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8th Graders Put on a Show at Tri-Valley's Fourteenth Annual Poetry Slam



(from left to right): Carter Ukaj (Performance Award); Gage Houghtaling (Performance Award); Jiya Patel (Performance Award); Grace Nichols (2024 Champion); Avery Carrier (2024 Champion); Abby Rusin (2024 Champion); Elle Stanton (2nd Place); Matthew Cuji Angamarca (2nd Place); Matthew Ortiz Jimenez (2nd Place)

On March 27, 2024, the fourteenth annual 8th Grade Poetry Slam took place at Tri-Valley Central School. Forty-six 8th grade students took to the stage to compete in the event. The evening event was watched by a crowd made up of parents, students, teachers, staff, and administrators.

A large part of a Poetry Slam is the performance aspect and the students certainly didn't disappoint. Each student, or group of students, memorized an originally written poem and then delivered the poem with their best sense of emotion and theatrics. The audience showed their appreciation by responding to several of the poems with applause and laughter. But perhaps the best part of the night was witnessing the kids come together as one to support and encourage each other throughout the event.

Avery Carrier, Grace Nichols, and Abby Rusin were crowned 2024 Poetry Slam champions for their poem "To Want." Elle Stanley was the runner-up with her poem "Starting Fresh." Matthew Cuji Angamarca and Matthew Ortiz Jimenez finished in third place with their poem "Live Life." Finally, Gage Houghtaling and Carter Ukaj and their poem "What School Makes" and Jiya Patel and her poem "The True Definition of Life" shared the Performance Award.

The event was hosted by 9th grade students Allyson Chevalier, Anna Furman, and Janiel Prado, last year's Performance Award winners. Ms. Jessica Dymond-Tri-Valley Librarian-served as the event's guest poet. She performed her poem titled "What Did I Do?"

Judges for the Poetry Slam included 2023 Poetry Slam 3rd Place finishers, Juliana Adams and Rebecca Squires; 2023 Poetry Slam 2nd Place finishers, Aaron Edwards and Chris Prousalis; 2023 Poetry Slam Champion Hiram Roman; 2021 Poetry Slam Champion Jenna Carmody; 2020 Poetry Slam Champion Lily Siciliano; and 2011 Poetry Slam Champion Bridget Gliniski.

The Tri-Valley Annual Poetry Slam was organized by 8th grade ELA teacher Michelle Einloth, 8th grade ELA teacher Matt Haynes, 8th grade special education teacher Deb Swett, and ENL teacher John Theo.

Overall, the event was a huge success and it couldn't have brought more pride to all of those involved. Congratulations again to all of the participating 8th graders-hopefully it's something they won't soon forget!

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On the Front Burner: Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? And who knoweth us?
Isaiah 30:15

OBITUARY

Eva Shields of Ellenville, NY, passed away on March 25.



Born in 1942 amid WWII, Eva carried the values of service, dedication, and independence throughout her life. Despite growing up in difficult circumstances, she overcame great adversity with her strong sense of duty and obligation to others. This sense of obligation was not without levity. It was humor and fun which helped to make difficult situations light, and she carried this throughout her life.

Always looking for fun, a laugh, and a bit of mischief, Eva was ready at a moment's notice to be in the middle of where the action was. Her water gun fights at the annual Ellenville Fourth of July parade were legendary, as was her Devil's Night chicanery with her nephew, Adam, and his close gang of friends. She could be irreverent in her shenanigans; however, all was meant in good fun. The numerous stories with her friends and family have now become legend.

Eva had a great capacity for love; of music, animals, her town and the Hudson Valley, and above all love for her family and friends. Eva's love for music spanned the decades of her lifetime. While she enjoyed music from the 50's in her formative years, she also found delight in the then-new sound of rap in the 80's. Most music would get her up and dancing. At a party or wedding, she was always the first person on the dance floor and the last one dancing. No need for a partner to dance with - the music was enough.

She loved her pets as members of the family and treated them with great compassion and dignity. This love extended to people, caring for many who became part of her extended family. She was always there in a friend's time of need, be it a crisis or an illness. Stories abound about how Eva's friend's children became her children as well.

As sexton at Christ Lutheran Church for thirty years, she dedicated her life to the care and maintenance of the church and its grounds. It was more than a job to her, it was taking care of her church, its people, and her community. She took great pride in her work and was proud to have the cleanest sidewalks in town after a big snow, and a perfectly manicured lawn in summer.

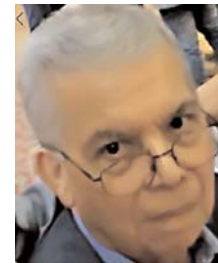
Above all, Eva dearly loved her husband Johnny, her son J.C., and her daughter Victoria. She adored her nephews, Adam Crisci and Michael Walsh, and loved them as her children. She was devoted to them and provided them opportunities beyond anything her upbringing experienced. She

constantly pushed the boundaries for something better for all of them. Eva was a truly remarkable and unique person.

Eva is preceded in death by her husband, John Shields after 52 years of marriage. She is survived by her son, John C. Shields, Jr., her daughter, Victoria Shields and her husband Ian Shearson.

The visitation will take place on Thursday, April 4th from 5-7pm at Loucks Funeral Home, Ellenville, NY. The funeral will be held at 1pm on Friday, April 5th at Christ Lutheran Church, followed by the burial at Fantinekill Cemetery, both in Ellenville, NY. Memorial donations may be sent to Christ Lutheran Church, 105 Center Street Ellenville, NY 12428 and flowers to Loucks Funeral Home at 79 North Main Street, Ellenville, NY 12428.

Juan Ruben Irizarry of Ellenville, NY, gracefully departed from this world on



Sunday, March 24, 2024, at the age of 86. Juan was the cherished third child among his family of twelve siblings. Born in Puerto Rico to Augustin Irizarry and Pura Vargas. He is survived by five of his siblings, the other six preceded him into heaven. Lydia M (Yiya) deceased, Benjamin (Beno) deceased, Liduvina (Judy), Gladys E, Agustin Jr. deceased, Myrna E deceased, Carlos G (Billy) deceased, Edelmiro (Biby), Luz I (Lucy), Jorge I (Bangie) deceased and Luis E (Pen).

Throughout his life's journey, Juan found joy in the simple pleasures. He dedicated himself to a career at Channel Master in Ellenville, later moving to North Carolina where he eventually retired.

In his leisure time, he reveled in games of dominos and cards, and found excitement in horse racing.

Juan was a devoted husband to Moraima until her passing. His kindness and strength will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

A loving father, Juan had eight children, three of which predeceased him. Nilsa Velez, Ruben Irizarry, Felix Irizarry (deceased), Awilda Irizarry (deceased), Maritza Lockett, Maribel Lee, Juan Irizarry (deceased), Benjamin Irizarry. Along with Jose Rivera, Carmen Rivera and Rosanna Santisteban whom he loved as his own and called him dad. He was also blessed with numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews who will cherish his memory.

A Memorial Visitation to honor Juan's life took place on Saturday, March 30th at Loucks Funeral Home in Ellenville. May he rest in peace knowing he was cherished by many and left behind a lasting impact.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

April 28, 1954

Miss Iris E. Hoar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royal C. Hoar of Ellenville, and Harold E. Slater, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Slater of Kerhonson were married at the Reformed Church in Ellenville on Palm Sunday by the Rev. Wm. Irish.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Stafford of Plattsburg have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jane Charlotte, to Frank A. Hamilton, son of Mrs. Grace H. Hamilton and the late Frank Hamilton of Grahamsville. Miss Stafford is a supervising teacher in the Campus School of New Paltz State Teachers College. Mr. Hamilton is general purchasing agent at Mohonk Mountain House, Lake Mohonk.

A son, Richard Paul, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Denman of Lackawack at Veterans Hospital in Ellenville on April 1th. Richard, the Denman's first child, is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Denman of Grahamsville and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson of Grahamsville.

April 1, 1964

Full banking facilities for the village of Grahamsville and vicinity will become a reality by early summer. The Sullivan County National Bank with main offices at Liberty has been granted permission by the Comptroller of Currency to open a branch office in the Town of Neversink village.

Those making maple syrup this year have had a productive season which is good news to pancake and maple syrup fanciers. Authorities on the subject of nutrition advise that there are "fringe benefits" galore to go along with the delicious taste of the syrup. A cup of pure maple syrup has from 290 to more than 500 mgm of calcium compare to 285 to 290 mgm in a cup of whole milk.

April 17, 1974

Airman Patricia A. Herrmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Herrmann of Grahamsville has graduated at Sheppard AFB, Texas, from the U.S. Air Force Veterinary Specialist course conducted by the Air Training Command. The airman, trained to inspect food serving and storage facilities, is being assigned to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. She is a 1973 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gadowski on the arrival of a big baby boy. Little Brian Paul weighed in at 9 lbs. 9 oz. The mother is the former Martha DeWire. Congratulations also to grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul DeWire.

April 5, 1984

Frances M. Slater of Kerhonkson, a retired seamstress with Rosenstock & Sons, Ellenville and a lifelong area resident, died Sunday, April 1, in Kingston Hospital. She was 78. The daughter of the late Pierce and Florence Irwin Moore, she was born Nov. 30, 1905 in Claryville. Mrs. Slater was the widow of Chauncey Slater. Survivors include two sons: Roger Slater of Chicago, and Harold Slater of Virginia Beach; two sisters, Emily Hall of Ellenville and Evelyn Korsznock of Largo, Fla., a brother, Earl Moore of Hyde Park; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Congratulations to Charlie and Ruth Cross at Lows Corners who celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary on March 28th.

Household Hint:

Keep Brown Sugar Soft

To keep brown sugar soft, put a slice of bread in the same container as the sugar. The sugar will pull the moisture from the bread and stay soft.

Nature Column - L. Comando

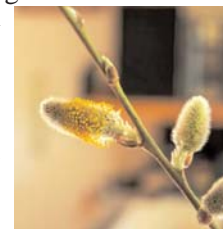
A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have loved so much and lost... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry, Barbara Slater, Shirley Davis, Hulda Vernooy and Carolyn Coombe.

With Snow in the Forecast this week, the Pussy Willows are Wearing Those Fur Coats for a Good Reason!



Keep your eyes open for those furry little catkins - Pussy Willows -who are starting to appear along the Catskill landscape and are telling the other flora, trees and bushes, "It's time to wake up!"

This furry little coat is a catkin, or a tightly bunched arrangement of stamens or carpels. This fur coat will help keep the developing reproductive parts of the Pussy Willow warm through early spring. When the sun shines, the temperature of the center of the catkin can rise above air temperatures by trapping the heat from the sun with its insulating hairs. This additional warming aids in the development of the pollen within the anthers and of the ovules within the carpels. The willow flowers are fully "open" when the yellow pollen-bearing anthers begin to protrude and the stigmas are visible.



Until last week most of the Pussy Willows (*Salix discolor*, a member of the willow family, the Salicaceae) that we saw still had their hard exterior—a bud scale or the protective covering for the young leaves and flowers inside the bud.

The leaves are oval shaped and come after the catkins have bloomed.

Pussy Willows are dioecious, meaning they have male and female reproductive organs in separate individual plants. They are protandrous, having the male reproductive organs come to maturity before the female, that means the buds, or "catkins," on the male pussy willow trees usually appear earlier than those on the female plants. Chances are that if you encounter a stand of pussy willows in late winter or very early spring, it's the male catkins that you are seeing.

The catkins of males yield numerous tiny staminate flowers typically consisting of a pollen-containing anther and a filament, later in spring. The female catkins will bear pistillate flowers, comprised of the stigma, style, and ovary.

Pussy willow is highly variable in its identifying characteristics. Typically it grows as a shrub or small tree that may reach heights up to 30 feet. Willows, in general, grow rapidly and produce extensive root systems. Pussy willow trunks may be single or clustered with stout ascending branches and branchlets. Bark is slightly fissured and ridged. First-year pussy willow twigs are hairy but become glabrous or smooth with age. Pussy willow leaves are deciduous meaning they shed their leaves annually. The leaves are simple, and alternate. Leaf shape varies from oblong to elliptic, and blades are typically 2 to 5 times as long as they are wide.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published April 3, 1997

When I was a little girl, my grandmother Davis' ancestors were all in Holland. Her maiden name was Catherine Hogencamp. She was almost as wide as she was tall and I loved her very much. She had the indomitable spirit of two men. Grandma Davis could harness and hitch her horse to the buckboard wagon, she could weave carpet, catch, kill and pluck a chicken for dinner. To me she always was and always will be the symbol of the strong woman.

She pulled her hair straight back and made it up in a little ball. She didn't wash it very often because she said it took the oil out of it.

Grandma was soft spoken and gentle and wore cotton print dresses down to her ankles. She made these garments herself.

I can still see her in my minds eye standing in her kitchen by that old wood stove cooking up a meal for all of us.

Her house had a long railing that ran most of the way around the porch. It was such fun to play games and run around on her porch.

When grandpa Davis went to fight in the Civil War, she kept her family fed, clothed, housed, educated and healthy with her nimble hands, spinning wheel and carpet loom. Such wonderful memories come flooding back when I think of grandma Davis. She had the softest lap, the softest arms and an ear to listen to all my problems, both large and small. How fortunate we all were that God spared grandma Davis for all of us until she was close to 100 years of age.

When she passed away, she left us the spirit to fight when we were down and a sense of worth to both community and family. I'll always remember my grandma Davis, my dad's mother

Intro to Genealogy

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



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

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



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

Suzanne Cecil, President, Sullivan County Historical Society

Ruth Huggler, Sullivan County Democrat

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

Russell Reeves, Sullivan County Clerk, Sullivan County Government Center

Nicole Richardson, Community Programs Associate, Daniel Pierce Library

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Very Special and Happy Easter Sunday

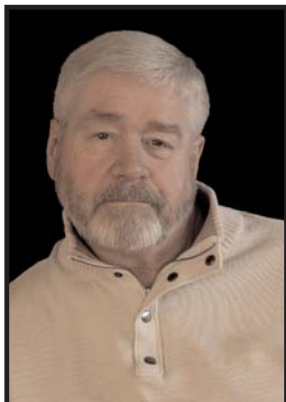


The joy of Easter was shared by Seung Jin Hong, Pastor and the entire congregation of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church on Sunday as they celebrated the beginning of the Easter Season along with the baptisms of Aurora Joanna Comando, Rowan Carlotta Comando, Christian Jameson Carrion, Angela Rebecca Carrion and Elliott Charles Carrion.

Also celebrated – Allyson Grace Chevalier made her Confirmation.
Congratulations to all. May the joy of the Easter Season be with you all.



A true reflection of the Easter Season. With Easter Egg dye still on her fingers, Aurora shows off the colorful eggs she dyed with her family, as well as one of her new baby chicks!



