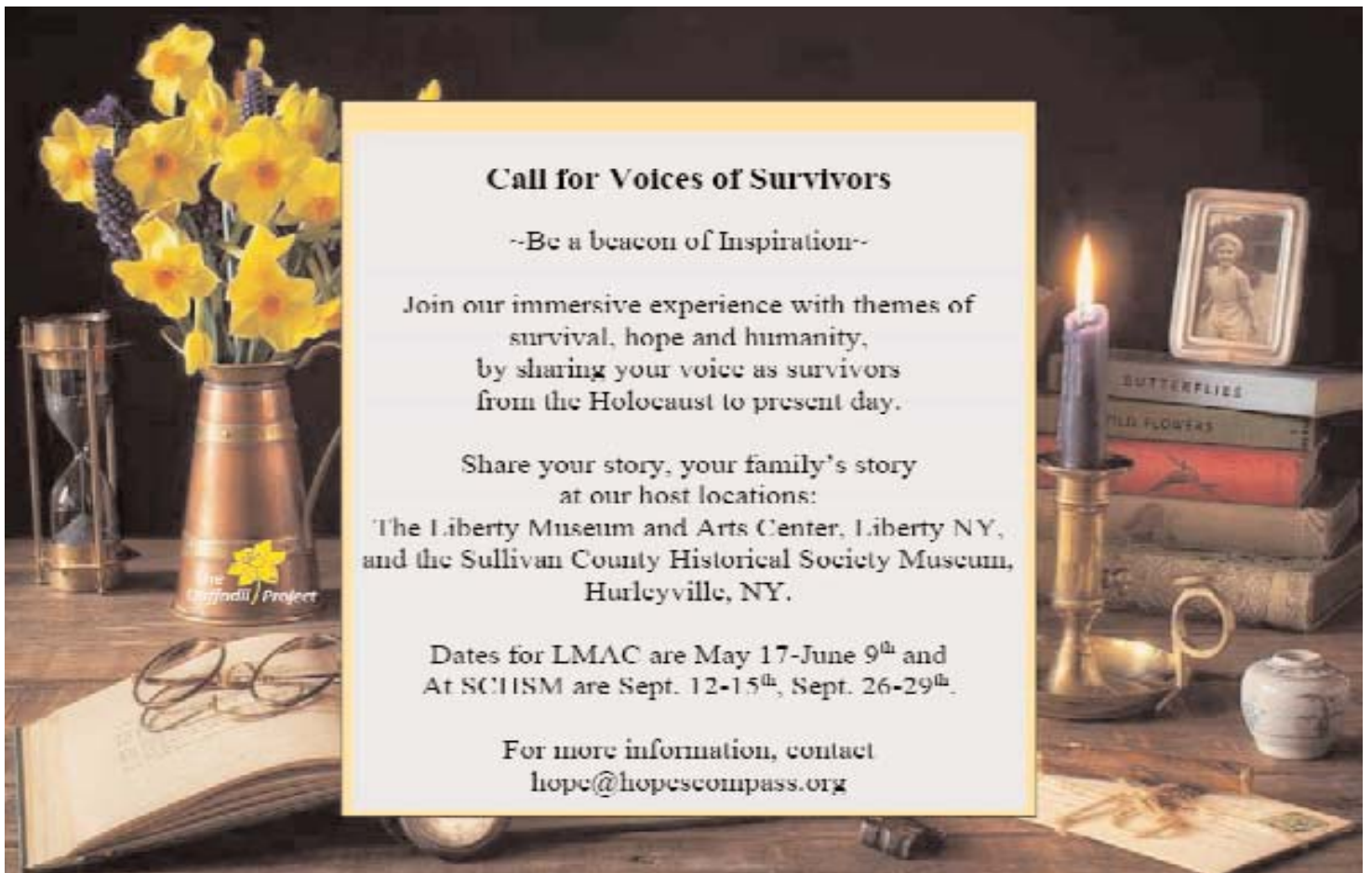
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Join us for a peer led, mental health, lesson based virtual support group for teens ages 13-17. Together we learn about our mental health and do an activity together. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be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

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

WEDNESDAY


@ 6:30 PM

VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!






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

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

EVERY 2ND & 4TH

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM



ELEMENTARY SOCIAL SKILLS

Registration is open for Grades K-5.