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The Reflecting Pool

Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 82

by John Dwaine McKenna

Mysterious Book Report No. 444

Published April 15, 2020

Although *The Reflecting Pool*, (Oceanview, \$26.95, 352 pages, ISBN 978-1-60809-411-0) by former diplomat and foreign service officer Otho Eskin was published late last year, it was only recently brought to our attention by Mike Durell at the Mysterious Book Shop in New York City . . . and we're very glad that he did . . . because this debut novel starts off with a hot bang, then grows more intense with every chapter. And along the way, it touches upon a radioactive issue in our contemporary world – the two-tiered system of justice that's engineered by and for a powerful elite at the expense of ordinary citizens.

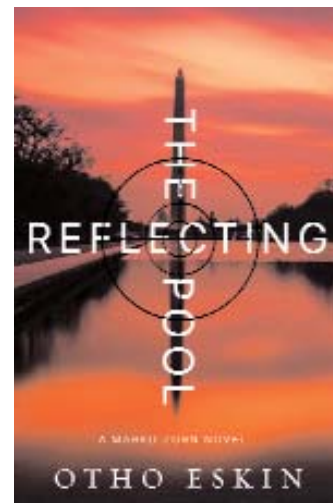
The novel begins when a shifty, but brilliant, Washington, D.C. homicide detective named Marko Zorn is called out at 3 a.m. to the reflecting pool on the Washington Mall, where the body of a Secret Service agent named Sandra Wilcox has just been found floating face down in the water. A turf war breaks out between Zorn, representing the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, and the Secret Service, who had assigned Wilcox to the prestigious and elite Presidential Protection Detail. Homeland Security tries to assume control of the case and is fought off by Zorn. He then continues as the lead investigator despite the interference and a lack of help from

the FBI and Department of Justice. They only vaguely inform him of Wilcox's disturbed brother, a U.S. Army vet and trained killer with ties to a group calling itself the Brotherhood of the Aryan Dawn. But not even a warning from a Presidential Advisor who knew Sandra Dixon, telling him that the investigation is putting national security at risk, deters Zorn from getting to the bottom of the case and solving the murder. At the same time however, an ever expanding pool of thugs, threats and plots take this propulsive whodunnit and thriller to an electrifying conclusion that will leave readers saying, Damn, I never saw that coming . . . and wondering how soon the next Marco Zorn story will get here!

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda



Park Named for Berndt Leifeld

On Tuesday night, March 26, friends and colleagues of Bert Leifeld, former Supervisor of Olive for a quarter of a century, gathered at the Town Hall for a dedication ceremony.



that may be a record in New York State.

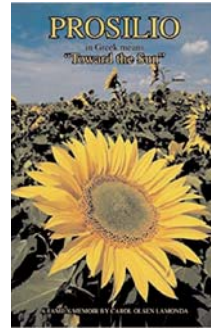
This honor was long overdue. Bert and his Town Board served the town during tumultuous times dealing with the Large Parcel Bill, the re-assessment of the Reservoir property, the purchase of the Town Hall, the building of Tongore Pines senior housing, the installation of a sewer district in Boiceville, the funding of a town pool in West Shokan, the creation of a Zoning Code, the town-wide hundred-percent reassessment, and the disastrous flood of Irene and Lee.

During Bert's long tenure the town government was consistently stable with Bruce LaMonda as his deputy and town board member for twenty-five years, with Linda Burkhardt as a long-time board member along with Peter Friedel and Don VanBuren. Sylvia Rozzelle was the Town Clerk at that time. Tim Cox and Ron Wright were Town Justices, with John Ingram and Bill Cook in zoning and assessment. Bert worked with a supportive Recreation Commission notably Gino Sorbellini, Pat Tosi, and Craig Grazier.

Bert's whole family and many of people who worked with Bert over the years were there to socialize and reconnect with Bert who has been having health issues that keep him from getting out independently.

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*



Bert thought his family was taking him to a Town Board meeting, but the entire Town Board meeting was devoted to honoring Bert with a cake and a park in Olivebridge renamed in his honor. The park, one of three in Olive, is used for soccer and baseball. Tongore Park, now Bert Leifeld Tongore Park, was at one time, the site of the Onteora Speedway.

Bert's community service spanned forty years as a Constable, a Town Board Member, and as Supervisor. It is believed



Reunion of Linda Burkhardt, Bert Leifeld, and Bruce LaMonda



Daniel Pierce Library

Between the Bookends

Hoppin' Good Times at the DPL

Children's programs and fundraising events make for a busy spring!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE--Nearly 50 patrons had a 'hopping' good time during the Daniel Pierce Library Adopt a 'Furever' Reading Bunny program on Tuesday, March 26.



DPL Adopt a 'Furever' Reading Bunny program on Tuesday, March 26. Nearly 50 patrons enjoyed the afternoon reading to bunnies brought by Karen Coombe of Thunder View Farm. The bunnies: Squash, Jorge, Gus and Moon, Coombe said, enjoy being read to and the children had so much fun! Along with getting to meet the real bunnies, children also had the opportunity to pick out and adopt their very own stuffed bunny to read to at home. The adoption criteria, DPL Children's Program Coordin-ator, Deirdre McHugh explained to the children, included their promise to read to their bunnies for at least 20 minutes a day.

ies have shown that children who are new to reading or are reluctant readers build up their reading confidence, stamina and fluency by reading to a non-judgmental friend or lovey-plus, it's just so darn cute!) (Contd. Pg. 12)



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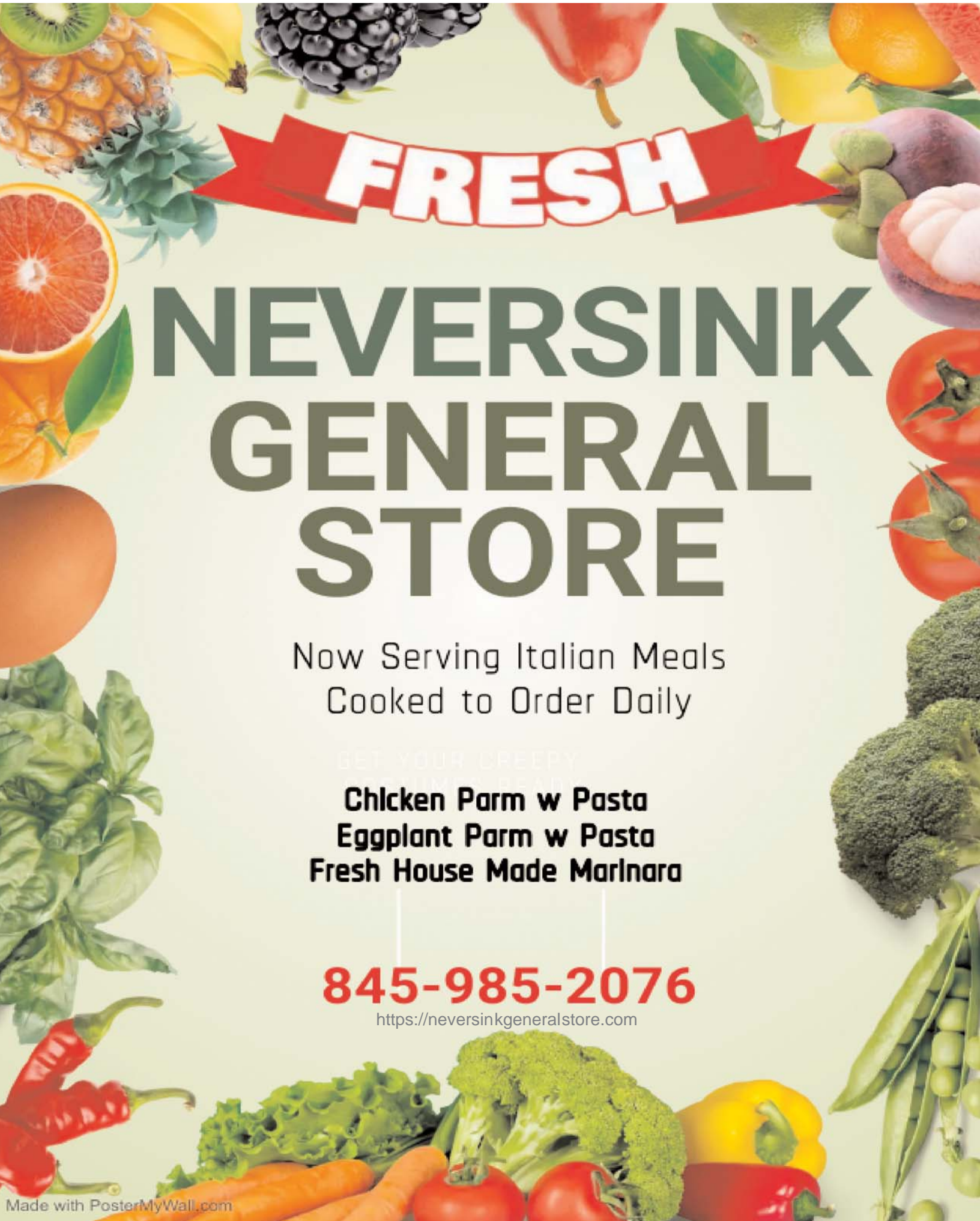
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"If it grows by day, have it cut & split by Knight"

Patrons were able to meet our very special guest,



Karen Coombe of Thunder View Farm and her four fabulous bunny friends: Squash, Jorge, Gus and Moon, who just happen to love to be read to. After reading to the real bunnies, children had the opportunity to pick out and adopt their very own stuffed bunny to read to at home. DPL Children's Program Coordinator, Deirdre McHugh, made sure each child understood the immense responsibility that came with adopting the bunny; including, reading to their bunny for 20 minutes a day! (Okay-it's a little sneaky,



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The Scene Too

- By Jane Harrison

I apologize in advance for any spelling or grammatical errors. I have a major lag in what I type and when it appears on the scene which is infuriating at best.

So far since March 25 there has been a full moon, a lunar eclipse, April 1st mercury went into retrograde (which is always fun...don't sign anything), there's a solar eclipse coming up April 8 and now by mid-week we will either have torrential rain OR a significant snowstorm Wednesday and Thursday. Oh yay. I mean really, wasn't the freezing rain, icing and little ice pellets the weekend before last enough?

I really wanted to go and see CON QUESO on Friday, but



what started out as a routine vet visit ended up with my diabetic Lefty boy being fitted with a glucose monitor because his levels are all over the place. CON QUESO is one of those bands that just oozes fun. But alas...

Saturday

night, though, that was stellar! JAKETOWN ROAD at CABERNET FRANK'S.

I first came across them a few years ago and it seemed they hit the ground running. Running and rocking. It seems when they hit the scene, the band was tight and cohesive playing, as their bio says,



'Woodstock era and Americana Rock'. And with three, and sometimes four, of the five taking the lead vocals, you are definitely going to hear songs that you don't hear that often. JOHN WICK on guitar and vocals, RICK TYLER on bass and vocals, MICHAEL JOHNSON on guitar and vocals (his solos are a

thing of beauty), the terrific MIKE MOSS on drums, and MANGO MIKE on keyboard and harp (harmonica and pretty much any other instrument. I swear, he can play anything!) comprise this incredible band.

I'm standing there with this great music, it's Kate's birthday party, and I'm catching up with my friend Judy who I haven't seen in a while and who should walk in but RENATA DARIA and her husband DEVIN. I have



not seen her in forever. And I would have to go back in my columns to let you, dear readers, exactly where and when I saw her band. I remember musicians I respected telling me I HAD to go see her and they were right. She



and her band were electrifying. That was well before the pandemic. And

now, there's a new project deviating from her blues-y comfort zone into more of a jazzy, rock-y, reggae feel. And we can all hear the fruits of this labor of love on Saturday August 17th at noon when the new band premieres at Morningside Park to open the festival hosted by HOPE ALIVE 845. This is a wonderful nonprofit that does such good work on keeping missing people in front of the public so each can be found. Save the date.



Lots of cool things happening this week (weather permitting)

CASWYN MOON and FAITH KELLY have returned from their latest tour and are scheduled to be at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville Wednesday to host the open mic. That starts at 7:30, but maybe bring your jammies in case the weather forecast is correct.

Saturday, April 6th, JAKETOWN ROAD will be at THE BACK ROAD BREWING COMPANY, 248 Old Milford Road in Milford, PA; 6:30 start time.

Sunday April 7th it's the SULLIVAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM for LITTLE SPARROW and Blugrass recording artist (and sometime Sparrow) PAUL KOGUT in the next FIRST SUNDAY series beginning at 2pm. FREE CONCERT.

Then take a ride to CABERNET FRANK'S because that's where ALBI will be, starting at 4pm.

SHANE RENNISON has gone VINYL! Yes, he has put out an actual vinyl record. The 'listening party' is scheduled for Saturday May 13th at ALL THAT GLITTERS IS OLD in Hurleyville; 2pm. Tickets may be required due to space. More on this next week.

Stay safe, stay warm!
Until next time.....

Hoppin' Good Times at the DPL

(From Pg. 8) We are jump starting our summer theme of "Adventure Begins at Your Library," with our popular Spring Children's Lego programs. There are Lego programs for all ages, from toddler to sixth graders. Buddin' Builders (for toddlers ages three and four) will be Wednesday, May 22, where they will get to develop their novice engineering, architect and construction skills further with their Lego know-how. (Please note, a parent or guardian must be present for your child to attend this program.) Construction Crew (UPK to first graders) will meet Wednesday, May 15 for an afternoon of adventure and construction. Magic School Bus Ride (second to third graders) will meet on Wednesday, May 8 to build with Legos and invent new things. Great Adventure (for fourth through sixth graders) will meet on Wednesday, April 24 and become mechanical engineers for the afternoon, creating the next amusement park ride. Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents and bussing is available from the school to the library for students in UPK to sixth grade, but parents/guardians need to supply the elementary school main office a note to that affect by the Monday before the program of which they are registered in. Of additional note, the programs fill up quickly-we had just opened registration and got a flood of responses-so, if your child(ren) would like to participate, please register as soon as possible.

Children in grades UPK through third grade, come celebrate National Library Week at the DPL with a puppet show! Spencer Investigates the Library is sure to be a great show put on by Sue Moore, her puppeteers and her Stop, Drop & Pray Puppets. The show will take place Wednesday, April 10 from 3 to 4:30PM. While more the merrier for this program, there are only 20 seats available on the bus. If the bus fills up, parents/guardians will need to provide transportation. Registration is available online at our website.

In other news, we have a plethora of fundraising events coming up. The first, show your love during National Library Week by purchasing a \$5 ticket to chance a win at a weekend for up to 4 people in a lake view lodge. Thanks to the generosity of Frost Valley, we are able to offer this prize valued at \$950, including meals, until the drawing the week of April 15. The Frost Valley gift certificate must be used by June 9, 2024. Come to the adult circulation desk to purchase tickets.

On Saturday, April 27 from 11 to 12PM, Victoria Garigliano, owner of Garigliano Events, will be teaching a hands-on program sharing techniques on how to create a stunning charcuterie board. Tickets are \$45 (adults only) and include the one hour class, all materials and a glass of wine (non-alcoholic option available). In addition, there will be tricky tray prizes for even more fun during the event, so bring a little extra spending money. Stop in to purchase tickets from staff at the adult circulation desk.