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

- Manners
- Listening
- Hygiene
- Emotions

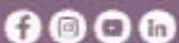
Social skills classes will be held in person at ATI Main Office at 309 E Broadway in Monticello, NY. Parents may be required to attend some sessions with their child to offer guidance and support.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

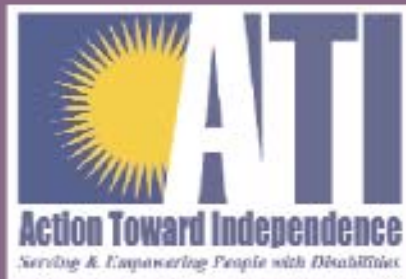
Family Peer Advocate
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info@atitoday.org

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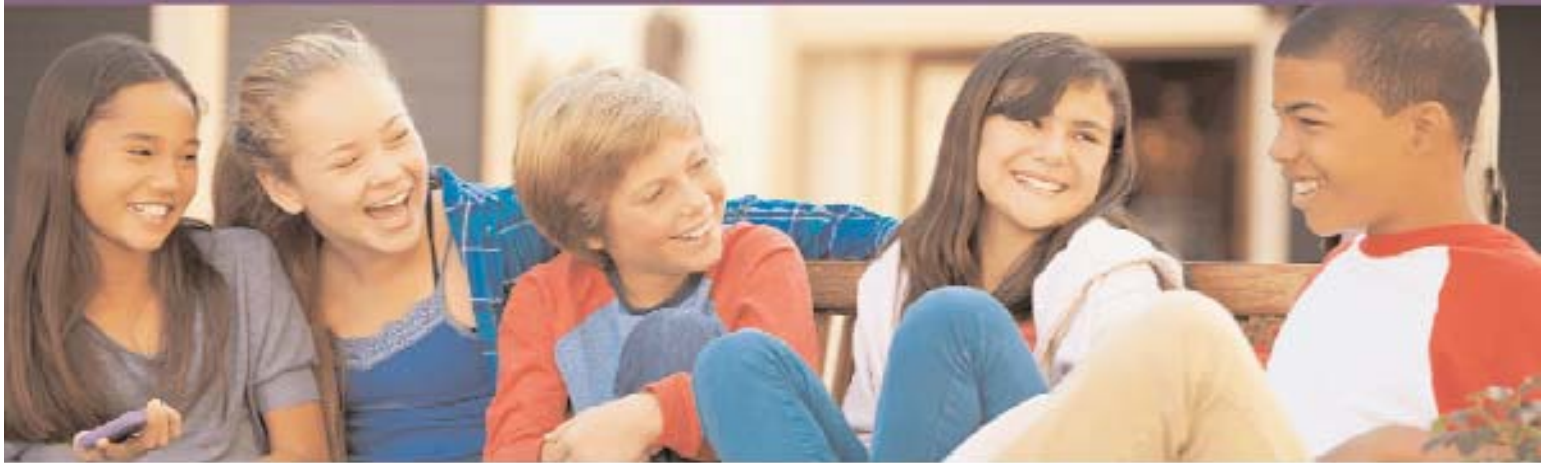
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SCAN ME!



Middle School Social Skills



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

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

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

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SCAN ME!





**STARTS JANUARY
2024!**

Are You Ready?



Life Skills Group

WORK READINESS EDITION

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

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

309 East Broadway

Monticello, NY 12701

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

(845) 794-4228

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PFC JOSEPH P. DWYER VETERANS
PEER SUPPORT PROJECT**

WEEKLY WARRIOR WALK

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

THURSDAYS @ 1500 (3 PM)

**VETERANS AND THEIR
FAMILIES ARE WELCOMED**

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

For more information, or to register,
please call 845-794-4228
or email smurphy@atitoday.org

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Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

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

Help is available now!

We are here anytime you need to talk.

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



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

Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

Sullivan County Text For Teens

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



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



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

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

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

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



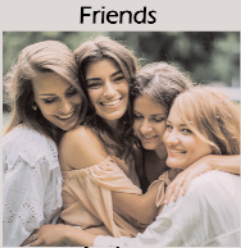
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Rewarding lives. Healthy communities.

COVID-19 Vaccines Save Lives

Who will you protect?



Friends

Amigos

Family

¿A quien protegerás?

Get the facts.



Familia

Obtenga los hechos.

Talk to your healthcare provider about the COVID vaccine.



Comunidad

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

#VaccinateSullivan

For more information, visit www.sullivanny.us



GET SIGNED UP TODAY FOR OUR UPCOMING CERTIFICATION CLASS !!

Contact:

Alyssa Wowk
(845) 645-6544

awowk@chowc.net

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



FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!



TEENS TEACH TECH & TACO TUESDAYS!




May 7th
May 14th
May 28th
@ the DPL!

3:15 - 4:45 pm

Senior Citizens: First come first serve!

For registration and bussing, students should contact the TVCS guidance department.


Tri-Valley students grades 9-12 only. Volunteer hours verification will be happily provided.



Daniel Pierce Library
 328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268
 Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233
www.danielpiercelibrary.org

Tri-Valley Chess

AT THE DPL



Wednesdays in April
3:15 - 4:45 pm
Hop on the bus

Join us for Snacks, Chess, & No Stress!

Tri-Valley Chess Club regular?
 Chess Novice or Chess curious?
 Come play in our library and let's organize a tournament event!