And our very famous "Boujee Bingo" will be Friday, May 31, this year. Doors open at 6:30PM with calling at 7PM. Tickets are \$40 per person and includes 7 games, door prize entry and light refreshments. Prizes include a Splash Pass & Stay, a Smart TV, different meat packages, dining packages and family bundles. With nearly \$3,000 in prizes, it's sure to be an exciting evening. Additional bingo games will be available for purchase the night of at \$5 apiece. Tricky Tray prizes will be available too, so bring extra money the night of! Seating is limited so please purchase a ticket as soon as you can so you don't miss out on this amazing night.



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Monticello Elks Install New Officers

(Monticello) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 has installed a new slate of officers for the 2024-2025 Elk year. The Exalted Ruler is Jim Gerrard II, who served previously as Past District Deputy and twice as Exalted Ruler. The Leading Knight is Elisabeth Bringle, Loyal Knight David Welsch, Lecturing Knight Julie Brennan, Esquire Ryan Walker, Inner Guard Ben Schlau, Treasurer Sue Mapledoram, Secretary Past Exalted Ruler (PER) Ronni Scannell and Chaplain PER Bob Linzer. The Lodge Trustees are: Jennifer Petersen, PDD Jim Sheerer, PER Mike Brennan, Brian Johnson and PER Brian Bock. Presiding over the ceremony was Past State President Phil Conaty. The following awards were announced by outgoing Exalted Ruler Brian Bock: The Elk of the Year is Hope Bock and the Officer of the Year is Trustee Jen Petersen. Past State Vice President Pete Scannell was recognized for outstanding service. The Monticello Lodge supports local veterans, scouts, Little League and the Homeless Federation, as well as providing coats and gloves to elementary school children.



Past Exalted Ruler Brian Bock (right) presents the gavel of authority to new Exalted Ruler Jim Gerrard II at a ceremony on March 23rd. The Monticello Elks Lodge has 337 members.

Steven Scheinman and Michael Weiner Inducted to Fallsburg Central School Hall of Fame

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District is proud to announce their newest inductees to the school's Hall of Fame: Michael Weiner and Dr. Steven Scheinman.



Michael Weiner has remained a fiercely active member of the Fallsburg school community for nearly forty years. Upon graduating in 1976, he had his eyes set on returning to Fallsburg to become a teacher. He earned a B.A. from SUNY Cortland in 1981 and soon after landed a substitute teaching job at Crystal Run Village in Middletown, New York. He also earned a chance to coach the Sullivan County Special Olympics soccer team, where they went on to win two state championships.

In 1985, Michael returned to Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School where he secured a full-time position as a Social Studies teacher. He also coached soccer, baseball, and volleyball throughout his teaching career. He went above and beyond to ensure his students reached their fullest potential by remaining active through voter registration drives and helping students secure athletic scholarships.

In addition to being an educator, Michael was also a member of the Town of Fallsburg Board for sixteen years and a Town Planning Board member for six years. One year after retiring from teaching in 2014, Michael was elected to the Fallsburg Board of Education. After many years of proud school board service, Michael will be retiring this June. (Contd. Pg. 17)

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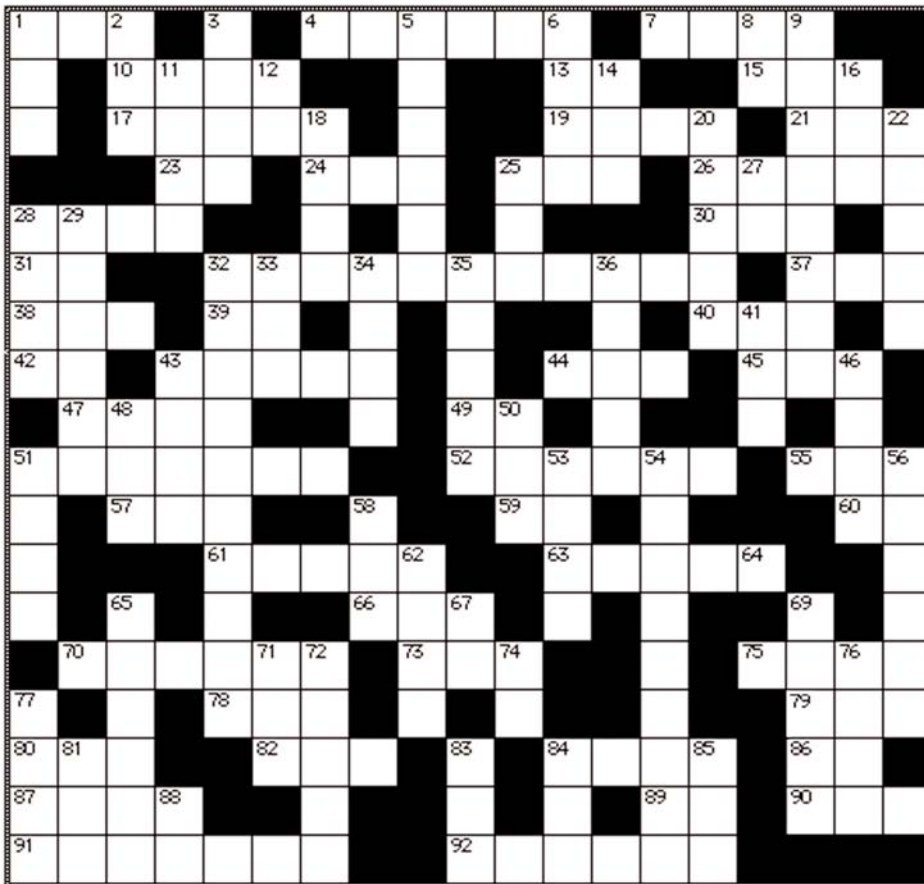
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- 46 Atmospheric frozen water vapor
- 48 Cereal plant
- 50 Strike
- 51 Clean
- 53 Prohibited by social custom
- 54 Wishful affection for the past
- 56 Variation between specific limits
- 58 Consumed food
- 62 Be suspended
- 65 Where cultural and historical objects are exhibited
- 67 Rhode Island
- 69 False shirt-front
- 71 Emphatically negating a statement
- 72 Woody perennial plants
- 74 Post Script
- 76 Valley
- 77 A shrub
- 81 Mineral spring
- 83 Mother
- 84 Fasterner
- 85 Leguminous edible Asian plant
- 88 Chemical element
- Neptunium

Impossible Cherry Pie

- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons butter softened
- 1/4 tspn almond extract
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup Bisquick Baking Mix
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 can cherry pie filling

Preheat oven to 400°; grease pie pan; set aside. In a medium mixing bowl combine all ingredients except cherry pie filling. Beat until smooth and creamy. Pour mixture in prepared pie pan. Spoon pie filling evenly over top. Bake 25 minutes then spread struesel on pie; return pie to oven for about 10 minutes, or until brown. Cool and serve. Refrigerate leftovers.

Struesel Topping: Using a pastry blender cut 2 tablespoons of butter into 1/2 cup Bisquick Baking Mix, 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed and 1/3 tspn ground cinnamon until mixture resembles course crumbs

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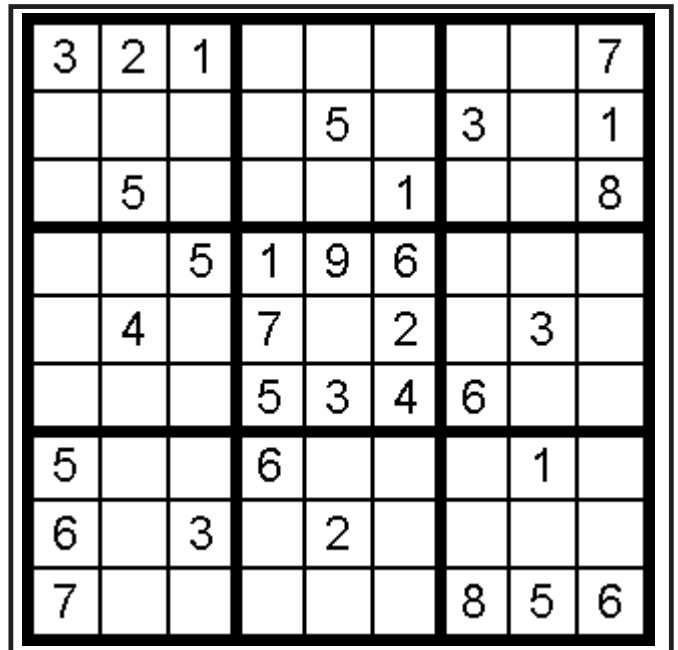
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 - 4 Cloth
 - 7 Used to express pain
 - 10 Having considerable skill
 - 13 Used to link alternatives
 - 15 Flat rowing blade
 - 17 Wooden timber
 - 19 Fibrous material of a tree
 - 21 Hard edible kernel
 - 23 Registered Nurse
 - 24 Material that valuable minerals are extracted from
 - 25 No longer new
 - 26 Condition of something already agreed
 - 28 Interna-

- tional standard serial number
- 30 Sweet potato
- 31 Egyptian sun god
- 32 Worth collecting
- 37 Viper
- 38 Mischievous child
- 39 Learning disabled
- 40 Warm color
- 42 Service Pack
- 43 Three-dimensional presentation
- 44 Descendant of the boar
- 45 Affirmative response
- 47 Stolen valuables
- 49 Title before a surname
- 51 State of the atmosphere
- 52 Sole right to utilize an invention
- 55 Rocky peak
- 57 Clear space on a golf

- course
- 59 Father
- 60 Washington state
- 61 Truth
- 63 Fundamental
- 66 Hearing organ
- 70 Attractively old-fashioned
- 73 Bite sharply
- 75Eclipse
- 78 Neither
- 79 Catskill Art Space
- 80 Take something as a means to accomplish a purpose
- 82 Cardinal number
- 84 Used to hang things on
- 86 Kiloliter
- 87 Whirl quickly
- 89 Galilean moon of Jupiter
- 90 Yearn
- 91 Large lidded laundry

- baskets
 - 92 "This is the day we wash our clothes!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Rod
 - 2 Restaurant bill
 - 3 Interrelated families
 - 5 Gentle wind
 - 6 Large loose hood
 - 8 Colorado (abbrev)
 - 9 Made by hand
 - 11 Brought into existence
 - 12 Chem. element Erbium
 - 14 Slender straight stick
 - 16 Regret
 - 18 Small model of the human figure
 - 20 Device for drying something
 - 22 Stumbles
 - 25 Tenth month (abbrev)

- 27 Iowa
- 28 Showy ornamental flower
- 29 Snippet
- 32 Wooden clip used to secure clothes to a line
- 33 Strange
- 34 Calm
- 35 Clasp
- 36 Sea-water
- 41 Organ of vision
- 43 Tiny piece of substance



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Solar Eclipse Maze

Directions: Draw a path from the boy to the solar eclipse.



-HELEN KELLER

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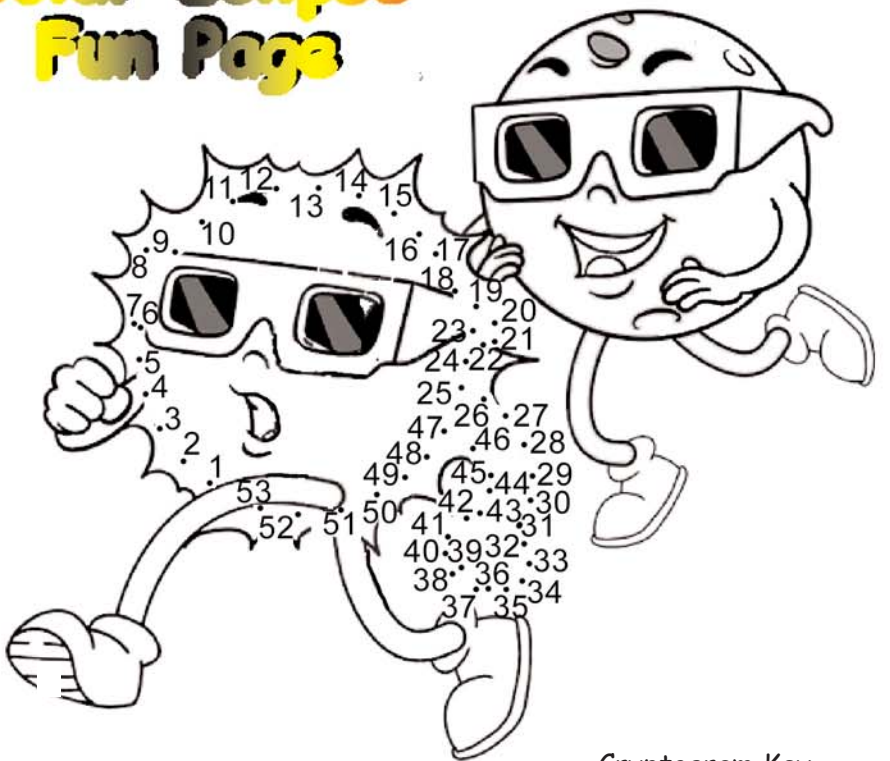


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- SUN
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- GLASSES
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- PARTIAL
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- ORBIT
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- SOLAR
- ECLIPSE

Kids' Solar Eclipse Fun Page



Cryptogram Key

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Steven Scheinman and Michael Weiner Inducted to Fallsburg Central School Hall of Fame

(From Pg. 13) Dr. Steven Scheinman's tenure as a physician and professor will leave a lasting impact for generations to come. After graduating from Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School in 1969, Steven earned an A.B. Summa Cum Laude from Amherst College. Soon after, he attended Medical School at Yale University and received his M.D. in 1977. He decided to pursue a career in Nephrology after completing a Fellowship in Nephrology at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

In 1984, Steven joined the Nephrology faculty at SUNY Upstate Medical University. His interest in Dent's Disease, a rare genetic kidney disease that almost entirely affects males, has led to a revolutionary breakthrough. His laboratory was able to identify the X chromosome gene that causes the disease, which was considered a remarkable feat for its time. The discovery has earned Steven countless distinctions and awards and even international recognition within the medical community.

In addition to being a faculty member, Dr. Scheinman also served as Chief of Nephrology, vice president, and Dean of the College of Medicine at SUNY Upstate Medical University. He then served as President and Dean of Commonwealth Medical College in Scranton, Pennsylvania from 2012 to 2016, as Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer for Geisinger School of Medicine from 2017 to 2021, and as Dean Emeritus for the Geisinger School of Medicine from 2021 to 2023.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place on June 5, 2024 at the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School at 5:30 pm.

Celestial Spectacle: Sullivan Catskills Prepares for Solar Eclipse

Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association to Hand Out Viewing Glasses

LIBERTY, NY -- The Sullivan Catskills region is gearing up for an extraordinary celestial event as it prepares to witness a rare solar eclipse on April 8. On this auspicious day, residents and visitors alike will have the opportunity to witness the breathtaking phenomenon.

A total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk. In the Sullivan Catskills, we can expect about 93-94 percent of the sun to be covered.

Safety is the number one priority when viewing a total solar eclipse. According to NASA, it is not safe to look directly at the Sun without specialized eye protection for solar viewing. Be sure you're familiar with when you need to wear specialized eye protection designed for solar viewing by reviewing safety guidelines on the NASA website.

The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association will have eclipse viewing glasses to hand out for free on a first come first serve basis. The Visitor's Center is open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm and located at 15 Sullivan Ave #1 in Liberty, NY. Come in to the Visitors Center this week, sign up for our email list and get a free pair of glasses.

The solar eclipse, a momentous occasion that captivates hearts and minds across the globe, promises to be an unforgettable experience for all who are fortunate enough to witness it from the picturesque Sullivan Catskills.

"The solar eclipse offers a unique opportunity for people of all ages to come together and marvel at the wonders of the universe," stated Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President and CEO of the SCVA. "We invite everyone to join us for what promises to be a truly awe-inspiring experience."

You will have the opportunity to view the partial solar eclipse with Catskills Astronomy at SUNY Sullivan on April 8 from 2-4:30pm. John Kocijanski from Catskills Astronomy will be on hand with solar filtered telescopes that will allow a safe observing of the sun.

"Any time you can get people out to enjoy what's going on in the sky it's a plus," remarked Kocijanski.

Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness the magic of a solar eclipse in the enchanting Sullivan Catskills. Mark your calendars and prepare to be amazed!

For more information call the SCVA at 845-747-4449.

Sullivan Accepting Ag District Applications

30-Day Window to Apply Starts April 1, Ends April 30

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County is accepting applications from property owners seeking to be included in New York State Agricultural Districts 1 and 4, for a 30-day window beginning April 1st and ending April 30th.

Applications are available by calling Melinda Meddaugh, at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at 845-292-6180 x116, or by emailing her at mm2592@cornell.edu.

New York State Agricultural Districts are geographic areas that consist predominantly of viable agricultural land. Agricultural operations within the districts are afforded benefits and protections to promote the continuation of farming and the preservation of agricultural land. These benefits include protection of farm operations from unreasonably restrictive local laws, limitations on assessments for newly formed benefit districts, and notification to local governments of projects that could adversely affect farmland.

There are two New York State Agricultural Districts in Sullivan County. Agricultural District 1 encompasses towns in northern and western Sullivan County, and Agricultural District 4 covers the County's eastern and southern towns.

For parcels to be included in an Ag District, they must be predominantly viable agricultural land. New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Law, defines "viable agricultural land" as land highly suitable for agricultural production and which will continue to be economically feasible for such use if real property taxes, farm use restrictions and speculative activities are limited to levels approximating those in commercial agricultural areas not influenced by the proximity of non-agricultural development.

Applications will be reviewed by the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, who will then make recommendations to the County Legislature regarding property to be added to the districts this year. The County Legislature will hold a public hearing and then vote on the approval of each recommended addition.

Subsequent to County approval, an updated district map with a report showing the new parcels for inclusion in the districts will be submitted to the State Department of Agriculture and Markets for State approval. Upon approval by Agriculture and Markets, each property owner will be notified by mail and the real property tax records for each parcel will be updated. Applicants will receive notification by the winter.

More information on the benefits of agricultural districts, as well as access to maps of Sullivan County's agricultural districts, is available at www.sullivanccce.org/agriculture/farmland-protection-ag-districts-vs-assessments.

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MARCH 15, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brent Clarke
Rose Woods

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice: Meeting Schedule Change for April

The regular monthly Meeting of the **Claryville Fire District** will be held on **Friday, April 5**, at 6:30 pm at the Claryville Fire Department Warren Cole Hall. 4/4

TOWN OF NEVERSINK SPRING CLEANUP 2024

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

TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of for free in the boxes provided. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. **Due**

to the high volume of traffic during spring cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Spring Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.

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

District Fish Stocking Program

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

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UPK REGISTRATION

**If you have a child that will be 4
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845-985-2296 ext. 5405

Or send an email to:

registration@trivalleycsd.org

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**Sundown United Methodist Church
Covered Dish Supper
5:30 pm
Apr 6, 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>

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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 6th
9 am to 12 noon

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

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

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church

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

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



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Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor
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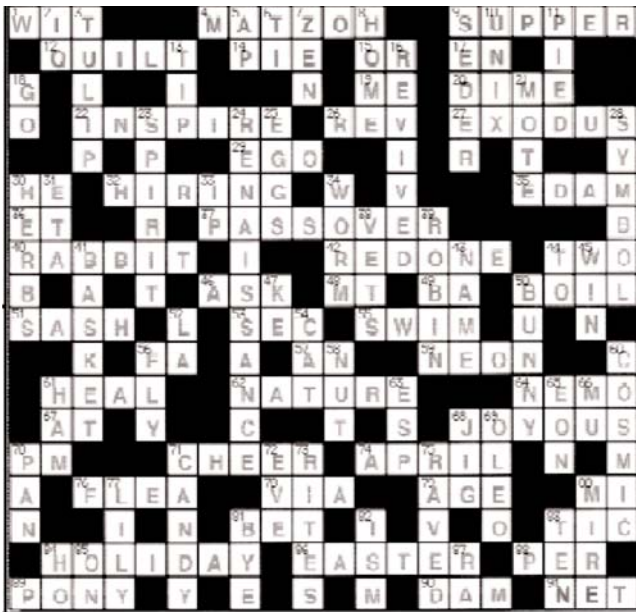
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Holy Days 5:30 pm
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Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

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

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 answer

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

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 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,
 April 6, 2024 5:30 pm
 at the Church Hall
Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale
 (Covered Dish Suppers are held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)

2024 Journey For Sight Walk

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

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

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 For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/3/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
4/5/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm (NOTE: Change of Date)
4/6/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
4/9/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
4/10/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
4/16/24	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
4/18/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
4/18/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
5/1/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting

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 1 - April 5, 2024

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

Monday, April 1

- o No Meetings

Tuesday, April 2

- o **4:30 PM - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee**, at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, 232 Plaza Rd, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM** (or immediately following Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee) **Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee**, at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, 232 Plaza Rd, Kingston

Wednesday, April 3

- o **5:00 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Human Rights Commission**, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston
- o **7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, April 4

- o **9:30 AM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Reform Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **4:00 PM - American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:00 PM** (or immediately following American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee) - **Health, Human Services & Housing Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Friday, April 5

- o No Meetings

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- \$12.00 per week
(3" x 4") - \$24.00 per week
(3" x 6") - \$36.00 per week
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1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$64.00 per week
(6" x 8") - \$96.00 per week
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- Our Faith Community Mission -

“To become one with God as we grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, share our faith with others, and serve God’s church, community and world.”

1. Sundown UMC Sunday Worship is at 8:30 AM
2. Grahamsville UMC Sunday Worship is at 10:30 AM
3. Mongaup Valley UMC Sunday Worship is at 10:30 AM
(The first Sunday of the month service is at 1:00 pm for Holy Communion)

May I ask if you consider yourself a spiritual seeker?

If yes, please contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong.

Church # (845)-985-2283

E-mail: GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com

Website: GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com

Daniel Pierce Library Celebrating 125th birthday

ATTENTION ALL LOCAL ARTISTS!



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

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

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

Dimensions should be approximately 24" x 30".

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

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

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

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Catskill Art Space Announces Exhibition of New Work from Lenore Malen and Debra Pearlman, Samantha Modder, and Amy Yoes

Livingston Manor, NY - Catskill Art Space is pleased to announce an exhibition of new work from Lenore Malen and Debra Pearlman, Samantha Modder, and Amy Yoes. The exhibitions will be on view in the ground floor galleries of Catskill Art Space, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY, from May 4 through June 22, 2024. Exhibition hours are Friday and Saturday, 11 am - 5 pm, and Sunday, 11 am - 3 pm.

Lenore Malen and Debra Pearlman will present a joint exhibition of their photographic work in the Eastern Gallery on the ground floor. The two artists have been deeply engaged in each other's work for several years and share an interest in spontaneous role-playing and play-acting. Additionally, they both explore a quasi-realistic style in painting and photography that skirts around expressionism. For both artists, the photographic image is the source material. In both bodies of work, tension, rules, teasing, order, and violence prevail. The interactions of adults in Malen's images and children in those of Pearlman's illuminate the complexities of conflicts and provisional, always fragile, resolutions in our current culture.

Lenore Malen's photographs are absurdist, sometimes violent, and comedic. Lenore Malen's images from *The New Society For Universal Harmony* were initially staged in her studio from 2000 to 2003. Lost in an archive, they were recently rediscovered and scanned for the first time in 2021; they have never been exhibited. These images represent her creation of a new social world modeled after *La Societe d'harmonie universelle*, a utopian society founded immediately before the French Revolution by the German hypnotist-philosopher Franz Mesmer. For her project, Malen photographed performance events in N.Y.C., Prague, and Paris, which she staged with ritual objects and improvisations. These sometimes violent images implicate the utopian/dystopian visions of the millennial era.

Debra Pearlman will exhibit sculptural photographic works of young bodies in motion, whether leaping, falling, pushing, or jumping. Suspended from the ceiling, the dynamic bodies become metaphors for aspiration and struggle. Pearlman captures the chance and public demonstrations of children in play through her street photography practice. Children as the subject allow for unself-conscious expressions of movement, which is difficult to achieve with adult subjects. She alters the photographic form through material exploration, altering meaning, context, scale, and dimensionality. In her newest body of work, she applies dye sublimation and U.V. photographic prints on surfaces of aluminum and di-bond that are then bent. This manipulation creates relief and three-dimensional forms floating in space, with minor changes of gesture con, text, and meaning, defying spatial experience.

Samantha Modder will install a series of site-specific, digitally-printed murals on adhesive paper from her recent body of work exploring a subjective Black woman's fairytale that processes interlocking structures of oppression. The narrative installations are made of digitally manipulated ballpoint pen drawings that follow a Black woman in her nightdress and striped socks in a world of only her and her duplicates. Through flying hairballs, commoditized socks, and characters like the ever-present "Source of All Hair," and her materially minded counterpart, the "Wearer of All Socks," the work serves as an allegory for our contemporary condition, con-

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fronting questions of power, exploitation, and resistance. The work is positioned in the speculative practice of the Black imaginary—a centering of Black dreams and fantasies to create alternate spaces of both comfort and confrontation. Black hair is a powerful protagonist, pushing the narrative forward in soft curls and defiant shapes.

Amy Yoes will create a site-specific installation, using strategies she used in her current exhibition, *Hot Corners*, at MassMoCA. Sculpture, paintings, works on paper, and photographs co-exist in spaces, encouraging visitors to engage with the work. She will show new work at, with several sculptural vitrines of vibrant colors, repetitive design motifs, and exuberant materiality that explore the language of ornament and pattern throughout history and the specificity of spaces. The artist's multi-faceted practice employs installation, photography, video, painting, and sculpture, often within the same project. It merges in environments and images that suggest the creation of a particular universe with its logic, codes, and syntax.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Lenore Malen is a New York-based artist and writer who draws on mythic stories interpreted through installation, performance, and film. Past exhibitions and performances include *The Fields* at Art Omi; Tufts University; Wesleyan University; Cue Art Foundation; CR10; Studio 10 N.Y.; Art in General; Wave Hill; Hudson Opera House; Film Columbia; Pierogi's The Boiler; Slought Foundation; Participant Inc.; Printed Matter; Locks Gallery; Skidmore College; Rutgers University; Exit Art; Apex Art; Uppsala Konstmuseum; Brecht Forum; The Finnish Cultural Institutes (with Samir Bhowmik); The B.B.C. (Lion TV); France Fiction, Paris. Projects have been reviewed in *BOMB*, *Art in America*, *Artforum*, *Brooklyn Rail*, *Umbrella*, *The Village Voice*, *Art on Paper*, and the *New York Times*. She's attended residences at Yaddo, Blue Mountain Center, and The Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, Mass. Malen is a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, NYSCA and NYFA Grants recipient.

Sam Modder is a Nigerian-Sri Lankan artist who works figuratively in pen, collage, and digital media to portray larger-than-life Black female characters taking up space in real and imagined worlds. She graduated from Dartmouth College in 2017 with a B.A. in Studio Art and Engineering and from Washington University in St. Louis with an M.F.A. in Visual Arts in 2022. She currently works as an Assistant Professor of Art and Design at the University of Tampa.

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Catskill Art Space Announces Exhibition

(From Pg. 28) Debra Pearlman is an artist based in Brooklyn. Current and recent exhibitions include a one-person show, Roundabout, Five Myles Gallery, Brooklyn, Everywoman Biennial at LaMama Galleria, NY, South Brooklyn Salon, Thomas VanDyke Gallery, Holiday at LabSpace, Hillsdale, NY, First Come, B Dry Goods, Brooklyn, Exquisite Codes, ODETTA Gallery and National Printmaking, William Paterson University Wayne, New Jersey. Her work has also been seen nationally and internationally at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, and the Renaissance Society at the University of Chicago, and galleries in New York, SLAG Gallery, Sue Scott, Exit Art, the International Print Center, and Richard Anderson Gallery. Reviews include the New York Times, Print Collector's Newsletter, Art in America, and the Chicago Sun-Times. Pearlman received an M.F.A. from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and a B.F.A. from the University of Massachusetts. Her work is included in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art, Brooklyn Museum, Walker Art Center, New York Public Library, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Museum Sztuki, Lodz, Poland, and Smith College Museum. She has received a Meredith S. Moody Residency at YADDO, a grant from The Peter S. Reed Foundation, Special Editions, Individual Artist grants from the Lower East Side Print Shop, and a grant from the Foundation for Contemporary Art. Her public art project with Powerhouse Arts in Brooklyn will run through the 2024 election.

Amy Yoes works multi-faceted, alternately employing installation, photography, video, painting, and sculpture. Yoes's ongoing research into craft, architecture, and decorative art has been furthered by travel and research opportunities that included residencies at the Maison Dora Marr / Brown Fellowship Award Residency (Menérbes, France); the A.I.R. Krems Residency (Krems, Austria); The British School at Rome Abbey Award Residency (Rome, Italy); and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Artist in Residence Program. Her work has been exhibited extensively, including at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC.; Mass Moca, North Adams, MA; Cranbrook Art Museum, Detroit, MI; Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, CT; the Carpenter Center, Boston, MA; and the Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, Ohio, and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, UK. She is the recipient of residencies at the Maison Dora Marr / Brown Fellowship Award Residency (Menérbes, France); the A.I.R. Krems Residency (Krems, Austria); The British School at Rome Abbey Award Residency (Rome, Italy); and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Artist in Residence Program. Yoes has shared her work as a visiting artist at over 50 institutions nationally and abroad. She teaches at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in Sculpture, Photography, Fiber and Material Studies, and Contemporary Practices. Since 2014, she has also co-taught a study trip for SAIC in Siena, Italy, focusing on the relationships between the city's geology, local materials, and historical cultural production. She lives and works in Narrowsburg, New York. Amy Yoes received her fine arts degree from the School for the Art Institute of Chicago.