Tri-Valley students grades 9-12 only.
 Students should contact TVCS for bussing information.

Homeschooling Group


4th Tuesday of each month
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
at the Daniel Pierce Library

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

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

Please join in, the possibilities are endless!

Contact Dana Wright
 for more information:
myhomeschool101@yahoo.com



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

What happens at BINGO stays at BINGO!
Friday, May 31, 2024
 Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Calling begins at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Tickets on sale now Reserve tables of 8 or 10 per request
Tricky Tray Tickets available for an additional purchase & winnings
Fun for all 18 and older!
 Seating is limited, call 845.985.7233 today!

*Live*

Medicare 101 Zoom Webinar



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

Presented by:
James Farnham, MBA, MS
Licensed Agent

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

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

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

To register go to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1gurL2KWpOZkgBcmyN4Elet3DU2lo_iVTG1sK38Ea-WOx_A/viewform

Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a

Liberty COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY



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

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

Registration at 8am at the Liberty Elks Parking Lot

Trash Bags & Gloves will be provided at registration table.

• Trash will be picked up •

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

Please pre-register by April 15 for a headcount.

For info info@libertychamber.org or call 845-292-9797



Greater Liberty
CHAMBER
of **COMMERCE**

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

We all have a role to play!

15	An Evening with Rick Wakeman: His Music and Stories: 8 p.m. \$49-\$150. Bearsville Theater, 291 Tinker St., Woodstock. 845-684-7133; bearsvilletheater.com/event
15-23	2nd Annual Eco Arts Week: Workshops focusing on eco art, environmental activism, upcycling, repurposing, bio-material exploration, and deep listening. Kickoff keynote presentation by sTo Len, NYC. Free. Schedule can be found on website. DRAW Studio, 20 Cedar St., Kingston. 845-802-0097; drawingkingston.org/special-event-ecoartsweek2023
21	Pro Wrestling: A 9-match card benefiting Ulster County Italian American Foundation! 7-10 p.m. \$20. Sponsorship opportunities available starting at \$100. Andy Murphy Midtown Center, 467 Broadway, Kingston. 845-331-0080; ucitalianamericanfoundation.org
21	Garry Kvistad: His Life in Music, with Guest Artist Timothy Hill: 7 p.m. D&H Canal Museum, 1315 Main St., High Falls. 845-687-2000; canalmuseum.org/events/garry-kvistad
22	Celebrate Trails Day Bike Ride Relay: Ride with one of the three groups covering all 22 miles of the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail, with each group biking one portion of the trail. 10 a.m. Wallkill Valley Land Trust, wallkillvalleylt.org/events
22	The Kobzar's Prayer for Ukraine: A magical afternoon with Yuri Fedynskij as he performs using traditional instruments of Ukraine. 3 p.m. \$10-\$20. Soyuzivka Heritage Center, 216 Foordmore Rd., Kerhonkson. 845-626-5641; soyuzivka.com
22	Garden Day: This one-day gardening extravaganza is a community educational program presented by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County Master Gardener Program. Registration is online only. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. \$55. SUNY Ulster, 491 Cottekill Rd., Stone Ridge. 845-340-3990; ulster.cce.cornell.edu/gardenday23
22, 23	Earth Day at the Wineries: Enjoy award-winning wines at 4 incredible wineries. Participants receive a white spruce pine tree sapling in honor of Earth Day. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$45. Locations throughout Ulster County. shawangunkwinetrail.com/earth-day-at-the-wineries
22, 23, 29, 30; May 6, 7	Tulip Festival at Kelder's Farm: Come experience the first Annual Tulip Festival. Every guest must purchase a day admission ticket or have a season pass to enter the farm. More than 30 available farm attractions. \$21.95 in advance. Ages 2 and under, and 80+ are free to enter. Group rates available. 5755 US-209, Kerhonkson. 845-626-7137; keldersfarm.com
23	39th Annual Kiwanis Kingston Classic: 10K, 5K and a 1.5 mile walk/run along the scenic Rondout Creek. Join fellow runners for fun, camaraderie, a great course, and a great post-race party at Ole Savannah, complete with food, beer, and music. 10 a.m. \$15-\$20. 91 W. Strand Street, Kingston. kiwaniskingstonclassic.com
23	Family Day at The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art: Exhibition-inspired activities for children and their families in conjunction with The Historic Woodstock Art Colony: The Arthur A. Anderson Collection. 2-5 p.m. The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Dr., New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum
23	Esopus Earth Day & Sapling Giveaway: A celebration of Earth Day. There will be educational booths, food vendors, agricultural vendors and much more. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Esopus Town Hall, 1 Town Hall Way, Ulster Park. 845-340-1293; esopus.com/events-calendar
25-May 11	Mohonk Tulip Festival: Experience a kaleidoscope of color as the Show Garden "springs" to life with 20,000 vibrant red, yellow, pink, and purple delights. Afternoon tea alongside crafts, garden tours, campfires, music, and specialty demonstrations. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. \$65 for Day Pass. Mohonk Mountain House, 1000 Mountain Rest Rd., New Paltz. 845-765-3286; mohonk.com
28	Jim Breuer LIVE: Bardavon presents an evening of laughs with this hilarious comedian known for his freewheeling, New York bred comic storytelling. 8 p.m. \$31+. Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC), 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org
28-30	Hudson Valley Tango Festival: Dojo Dance Company presents 3 full days of Argentine Tango music, dance and culture. A weekend for "tanganatics", enthusiastic dancers and brave newcomers. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. \$45-\$300. Senate Garage, 4 North Front St., Kingston. 845-475-6006; dojodancecompany.com/hudson-valley-tango-festival
29	Spring Wassail - Balkan Dance Party: Sing to the apple trees in an ancient Celtic Ritual for a bountiful harvest. Food and beverage available for purchase. Join the circle for traditional, folk-style dancing to live Balkan music, as we celebrate Djurdjevdan/Herdelezi (St. George's Day). 2 p.m. \$15-\$35. Stone Ridge Orchard, 3012 NY-213, Stone Ridge. 845-687-2587; stoneridgeorchard.com