ABOUT CATSKILL ART SPACE

Catskill Art Space (CAS) explores contemporary art practices of emerging and established artists. Through exhibitions, performances, classes, lectures, and screenings, CAS fosters creative community in the Catskills.

Established as Catskill Art Society in 1971, CAS reopened in October 2022 as Catskill Art Space following a major renovation

and expansion of its multi-arts center, located in the picturesque hamlet of Livingston Manor in the Western Catskills. CAS presents a rotating slate of exhibitions, performances and other events featuring national and regional talents, alongside long-term installations of works by James Turrell, Sol LeWitt, Francis Cape, and Ellen Brooks. Learn more at catskillartspace.org. 304 or e-mail jweyer@townofthompson.com.

Come Fly with SUNY Sullivan! 31st Annual Kite Festival

Saturday, May 4, 2024 • 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

SUNY Sullivan

112 College Road, Loch Sheldrake, NY

The day's festivities include:

Free kites for the first 250 kids to attend!

Professional kite fliers

Kite candy drop

Food trucks & vendors

Free inflatable bouncy houses

Art show, and more!

Co-sponsored by The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association

Come fly with SUNY Sullivan! The 31st Annual SUNY Sullivan Foundation Kite Festival is taking place at SUNY Sullivan on Saturday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There's fun for the whole family, including festivities like professional kite fliers, kite candy drop, food trucks and craft vendors, and MORE. This event is a FREE family-friendly local festival, and we expect over a thousand community members to come join us in the fun. The first 250 children in attendance will receive FREE kites!

This event is co-sponsored by the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association.

For such a large and grand event, we need sponsors and vendors! Opportunities for both are still available, but don't wait; these slots fill up FAST.

https://sunysullivan.edu/kite-festival/?mc_cid=6b82a48e6c&mc_eid=89c39ce9b4

Spring Outdoor Recreation Tips

When the weather starts warming up, New Yorkers are eager to spend more time outdoors. But in early spring, mud season presents unique challenges for outdoor recreation. Whether you are hiking, mountain biking, or paddling, follow these guidelines to stay safe and protect trails and natural resources:

- o Carry rain gear and other equipment for various weather conditions.
- o Return to your vehicle if conditions worsen.
- o Heed high water warnings and find a safer alternate route or trip.
- o Banks along rivers and streams can be slippery and rocks may be icy from spray. Keep a safe distance away to avoid ending up in water.
- o Avoid muddy trails as plants and trail surfaces are especially vulnerable to degradation and erosion.

Visit the DEC website for more spring recreation tips at: <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hiking/spring-recreation-tips> and places to go for great spring hikes at: <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hiking/great-spring-hikes>

Daniel Pierce Library

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for Tri-Valley Teens!

3:15 - 4:45 pm Bus available!



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SONGWRITING WORKSHOP

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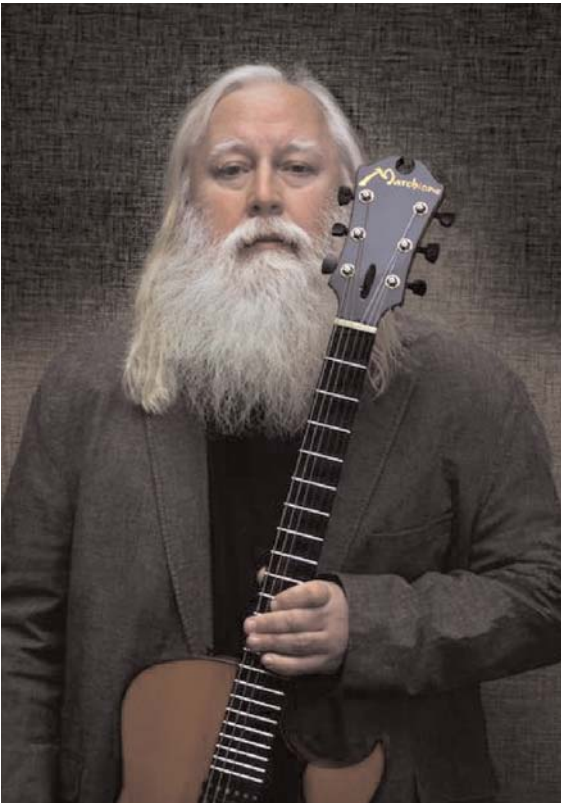
Goals:

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

Registration not required. For more information please email:
Director, Beth Wolpert at bwolpert@rcls.org

Sullivan County Museum Concert

Join your neighbors and friends at the Sullivan County Museum on Sunday, April 7, at 2 p.m. for an afternoon of music drawn from the rich legacy of the Grateful Dead's songbook. The concert is sponsored by the Frederick Cook Society, pairing one of the greatest adventurers the world has ever known with some of the greatest music of our time.



Blujazz recording artist Paul Kogut has toured extensively throughout the US, Europe and Japan. Drawn to the music of the Grateful Dead, he began playing guitar in the mid-1970s, and their spirit of adventure remains a continuing inspiration.

For the past 25 years Paul has steadily built an international reputation as a jazz guitarist and composer. His latest CD, "Turn of Phrase," features the legendary rhythm section of George Mraz and Lewis Nash. Its release on the Chicago-based Blujazz label was met with heavy airplay and critical acclaim, with Grammy-winning journalist Neil Tesser saying, "Here's the main thing to know: you won't hear a better guitar-trio album this year."

In 2015, Paul's music was featured at the Jazz and Colors Fare Thee Well Celebration, at Chicago's Field Museum. He holds a Master's Degree from Manhattan School of Music and has served on the jazz faculty of Hamilton College and as teaching artist at UWM Peck School of the Arts.

And speaking of Paul, John Abercrombie says, "His musical approach to guitar playing and his compositional skills are first rate." Warren Haynes of the Allman Brothers calls Paul "a great guitar player." James Keepnews describes his debut Blujazz release, "Know It? I Wrote It!" as "a memorable first date, one that will appeal to the taciturn jazzbo and the festival twirler alike." To listen visit <http://www.paulkogut.com> or <http://www.youtube.com/paulkogutmusic>.

Doors open at 1 p.m. on April 7 - come early and enjoy two galleries of Dr. Cook's photography from Alaska, Greenland, Tierra del Fuego, Antarctica and the North Pole. Cook was born in Hortonville here in Sullivan County: www.frederickcookpolar.org.

Kogut's concert will be followed by a performance by Little Sparrow, featuring Jeff Anderson on bass (Esther Phillips/Ben E. King) and Sullivan West senior

Henry Simon on guitar. The entire event is free.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. For more information, call 845-434-8044 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/littlesparrowny>.

Total Solar Eclipse Coming Soon!

On Monday, April 8 starting just after 3 p.m., a total solar eclipse will be passing through about one third of NYS, from the southwest corner near the PA border through to the northeast corner up by VT. While this total solar eclipse travels over NYS, the entire state will be able to see at least 88% of a partial eclipse: Albany is 96%, Catskills between 90-95%, NYC 89%, and Montauk 88%. Fun Facts: Last total solar eclipse in NYS was in 1925 and the next ones are expected in 2079 and 2144!

The eclipse will begin shortly after 2 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Full totality, or as close to it will begin about 3:20 p.m., and locations in the path of totality could experience total darkness for up to 4 minutes. With the entirety of the eclipse wrapping up about 4:40 p.m. Check out the NASA Map of percentage of the eclipse. <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/where-when/>

To view the eclipse safely, remember the following tips:

- o Remember to protect your eyes with specialized solar viewing glasses or pinhole projectors or even a colander!
- o Check traffic before heading out for this epic event. Consider using 511NY for current travel conditions. But also remember that with lots of people comes slow and limited cell signal so you may want to have an atlas or maps in the vehicle.
- o Speaking of limited cell signal, if you can't get a call out, remember texts with no emoji or images will generally get out when calls when a lot of people are using cell signals.
- o Prepare for the weather: April can bring sun, ice, snow, rain, and mud!
- o Remember NY statewide annual burn ban is in effect from March 16 through May 14. Do not park on dry (yellow/brown) grass to avoid sparking a wildfire.
- o If camping, know the regulations, bring the proper gear, and watch out for ticks.

For more safety tips, check out I Love New York's Eclipse website. DEC will also be posting eclipse information on Facebook leading up to April 8.

NASA Solar Eclipse Guide
<https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/st>

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Make Your Camping Reservations Now

Don't wait to start planning your summer camping getaway. DEC operates 51 campgrounds located in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks. <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/camping/campgrounds-day-use-areas>

DEC campgrounds provide a wide variety of experiences, including island camping, tent and trailer camping, boat launching facilities, hiking trails, beaches and day use areas with picnic tables and grills. Popular campgrounds fill up quickly so make a reservation as soon as possible. You may reserve a DEC campground up to 9 months in advance, and as late as the same day.

Welcome to the Catskills

The Welcome to the Catskills webpage is the place to go if you are interested in learning more about the Catskill Mountains. It provides information about the Forest Preserve and conservation easement lands, outdoor recreation opportunities, and Leave No Trace. Be sure to check out the links to additional information and tips for recreating safely and minimizing your impacts on natural resources, recreational infrastructure, and other backcountry users in the Catskill Mountains.

For a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience on public lands in the Catskills and New York City's Catskill/Delaware Watershed, please consult DEC's regular updates, seasonal notices and general information. For more information go to: <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hiking/catskill-backcountry-information>

Check the Weather: Check the National Weather Service for current conditions and forecasts for the locations where you plan to recreate. Check both daytime and nighttime temperatures. Expect conditions to be colder and more exposed on mountain summits.

<https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=42.0842&lon=-74.3166#.YboJfjj-imQ>

Thompson Seeks Input on Master Plan Vision and Goals

[Monticello, NY] - The Town of Thompson announced today that it is seeking input from the public on the Town's comprehensive plan update. Also called a "master plan" the comprehensive plan is a document that provides direction on policy recommendations about future land use and development in the Town.

"A committee appointed by the Town Board has been working for the past year on identifying key issues facing the Town and drafting a vision for the future, along with corresponding goals and objectives," explained Director of Community Development, Jill Weyer. "We are at a point now where we would like to check in with the public to get some constructive feedback, including ideas for specific projects or policy recommendations that should be included in the plan that align with that vision."

To that end, a public information session will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 7PM at the Town Hall at Thompson Square Mall in Monticello. Thompson's planning consultant, Delaware Engineering, will give a brief overview of the work that has been completed to date on the plan, and will present the results of an on-line survey and other public outreach conducted last

Summer. The draft vision statement, goals and objectives will also be presented, and attendees will have an opportunity to share their ideas as part of a facilitated discussion.

Anyone who lives in the Town of Thompson (including the Village of Monticello), and is interested in learning more about the planning process is encouraged to attend. Additional information and a feedback form can also be found at www.thompsonstogether.com. A preliminary draft of the updated comprehensive plan is expected to be released for public comment by August.

For more information, contact Jill Weyer at 845-794-2500 Ext. 304 or e-mail jweyer@townofthompson.com

Annual Road-Side Litter Pluck

(TUSTEN) - The Narrowsburg Beautification Group invites all Tusten residents to join the annual road-side Litter Pluck on Saturday, April 20th, 2024, part of the 4th Annual Upper Delaware Council Litter Sweep.

Meet us between 10 am and 2 pm in the municipal parking lot, 198 Bridge Street, to choose an area to pluck, receive a commemorative t-shirt and get supplies to use including safety equipment, bags and pickers.

The Litter Pluck is for cleaning up roadside debris only. No household waste will be accepted. For more information email nbgusten@gmail.com.

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Joint Statement from Governor Hochul and Governor Murphy on Minimizing Supply Chain Disruptions Following the Collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge

“The tragic collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore has touched every corner of the nation, and we are ready to support Governor Moore and the people of Maryland in any way. We have seen over the past several years that indefinite port closures can impact national and global supply chains, which hurt everyday consumers the hardest. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey can take on additional cargo, and we have directed the Authority to further evaluate all available resources to minimize supply chain disruptions. Along with our federal partners, we will continue to work together to support our neighbors in Baltimore and consumers nationwide.”

Lucas Avenue in the Town of Ulster to be Dedicated as 'Ulster County Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Highway'

KINGSTON, NY - In honor of National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger announced a proposed Resolution for the County Legislature's consideration in support of declaring Lucas Avenue / County Route 1 in the Town of Ulster as 'Ulster County Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Highway'.

The dedication is supported by the Town of Ulster, which approved its own resolution on March 21, 2024. The request for the placement of an official sign on Lucas Avenue / County Route 1 in the Town of Ulster was originally brought to the County Executive and the Ulster County Veterans Services Agency by the Ulster County Disabled American Veterans Organization to demonstrate that the sacrifices of our Veterans are, and will continue to be, remembered.

“By dedicating this well-traveled County road to our Vietnam veterans, we pay tribute to the brave men and women for their service and sacrifice to our country, something we can never forget,” said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger.

“It is high time that the men and women who fought and died for our great nation are recognized,” said Herb Litts, Deputy Chair of the Ulster County Legislature's Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation Committee. “And please remember to wear a red shirt each and every Friday to show support for all of our Veterans and those deployed around the world who have fought and are fighting for our freedoms.”

“What a fitting gesture to honor our Vietnam Veterans by naming this stretch of Lucas Avenue after them,” said Ulster County Legislator Joe Donaldson, who represents the district. “Our country appreciates their service and sacrifices. Hopefully people will remember these brave veterans who gave so much to serve their country.”

“Vietnam War Veterans represent the largest population of Veterans in the County and I couldn't think of a more deserving cohort of men and women to receive this honor,” said Mark Cozzupoli, Ulster County Veteran Services Director. “The

request to have County Road 1, better known as Lucas Avenue, dedicated to Vietnam War Veterans came from the Ulster County Disabled American Veterans because historically, Vietnam War Veterans have been overlooked and underappreciated. This is just a small gesture of gratitude for these heroes and an appropriate way to memorialize the sacrifices they made in service to their country.”

This resolution will go before the Legislature in May, and, if approved, a dedication ceremony is expected to be scheduled this summer.

MISU Announces beginning of Intro to Music Just for Kids

MISU is pleased to announce that beginning Wednesday April 3, 2024 we will be offering the following Intro to Music Just for Kids classes.

These weekly, 30-minute long, introductory group classes are designed especially for young children.

Parental/guardian attendance is required.

These are NOT drop-off classes!

Preschool age children general music classes 30 min

Wednesdays 9am for 6 weeks

Elementary age children general music classes 30min

Wednesdays 4pm for 6 weeks

\$120 for a 6 week session.

To register, please fill out the returning student registration form for students who have taken lessons or classes at MISU before. <https://misucatskills.org/returning-student-registration-form/>

Please fill out the new student registration form for students who are brand new to MISU. <https://misucatskills.org/new-student-registration-form/>

For more information about our Intro to Music teacher, please click below for their bio.