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Kingston, NY

800-DIAL-UCO (800-342-5826) tourism@co.ulster.ny.us

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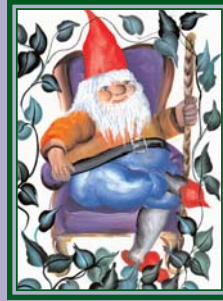
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"Knarf's Classic Movies"

(ON AMAZON PRIME AND/OR NETFLIX)

CAST A GIANT SHADOW

The harrowing story of the creation of the State of Israel starring: Kirk Douglas, John Wayne, Yul Brenner, Angie Dickinson, Frank Sinatra, and Senta Berger. Directed by: Melville Shavelson

The movie is a true story about David Micky Marcus (Kirk Douglas). American Colonel David "Mickey" Marcus, a Jew, became the first General of the Israel "Aluf". Marcus exemplified the courage and heroic attitude to save lives. He believed Israel deserved a national homeland. He was one of the first people to enter Auschwitz. "The horror was deafening to us, and the smell made us vomit."



**LT. General Patton & Colonel David "Micky" Marcus
first two men to visit "Auschwitz" Death camp.
Millions murdered, in these crimes against humanity.**

Marcus was enlisted by the Israelis to perform the difficult task of preparing their struggling nation for battle against the Arabs. Marcus finds himself in the middle of conflicts from local leaders and decides to return home to his pregnant wife. He faces a critical moment of faith, a turning point, and decides to return to duty to help the inexperienced Israelis form an army.

Today more then ever, the people of the world need to be behind Israel. They are fighting for religious freedom. They are fighting for their women and children who need to be able walk safely without fear of rape or the carnage. We need to believe in God. God is against all inhuman acts such as those committed against women and children who were terribly abused, and murdered by HAMAS IN THEIR UNPROVOKED INHUMAN ATTACK ON ISRAEL. Family structure is needed again. People all over the world need to band together, to save humanity from EVIL acts of BIG TECH, AND THE MERCHANTS. SANCTIONS are NEEDED ON the warriors of the World Banks that are oppressing not only the people of the United States, but the poor and working classen of people around the world.

Ghandi and the Dali Lama both stated, "You must first learn to use guns and other weapons to defend ourselves. Then we can truly practice non-violence.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: **Blanche**

This weeks' Trivia question: Who plays Dr. Charles Xavier in X-Men?

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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S ON AMAZON PRIME / IMOB

BEN-HUR

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

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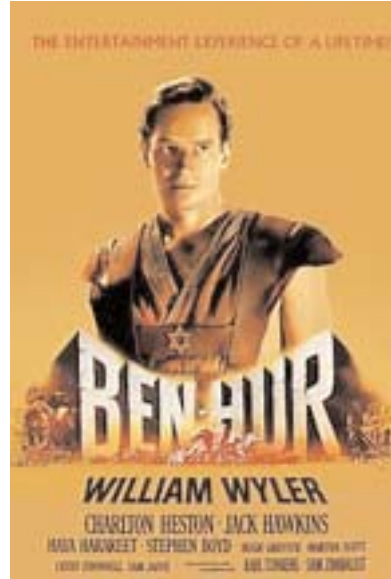
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Ben-Hur is a 1959 American religious epic film directed by William Wyler, produced by Sam Zimbalist, and starring Charlton Heston as the title character. A remake of the 1925 silent film with a similar title, it was adapted from Lew Wallace's 1880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

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

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Happy Passover
Happy Easter Season
and Happy Spring...

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