Jill Pruitt <https://misucatskills.org/staff/jill-pruitt-violin/>

Creating a Community and Network of Theater Professionals, Actors, Directors, Students, Patrons as well as Designers, Artists, Technicians and Production Managers

Are you an enthusiast of LIVE theater? Do you have experience as an Actor, lighting/sound/costume designer, stage manager, production specialist, or usher? Would you like to collaborate with us?

Perhaps you dreamed about being an Actor? Or at least learning more about the art of Acting? Join our 10 session Acting Academy classes in May and June 2024. Got a “stage struck” family member? Enrollment in our Acting Academy would be an exceptional Gift.

Join us on our journey to present unique, FREE Admission, pay what you can, theatrical experiences in Sullivan County, NY.

Take advantage of our Mobile Stage Rental services. Rolled onto your location and set up in less than 2 hours, renting our mobile stage will help bring your event to the next level and help subsidize free public theater. Contact Us and we will be in touch promptly. <https://www.catskillpublictheater.com/>

Catskill Public Theater Ribbon Cutting and Stage Warming Party:

*Roscoe Fireman's Field Gulf
Road, Roscoe, NY 12776*

Saturday, May 18 2024 12pm-4pm

Catskill Public Theater is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to bring free and accessible acting classes and live theater to Sullivan County, NY, and the surrounding communities.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will launch our Stage Warming Party, which will feature live music and comical performance on our state-of-the-art mobile stage. Our stage is available to our community and beyond, for very affordable rental rates. The Stage Warming Party will also feature local craft and food vendors, for the community to come together for the unveiling of the mobile stage and the site for this year's production of "Terror".

"Terror" performances are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, July 9- July 25, 2024. For more information on the Acting Classes and the production of "Terror", please visit www.catskillpublictheater.com.

For more information contact 844-752- 9748 (844PLAYS4U) or catskillpublictheater@gmail.com.

All Things Accuracy Ribbon Cutting and Open House:

*All Things Accuracy
25 Sullivan Ave, Liberty NY 12754
June 8th, 2024 at 3:00pm*

All Things Accuracy is a community of archery enthusiasts who share a passion for the sport. Whether you are a beginner or a pro, browse our wide selection of equipment and accessories by brand names like Mathews, Hoyt, Prime, Bowtech, Elite, PSE, TenPoint and more. Take advantage of our indoor shooting range and improve your skills via personal lessons. All Things Accuracy specializes in bow tuning, custom arrow building, and will personalize your buying experience to your custom needs. Don't miss this opportunity to join the All Things Accuracy family and discover the joy of archery.

Our grand opening will include FREE food & drinks, shooting games (so bring your bow!), axe throwing, DJ music, & more. Test out the latest products in the archery world while enjoying the company of fellow archers.

Business Hours:

Tuesday 12pm-8pm
Wednesday 11am-6pm
Thursday 11am-6pm
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Require Tugboats For Transiting Ships

The recent crash of the ship Dali into the Francis Scott Key bridge in Baltimore harbor, and the attendant loss of life, the destruction of the bridge, and the economic impact reminded me of mariner concerns for the lurking dangers to ships entering and leaving ports.

I served on 13 Navy ships that made many ports of call in the U.S. and foreign countries. As a conning officer and navigator I remember being on total alert as we transited harbors through designated channels. We typically maintained enough speed at about five knots to provide headway for steering, and we always had two to four tugboats assisting our transits.

The Dali was transiting at around eight or nine knots, which is too fast, and it did not utilize any tugboats. Its speed was excessive, but the absence of tugboats was the critical mistake. The tugs could have prevented the collision.

All port authorities should review their ship transit policies and procedures and require all major sea going vessels to utilize tugboats when entering and leaving ports.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry NH

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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



Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK at the Daniel Pierce Library!

Books and puppets are just the beginning.
Stop in, say hello and check us out because libraries transform lives every day!

Spencer Investigates the Library Puppet Show | UPK - 3rd Grade Wednesday, April 10, 2024

3 - 4:30 p.m.



Back by popular demand, talented Sue Moore, her Puppeteers and her Stop, Drop & Pray Puppets! Join us for this wonderful performance of Spencer Investigates the Library!

PLEASE NOTE: More the merrier for this program, BUT we have a limit of 20 seats on the bus. If the bus fills up, parents will need to provide transportation to this program. If you wish for your child to take the bus from school, please send a note to the elementary office no later than Monday, April 8th. Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Registration is required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org

To Register go to:

<https://danielpiercelibrary.org/Pages/Index/228762/spencer-investigates-the-library---puppet-sho>

DEC Forest Rangers - Week in Review Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state agencies, local emergency response organizations, and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate, and extract lost, injured, or distressed people from across New York State.

Town of Shandaken Ulster County Wilderness Rescue:

On March 31 at 1:45 p.m., Ray Brook Dispatch received a call from a hiker reporting they had fallen down a rock face near the summit of Cornell Mountain and suffered an ankle injury. Due to the severity of the injury and the location, Forest Rangers requested New York State Police (NYSP) Aviation assistance. Ranger Martin spoke to the 64-year-old hiker who indicated she had splinted her ankle and would walk toward Wittenberg Mountain. NYSP Pilot Sergeant Plichts flew Rangers Stratton and Horn to the area. Ranger Stratton inserted Ranger Horn to the hiker's location so Ranger Horn could get the hiker secured for a hoist rescue. Following the successful hoist, four Rangers hiked up to Wittenberg from Woodland Valley Campground to assist the hiker's husband to his vehicle. The subject's son took her to the hospital. Resources were clear at 5:30 p.m. Video of the hoist rescue (Video, 141,199 KB) is available for download.

https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/fs/programs/press/ForestRangers/Wittenberg_HoistRescue_2024.mp4

DEC Offers New Online Resource for Novice Hunters and Sponsors of Mentored Hunts *Online Platform Increases Awareness, Facilitates Registration, and Improves Accessibility*

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced a new online resource both for new hunters and organizations offering mentored hunting opportunities. This tool will connect novices with experienced hunters who will help them develop the skills needed to be safe and successful when afield.

“One of the greatest hurdles to newly certified hunters going afield for the first time is the lack of a mentor or a support system to help them understand the basics of a successful hunt,” DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. “New York State is home to dozens of groups and organizations offering mentored hunt opportunities and DEC's new platform will amplify opportunities for new hunters to connect with knowledgeable and enthusiastic mentors to help create enjoyable experiences.”

Mentored hunts allow hunters with little or no hunting experience to learn additional firearm safety and hunting skills while building confidence under the guidance of more experienced hunters. First-time hunters can now find mentored hunt events in New York and register for those learn-to-hunt opportunities on the new Mentored

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-Going Towards Olivebridge 7.5 Miles
← Turn LEFT onto The Krumville Road/CR-2A 0.8 Miles
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Bingo at the Monticello Elks Lodge Every Tuesday at 7 PM 46 North Street in Monticello For information

contact Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell
at (845) 701-0695

Hunt Program registration webpage. DEC's Mentored Hunt Program registration page also provides a platform for those hosting a mentored hunt to advertise their event statewide.

Partnering organizations can fill out an application to have their event posted on the registration page and amplified to the public on DEC's platforms. DEC invites groups and organizations to register their mentored hunt events for turkey, deer, waterfowl, pheasants, and other small game. Interested groups should visit the Application to Host a Mentored Hunt site to register. By using DEC's Mentored Hunt program registration, users will:

- o Make your event more visible to new hunters statewide;
- o Ease registration for participants;
- o Track registered participants to better plan your event; and
- o Promote your event to a wider audience of potential participants.

New hunters are encouraged to check the DEC Mentored Hunt Program registration page regularly for upcoming events. Listed opportunities will vary based on time of year and upcoming hunting seasons. Attendance is often limited, and each event requires registration to attend. Hunts may or may not be a DEC-organized event, so please read individual event details for more information.

All hunters taking part in a mentored hunt must successfully complete a hunter education course and purchase a NYS hunting license prior to their participation. For more information, check out DEC's Learn to Hunt Opportunities webpage on DEC's website.

The Daniel Pierce Library

Spring Children's Programs 2024

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

The following children's programs are open to caregivers and their children ages 12 months to 5 years who are residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District. The spring eight-week long session begins the week of April 8th.

These programs are free and are made possible through the generosity of our community. Registration is required.

Mother Goose Time (12-23 months) Beginning Wednesday, April 10th

This program is specially designed for very young children. It includes "read together" time (each child has his or her own board book), nursery rhymes, felt stories, playtime and music for our tiniest patrons ages 12-23 months. Two programs will be held each Wednesday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Must be 12 months by 12/1/23.

Toddler Time (24-35 months) Beginning Thursday, April 11th

Stories, felt stories, crafts, music and friendship-building geared for wee ones ages 24-35 months. Two programs will be held each Thursday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Must be 24 months by 12/1/23.

Story Hour (3, 4 and 5 year-olds) Beginning Friday, April 12th

Our classic, beloved program for three, four and five year-old children, featuring the "Magic Bag," a read-aloud, felt stories, craft projects, homework and music. Two programs will be held each Friday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Must be 3 years or older by 12/1/23.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour

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

Give your child a head start by enrolling in one of these valuable programs this spring.

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org by April 1st. If you have any questions, please email dmchugh@rcls.org or call (845) 985-7233 x105.

Register at:

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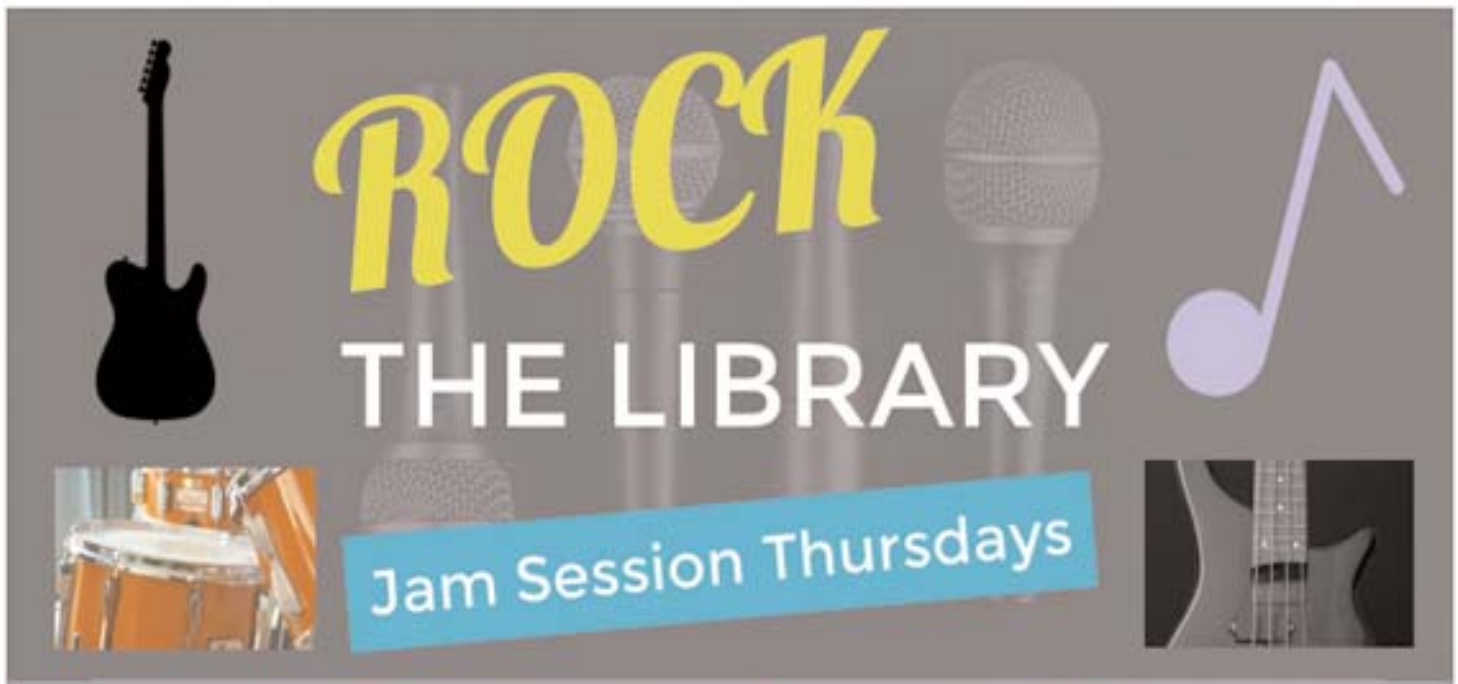
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Chess Novice or Chess curious?
Come play in our library and let's organize a
tournament event!

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



Thursdays in April @ the DPL

3:15 - 4:45 pm

Exclusively for Tri-Valley Teens - Grades 9-12

Clinic in the Board Room

Jam Sesh in the Reading Room

Bus to and from School and Library

Be a part of the first ever band to rock the DPL

Bring your instrument/talent

If all goes well, we'll continue in May

Performance event on the Patio in June



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Gillibrand Announces Legislation to Protect Historic Student Loan Debt Relief, Urges Borrowers to Apply for "Save Plan"

Legislation Would Protect The Biden Administration's Income-Driven Repayment Plan From Future Presidential Administrations

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a virtual press conference to announce the Codifying SAVE Plan Act, legislation that would codify President Biden's income-driven repayment program, known as the Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) Plan, into law and protect it from being rolled back under future administrations. The SAVE Plan currently has more than 7.7 million federal student loan borrowers enrolled, and New Yorkers have had over \$63 million forgiven under the plan.

"The SAVE Plan is the most affordable student loan repayment plan in history and a lifeline for millions of borrowers - allowing them to live without the burden of exorbitant monthly payments hanging over their heads," said Senator Gillibrand. "The Codifying SAVE Plan Act would ensure that the SAVE Plan remains in place and safeguards a much-needed path to federal student loan forgiveness. I'm proud to fight so the SAVE Plan is protected for future generations, and I urge New York borrowers to visit StudentAid.Gov/SAVE to enroll in the plan today."

President Biden's SAVE Plan was introduced in August 2023 and has helped millions of borrowers lower their monthly payments. Under the SAVE Plan, borrowers with undergraduate loans are getting their payments reduced from 10% to 5% of their discretionary income, and those earning under 225 percent of the federal poverty line have had their monthly payments lowered to \$0. The SAVE Plan has also canceled the loans of 150,000 borrowers to date. Borrowers can apply for the SAVE Plan to lower the cost of their student loan payments.

Gillibrand has been a leader in taking action to fix the student loan system and support borrowers. She leads the What You Can Do for Your Country Act, which would allow borrowers to have half of their federal student loan balance forgiven after five years of public service and make sure millions of Americans are eligible for the loan forgiveness they have earned. She also successfully urged the Biden administration to strengthen our nation's Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, which enabled hundreds of thousands of public servants to get their student debt discharged. Additionally, she has pushed to encourage our nation's best and brightest to work in government by offering free college in exchange for public service in cyber and tech disciplines through her Cyber Service Academy scholarship program.

The Codifying SAVE Plan Act is cosponsored by Senators Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Bob Casey (D-

PA), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Peter Welch (D-VT), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Laphonza Butler (D-CA), Tina Smith (D-MN), Alex Padilla (D-CA), and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD).

Sullivan County – Open Access to Services Expanding Community Services Lengthens Hours for Walk-Ins

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County's Department of Community Services is increasing the available times for walk-in service for those seeking mental health, substance use and/or other therapeutic assistance, starting April 3.

"Based on usage patterns and to better serve those who can't or don't want to wait for an appointment, the Department of Community Services will welcome walk-ins every Tuesday from late morning until 7 p.m.," said Community Services Director Salif Banse. "And our Mental Health Clinic will continue to accept walk-ins every Thursday between 9 a.m. and noon."

The Department of Community Services offers the following:

- o Individual Psychotherapy
- o Marital & Family Counseling
- o Group Therapy (not offered during extended Tuesday hours)
- o Medication Therapy
- o Crisis Intervention/Outreach
- o Court Evaluations
- o Consultation & Education
- o Case Management
- o Anger Management
- o Coordinated Children's Services Initiative SPOA (Single Point of Access)

For more information, contact Program Manager Katherine Johnson at 845-292-8770 or Katherine.johnson@sullivanny.us.



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SILENT AUCTION

TRICKY TRAY

SEASON OPENER

Fiesta Gala

Pre-Sale Tickets: \$65 (until 4/15)
Regular Pricing: \$80 (after 4/15)

April 27, 2024
6:00 - 10:00 pm

Tickets available at:
DelawareValleyOpera.org

PRE-SALE CODE: **gala2024**

To celebrate Saint Jordi (George) the patron saint of Catalonia, Spain, please bring your favorite book or children's book to be donated to "Read It Again" Used Bookstore.



DJ provided by:










Sundown
United
Methodist
Church



April 6, 2024

5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share
Enjoy good food and fellowship

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

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

(Intersection of Sundown Rd., Peekamoose Rd. & Greenville Rd., Sundown, NY 12740)

**Intro
to**



Genealogy
— WORKSHOP —

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

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

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

Discovering your roots through online resources right at your fingertips,
and the wealth of research materials and assistance from local organizations.

Suzanne Cecil, President
Sullivan County
Historical Society

Ruth Huggler
Sullivan County Democrat

Lynn Preibe,
Trustee and Archivist
Time and the Valleys Museum

Nicole Richardson,
Community Programs Associate
Daniel Pierce Library

Russell Reeves, Sullivan County Clerk
Sullivan County Government

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

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



Time and the Valley Museum's Community Takeout Chicken BBQ

Saturday, May 18, 2024
4 to 6 p.m. \$15



Museum and Library Parking Lot
332 Main Street, Grahamsville

- ◆ *Murray's Chicken*, BBQ'D to perfection by the *Neversink Fire Department*
- ◆ Delicious sides of baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and split top roll from *Wilson's Deli*
- ◆ Brownie from *Frost Valley YMCA*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ # of Meals: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please send this form with your check to: Time and the Valleys Museum P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740

Order online at: <https://timeandthevalleymuseum.org/product/chicken-bbq-takeout/>
or call 845 985-7700

Pre-Order to Guarantee Your Meal!

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! ****

Make checks payable to Claryville Volunteer Fire Department
1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725
Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello



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.

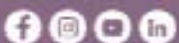
- Manners
- Listening
- Hygiene
- Emotions

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.

Funding is provided by OPWDD. There is no cost to the student or family of students on the Autism Spectrum who receive or are eligible to receive OPWDD services.

Visit our website at

atitoday.org



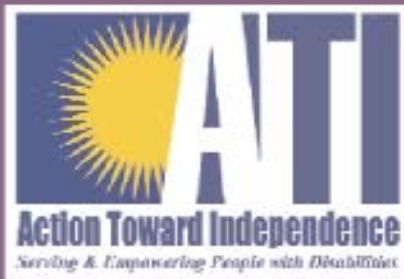
SCAN ME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Family Peer Advocate

(845) 794-4228

info@atitoday.org



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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SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



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

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

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

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

*For any other questions
845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com*

 Follow Nick
[@nickneedsokidney](https://www.facebook.com/nickneedsokidney)



**VET 2 VET OF SULLIVAN COUNTY
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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**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

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Governor Hochul Issues Proclamation Celebrating Transgender Day of Visibility

13 State Landmarks Were Lit in Celebration of Transgender Day of Visibility

Read the Proclamation at:

https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/Transgender-Day-of-Visibility_2024.pdf

Governor Kathy Hochul today issued a proclamation declaring March 31, 2024 Transgender Day of Visibility, celebrating the trans community in New York State and across the country. The Governor also announced that New York State landmarks will be lit light pink, white and light blue on, March 31, in celebration of Transgender Day of Visibility.

“Today we celebrate Transgender Day of Visibility by acknowledging the contributions that members of the transgender community have made in New York State and across the country,” Governor Hochul said. “I am proud of the strength transgender New Yorkers display every day and want to make one thing clear: you are always welcome in New York. You are loved.”

The landmarks to be lit in celebration of Transgender Day of Visibility include:

- o One World Trade Center
- o Kosciuszko Bridge
- o The H. Carl McCall SUNY Building
- o State Education Building
- o Alfred E. Smith State Office Building
- o Empire State Plaza
- o State Fairgrounds - Main Gate & Expo Center
- o Niagara Falls
- o Albany International Airport Gateway
- o Lake Placid Olympic Center
- o MTA LIRR - East End Gateway at Penn Station
- o Fairport Lift Bridge over the Erie Canal
- o Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park

Governor Hochul Encourages New Yorkers to Participate in LOVE OUR NEW YORK LANDS STEWARDSHIP DAYS

Participants Will Celebrate New York's Public Lands by Volunteering in Cleanup and Stewardship Events Throughout the State

Events Include Canal Clean Sweep from April 19-21 and I Love My Park Day on May 4

Efforts Align With Governor Hochul's 2024 State of the State Announcement to Plant 25 Million Trees Across New York State by 2033

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that New York State agencies and partners will celebrate a series of stewardship days to help enhance parks, historic sites and public lands. Service projects during four events held throughout the year will raise awareness and visibility of the state's many outdoor recreation assets and their needs during the Love Our New York Lands Stewardship Days.

“With a record number of New Yorkers and visitors taking

advantage of the world class outdoor recreation opportunities our state has to offer, we have a responsibility to preserve the unparalleled beauty of New York's outdoor spaces,” Governor Hochul said. “I invite all New Yorkers to show how much they love our New York lands and take part in these stewardship opportunities to support the environmental and cultural legacy of our state lands.”

To encourage year-round stewardship, the goal of Love Our New York Lands is to help protect the state's natural resources by providing visitors with the knowledge necessary to reduce their impact, engage users to practice sustainable and safe recreation and help all visitors feel welcome while visiting state lands. These efforts to enhance New York's public lands align with Governor Hochul's plan to plant 25 million trees across New York State by 2033, announced during her 2024 State of the State.

In partnership with Parks & Trails New York, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, New York State Canal Corporation and Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will support statewide volunteer opportunities that kick off with Canal Clean Sweep from April 19-21. Events that follow include I Love My Park Day on May 4, Adirondack and Catskill Park Day on September 7 and Fish and Wildlife Day on September 28.

Registration is currently open for the 19th annual Canal Clean Sweep on April 19-21. The annual clean-up event is held across the New York State Canal System and Canalway Trail with over 170 volunteer events to select from. Visit www.ptny.org/canalsweep to sign up for the event you would like to attend. Make sure to note the date and time as most events occur the weekend of April 19-21.

The 13th annual I Love My Park Day will take place on May 4 with registration opening April 3. This is the largest statewide volunteer event that enhances our public lands, with volunteers participating by cleaning up debris, planting trees and gardens, restoring trails and wildlife habitats, removing invasive species and working on various site improvement projects. More information can be found at <https://www.ptny.org/ilovemypark>.

New event opportunities will be available with Adirondack & Catskill Park Day on September 7 and Fish & Wildlife Day on September 28. These events will highlight the unique Forest Preserve lands that are found in New York State and enhance wildlife conservation and wildlife-associated recreation. More information will be available at <https://www.ptny.org/lovenylands>.

Love Our New York Lands stewardship days come as New York State continues to celebrate the 100th anniversary the State Parks system. Celebratory initiatives include 'Blazing A Trail,' an interactive timeline chronicling the agency's history and influential figures; an exhibit in the New York State Capitol's State Street Tunnel currently on view; the Share Your Story project, which invites people to tell their own stories relating to Parks and Sites; the Centennial Challenge, which encourages people to win prizes by participating in various activities at parks and sites; and the release of the Centennial Collection merchandise, which includes t-shirts, hoodies, mugs and more. Additional initiatives will be announced throughout 2024.

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commissioner Pro Tempore Randy Simons said, “Thank you to our partners at Parks & Trails New York for organizing and continuing to expand the opportunities to give back and promote responsible stewardship. Our volunteers are crucial in making our state park system the very best in the nation and we look forward to welcoming volunteers for these events and inspiring the next generation of visitors to help maintain and preserve our amazing public lands.”

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Governor Hochul Encourages New Yorkers to Participate in LOVE OUR NEW YORK LANDS STEWARDSHIP DAYS

(From Pg. 53) New York State Canal Corporation Director Brian U. Stratton said, "We are thrilled to have the 19th annual Canal Clean Sweep kick-off Love Our New York Lands Stewardship Days this year. Each spring, hundreds of volunteers come together at numerous Canal Clean Sweep events to ensure the Canalway Trail is spruced up and ready to welcome the millions of recreational enthusiasts that will visit in the coming months. As we prepare for the start of our 200th consecutive navigation season this May and the Erie Canal's Bicentennial in 2025, the Canal Clean Sweep is an example of our commitment to be good environmental stewards so that future generations may enjoy this tremendous resource."

Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "New and returning visitors to New York lands are helping increase the public's appreciation of the State's environmental and recreational assets. The Love Our New York Lands campaign continues to promote safe and responsible recreation and events with Parks & Trails New York and our State agency partners and bolster our efforts to protect State lands and sites by encouraging visitors to plan ahead, visit responsibly, and practice Leave No Trace™ principles to collectively preserve public lands for generations to come."

About Parks & Trails New York

Parks & Trails New York is New York's leading statewide advocate for parks and trails, dedicated since 1985 to improving our health, economy, and quality of life through the use and enjoyment of green space for all. With thousands of members and supporters across the state, PTNY is a leading voice in the protection of New York's magnificent state park system and the creation and promotion of more than 1,500 miles of greenways, bike paths, river walks and trails.

About New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which saw a record 84 million visits in 2023. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit parks.ny.gov, download the free NY State Parks Explorer app or call 518.474.0456. Join us in celebrating our Centennial throughout 2024, and connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter) and the OPRHP Blog.

About New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation manages five million acres of public lands, including three million acres in the Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserve, 55 campgrounds and day-use areas, more than 5,000 miles of formal trails and hundreds of trailheads, boat launches, and fishing piers. Plan your next outdoor adventure and connect with us on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Flickr and Instagram.

About the New York State Canal System

New York's Canal system includes four historic canals: the Erie, Champlain, Oswego, and Cayuga - Seneca. Spanning 524 miles, the waterway links the Hudson River with the Great Lakes, the Finger Lakes and Lake Champlain. The canals form the backbone of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and connect hundreds of unique communities. The New York State Canal Corporation is a subsidiary of the New York Power Authority. Like Canals on Facebook at NYS Canal Corporation and follow Canals on Twitter at @NYSCanalCorp.

Governor Hochul Highlights Free Admission to State Parks, Lands, Campgrounds, and Historic Sites for NYS Veterans and Gold Star Families

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that beginning on Monday, April 1, 2024, New York State veterans and Gold Star Families will have free access to New York State parks, campgrounds,

day use areas, historic sites, and recreation areas through the expansion of the Lifetime Liberty Pass Program. Governor Hochul signed a package of legislation in November 2023 to support veterans and their families, which included this initiative.

"Our veterans have made endless sacrifices and New York is always looking for ways we can say thank you for keeping our country safe," Governor Hochul said. "Nature heals and with the expansion of our Lifetime Liberty Pass Program, we're ensuring veterans and their families can easily visit our world-class destinations here in New York."

Under the legislation signed by Governor Hochul, the Lifetime Liberty Pass Program will now be extended to include all Veterans and certain Gold Star Family members who are residents of New York State. A disability rating is no longer required. The benefits include:

- o Free vehicle entry to State Parks and Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)-operated campgrounds and day use areas, as well as state boat launch sites, historic sites, arboretums, and park preserves.
- o Free greens fees at State Park-operated golf courses.
- o Free swimming pool entrance at pools operated by State Parks.
- o Discounted campsite and cabin rentals at State Parks- and DEC-operated campgrounds. The discount will be applied at the time of campground check-in.

Veterans can access these benefits by presenting a NY State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) photo document (ID) with Veteran status designation to employees at all staffed facilities. Veterans who do not have this designation on your ID can visit the NYS DMV website for more information or apply for the free Lifetime Liberty Pass to ensure seamless entry.

New York State Gold Star Parents, Spouses or Children should apply for the free Lifetime Liberty Pass to ensure entry at all park locations. The application process for the Lifetime Liberty Pass will open on April 1, 2024.

The Lifetime Liberty Pass is not valid for amenities, including but not limited to, some services, tours, rental equipment or locations operated by concessionaires or partners. Learn more about the program and how to apply for the free Lifetime Liberty Pass here. <https://parks.ny.gov/admission/lifetime-liberty-pass.aspx>

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About the Department of Veterans' Services

The New York State Department of Veterans' Services, which has served as the state's advocacy agency for veterans, service members, and military families since 1945, maintains an agencywide commitment of serving all veterans, service members, and military families in a wide range of practice areas, including claims and appeals for benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, discharge upgrade appeals to the United States Department of Defense, and claims for New York State benefits. Veterans, service members, and military families are encouraged to contact the Department at 888-838-7697 or its website to meet - in person or virtually - with an accredited Veterans Benefits Advisor to address their needs and gain the full measure of benefits that they have earned. Follow DVS on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



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

DELIVERING RELIEF TO EVERY NY-18 CITY, TOWN, AND VILLAGE

Hudson Valley families are feeling the pressure of making ends meet and the stress of taking care of loved ones. I launched the C.A.R.E.S Van to help ease that pressure and provide direct relief to folks, right in their own neighborhood.

This week, I drove the Van to its final stops in New Paltz, Poughkeepsie, and Newburgh to complete its first NY-18 district tour! Thank you to everyone who joined us for fulfilling conversations.

In just 10 months, we've held events in all 82 towns and cities across the district, delivering relief to over a thousand of our neighbors, from seniors in Poughkeepsie to veterans in Ulster and everywhere in between. Watch my message

here . <https://twitter.com/RepPatRyanNY/status/1772782838758207680?s=20>

But we're only just getting started. If you missed us on our first district tour, don't worry, we're coming back for round two!

FIGHTING TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS IN ORANGE COUNTY

No veteran should be without a home in the country they put their lives on the line to defend.

I pushed relentlessly to get the Rumshock Veterans Foundation's Veterans Village Project included in this year's federal budget, and I couldn't be more proud to have secured \$1 million in federal funds for the Village to build ten homes for unhoused veterans in Orange County.

This would not have been possible without the inspiring work of Bill Whetsel, Councilman Siegel's vision, or the support of the Port Jervis community. Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate the Foundation's work last weekend.

The Rumshock Veterans Village is a shining example of what is possible when we come together to support our nation's heroes.

PUSHING BACK AGAINST MTA'S UNFAIR, UNINFORMED, AND UNACCEPTABLE CONGESTION PRICING

On Wednesday, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's congestion pricing plan to toll hardworking Hudson Valley families \$15 per day to go to work in the Manhattan Business District was approved.

The MTA ignored the voices of countless Hudson Valley residents, firefighters, police officers, union members, and teachers alike, public servants who might live in the Hudson Valley, but protect New York City.

For decades, the MTA has systematically failed the Hudson Valley - there's not a single MTA station in Ulster, there's still no one-seat service in Orange, and there's limited service in Dutchess. Now, without committing to any service additions or providing carve outs for public servants, they're going to charge working families thousands more per year simply to go to work.

This 'plan' is completely detached from reality, and it cannot stand. Rest assured, I'll keep fighting back.

CONDEMNING ANTISEMITISM

Defacing a synagogue is antisemitism, pure and simple.

The vandalism of Temple Emanuel in Kingston this week does nothing to resolve the conflict in Gaza - stoking the flames of hate only pushes us further from peace.

We must continue to stand up to hate as we work to make the Hudson Valley a place we're proud to call home.

HONORING THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

This week, I joined our communities in mourning New Yorkers who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep us safe.

Rebecca and I send our deepest condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues of NYPD officer Jonathan Diller, who was killed in the line of duty this week in Queens, and of New York National Guard soldiers John Grassia and Casey Frankoski who lost their lives in a tragic helicopter crash in the line of duty and were laid to rest here at home in New York this past week.

They made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Today and every day, we must honor their bravery and selfless service.

PROTECTING REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

This week, reproductive rights were back at the Supreme Court for the first time since the overturning of Roe - this time the safe and effective abortion medication mifepristone is under attack.

My Protecting Reproductive Freedom Act would reaffirm every woman's right to access Mifepristone and uphold the Food and Drug Administration's authority to declare its safety and efficacy.

Congress must codify women's foundational freedoms NOW before more rights are eroded.

WISHING NY-18 HAPPY PURIM

Happy Purim to all who celebrated last weekend in the Hudson Valley and across the country - no better way to enjoy the holiday than with some NY-18 hamantaschen!

REMEMBERING RAMONA FRADON

Ramona Fradon was a trailblazer, leading the way for women in the comic industry through her artwork in DC Comics and Brenda Starr, Reporter and serving as a powerful advocate for our Ulster County community.

I was honored to highlight her exceptional legacy on the House Floor. Watch here .

<https://twitter.com/RepPatRyanNY/status/1772007243363340447?s=20>

CALLING ALL NY-18 HIGH SCHOOL ARTISTS

I'm thrilled to see the artistic talent, creativity, and skill of Hudson Valley students on full display again this year for the 2024 Congressional Art Competition.

This is an opportunity for students across the region to express themselves through art, and I encourage all high schoolers in NY-18 to submit entries to my Newburgh office by April 29. Click here for submission guidelines <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-invites-hudson-valley-high-school-students-submit-artwork>

I'm looking forward to seeing the winning artwork each day as I walk from my office to the Capitol!



Preventing Non-Citizens from Voting in our Elections

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65V31DxRmE8>

The right to vote is one of the most sacred rights we have as American citizens. The New York State Supreme Court and Appellate Court agree, making it reprehensible that the New York City Council is now working to allow non-citizens to vote in our elections again!

As chair of the Election Integrity Caucus, I am dedicated to restoring confidence in our elections and rebuilding faith in our self-governing Constitutional Republic. That's why I introduced an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in federal, state, and local elections. This appeal makes it even more urgent that we immediately bring this Amendment to a vote. We cannot stand by and allow the Democrats to erode our election safeguards further.

Democrats MUST Prioritize Taxpayers over Illegal Immigrants

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQ3_EX4sw2Q

Since Joe Biden took office, inflation has risen by 18.6%, causing hardworking New Yorkers to struggle to afford basic necessities.

Despite this, Mayor Eric Adams plans to allocate over \$50 million in pre-paid credit cards, in addition to free housing and other aid, to illegal immigrants. New Yorkers are already facing record-high inflation and skyrocketing prices, causing 1 in 4 children in our state to be living in poverty.

Taxpayers should not be forced to pay for a shopping spree for illegal immigrants. Mayor Adams and Albany Democrats must prioritize the needs of taxpayers over those of law-breaking migrants who are causing disruption in our communities and taking advantage of our tax-funded resources.

Our team of expert caseworkers with over 50 years of experience works every day to assist hundreds of members of our community who are having issues with federal agencies. Last year, we returned more than \$13.5 million in benefits or back pay to residents. Taking on the federal bureaucracy can be overwhelming, but you never have to do it alone. Our team is here to assist you!

Just this year, we assisted a Vietnam Veteran from Oswego County who filed a claim for PTSD in October 2023 and had yet to hear back. Within days of our office being contacted, our team coordinated with the VA, and this Veteran received their benefits!

Our team is also eager to assist with any issues regarding the IRS this tax season. We recently assisted a constituent from Seneca County with their verification and

swiftly got him his return within six weeks of the request being submitted.

If you or someone you know needs assistance with a federal agency, don't hesitate to contact any of my District offices. We are here to serve you!



Bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus Endorsed Molinaro-Backed Bill to Protect Internet Access for Low-Income Families

The Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act Will Sustain Efforts to Bridge the Digital Divide for Millions of Americans

Washington, DC - The bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus today announced its endorsement of the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act, a bill backed by U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) that will facilitate the continuation of the Affordable Connectivity Program through the end of 2024. The program is currently on track to shut down at the end of April, disrupting broadband access for tens of millions of Americans. The bipartisan legislation has over 200 additional cosponsors, 39 of whom are Members of the Problem Solvers Caucus.

Established in January 2022, the Affordable Connectivity Program has connected over 23 million U.S. households - more than one in six - with access to high-speed, reliable internet. Under the program, low-income households can receive up to \$30 each month to supplement the cost of internet service as well as a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a computer or tablet. The Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act will authorize \$7 billion to fund the program through the end of the year while lawmakers work to identify a more permanent solution.

"The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a lifeline to rural and low income New Yorkers, making virtual work, education, and health opportunities much more accessible," said Congressman Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19). "I'm proud to help spearhead the fight to get this program extended. We cannot allow it to go dark and I'm grateful to the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus for putting its weight behind the ACP Extension Act."

"If we're going to bring our nation's infrastructure into the 21st century, we need to continue to expand access to affordable, high-speed Internet. Now more than ever, Americans depend on high-speed internet for everything from school to health care to work and job opportunities," said Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (MI-06). "Congress has a responsibility to continue funding this program to ensure millions of Americans aren't at risk of losing the connection that internet access brings."

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(From Pg. 56) “Congress must join in bridging the digital divide among Americans and increasing accessibility to reliable broadband for all of our communities,” said Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-01) “As co-chair of the Problems Solvers Caucus and co-lead of the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act, I’m proud our caucus has endorsed this bipartisan, bicameral bill to extend funding for this critical program ensuring families in need have access to high-speed broadband.”

“In the twenty-first century, broadband connectivity is essential to maximizing educational opportunities, stimulating economic growth, lowering health care costs, investing in a skilled workforce, and connecting individuals with their loved ones,” said Congressman Josh Gottheimer (NJ-05). “I’m glad that the members of the Problem Solvers Caucus came together to endorse the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act of 2024, which will ensure the 23 million households who rely on ACP stay connected.”

“Millions of Americans rely on the Affordable Connectivity Program for high-speed internet. The Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act will extend this critical program for Oregonians who rely on low-cost internet for classes, telehealth, and more,” said Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR-05). “I’m proud to support this bipartisan legislation and will continue working to expand broadband access.”

“Internet access is a necessity of modern life. From booking flights to checking the wind chill or applying for jobs, we need access to online spaces to keep up these days,” said Congresswoman Mary Peltola (D-AK-AL). “It is untenable that anyone is priced out of participation in the online economy, job market, or exchange of ideas. The affordable connectivity program has already been shown to be an effective way to expand access to essential online services, and H.R. 6929 is the right step forward to continue the program. I’m proud to support it.”

“23 million households across the country, including 1 in 4 New York households, rely on the Affordable Connectivity Program to receive affordable, reliable internet,” said Congressman Mike Lawler (R-NY-17). “Millions of Americans are relying on this program to access job listings and applications, finish homework and coursework, update personal finances, complete their shopping, and perform a number of online tasks many take for granted. Amid an ongoing affordability crisis that is squeezing families dry, ensuring that this service is uninterrupted for those relying on it is crucial. To that end, I was proud to be an original sponsor of the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act and pleased to see it receive the endorsement of the Problem Solvers Caucus - a sign of its overwhelming bipartisan support.”

“Access to high-speed broadband is essential to compete and thrive in the 21st century, and the Affordable Connectivity Program has been a game-changer in closing the digital divide for tens of thousands of Granite Staters who have struggled to afford high-speed internet,” said Congressman Chris Pappas (D-NH-01). “The program is currently only funded through April, and applications are no longer being accepted. This means that many families may see a drastic increase in internet costs or may lose access to connections when funding runs out. Congress must renew this program now to protect New Hampshire families’ access to high-speed internet and continue working to ensure broadband is available to all.”

“Broadband services that are reliable and affordable should be accessible to everyone,” said Congressman James Moylan (R-GU-AL). “While Internet access helps us stay connected, it is also crucial to enhance both education and economic opportunities. I’m proud to co-sponsor the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act which has and will continue to help so many families in my community.”

The Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act is supported by more than 450 organizations.

The Problem Solvers Caucus, which Rep. Molinaro is a member of, has sixty-two Members evenly split between Republicans and Democrats.



Senator Oberacker Calls for Anti-Semitism Legislation to be Albany Priority

ALBANY - 03/27/24 - Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C-Schenectady) today joined with fellow members of the New York State Senate Republican Conference Antisemitism Working Group to unveil their Antisemitism report. The group also sent a letter to Governor Hochul and Legislative Majorities that highlights legislative recommendations that should be a priority in order to address the rise of antisemitism in communities.

“Heinous, violent acts in the name of antisemitism have been on the rise in New York and we must take decisive action to halt these disturbing crimes,” said Senator Peter Oberacker. “I want to thank those from the Jewish community who were instrumental in helping develop this legislative package - working together, we have developed true solutions. Now it is time for Albany to make these bills an immediate priority to ensure no one comes under attack because of their faith or religion.”

With the Senate and Assembly expected to vote on the New York State Budget, the working group is urging the adoption of five priority legislative initiatives in the enacted state budget:

— S.3275 (Griffo): places a definition of antisemitism within the state human rights law; provides that antisemitism that incites, causes or results in any act of violence, or injury to a person, or the damage to or destruction of real or personal property, shall be deemed to constitute a hate crime;

— S.7752 (Weber): prohibits students from receiving TAP if engaging in antisemitic behavior;

— S.7773 (Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick): creates the “Dismantling Student Antisemitism (DSA) Act” which implements antisemitism awareness and prevention sensitivity training in colleges with threat of loss of funding;

— S.8625 (Martins): enacts the “New York State Antisemitism Vandalism Act” which establishes the crime of vandalism of pro-Israel print and provides a class A misdemeanor for any individual who intentionally destroys, damages, removes any banner, poster, flyer or billboard which is located in a public space, where the intent or purpose of such banner, poster, flyer or billboard is to bring awareness for Israeli individuals who have been victims of a crime, or to positively support the country or citizens of Israel; and

— S.8774 (Oberacker): expands the prohibition of harassing conduct involving Nazi symbols.

“In recent weeks I have heard many people at the Capitol say that the state budget is about priorities. If that is true, then let’s show New Yorkers, especially those of the Jewish faith, that ending Antisemitism is a priority by adding these bills to the state budget,” concluded Senator Oberacker.

Last year, the members of the New York State Senate Republican Antisemitism Working Group were tasked with developing recommendations to address the rise in antisemitic incidents in New York. Roundtable events were held in Rockland and Nassau Counties involving stakeholders in the community.

NYS Senator Oberacker Pushes for Pension Reform for Public Employees

ALBANY - 03/28/24 - Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C-Schenevus) today joined with fellow members of the New York State Senate Republican Conference in advancing a proposed amendment to the floor of the State Senate that would dramatically reform the fundamentally flawed Tier 6 of the state's pension system. The amendment was rejected along party lines in a vote by Senate Democrats.

"Communities, especially in the rural areas I represent, depend greatly on our public workforce," said Senator Peter Oberacker. "Unfortunately, New York State has failed as a partner when it comes to recruiting and retaining police, correction officers, first responders, teachers, highway workers, direct care employees, and other critical personnel. Reforming or eliminating Tier 6 would serve as a true economic boost and a much deserved thank you to those who go to work day in and day out for the betterment of our state."

According to the State Comptroller's Office, at the close of 2023, there were approximately 11,000 vacancies in the state's workforce. Adding insult to injury, the Hochul administration recently announced plans to begin filling some of those vacancies with non-US citizens who have been flooding into New York as a result of the self-created migrant crisis.

Compounding the workforce problem, with a quarter of public sector employees reaching retirement age within the next five years, a surge of new retirements could negatively impact our public schools, state agencies, health care roles, and law enforcement offices for many years to come.

"New York State continues to lose people to outmigration for a host of reasons. The deficiencies of Tier 6 are just another reason why hardworking individuals are leaving the public workforce here and taking their talents elsewhere. Fixing Tier 6 is an initiative that should have bi-partisan support - the future of our state depends on it," added Senator Oberacker.

Music on Market Coffeehaus presents "Margot Leverett's New Klezmer Quartet"

Join us live, in-person on Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 pm for Music on Market Coffeehaus presents "Margot Leverett's New Klezmer Quartet"

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Members include clarinetist Margot Leverett, accordionist extraordinaire Matt Schreiber, bassist Robert Bard and percussionist Brian Melick.

Suggested donation \$10.

MISU is located at 40 Market St. in Ellenville.

We hope to see you there.

Wayne County Arts Alliance is proud to present *TURNING PAGES*

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."

SUNY Sullivan Library Hosts Poetry Reading with Writing Professor Lisa Titus



The SUNY Sullivan Hermann Memorial Library is hosting a poetry reading with Lisa Titus, professor of writing and 2020-2021 Poet Laureate of Sullivan County, on Monday, April 8 at 12 p.m. The poetry reading is open to both the campus community and the public, and will take place in the Lower J Library at the college campus.

The event will include readings from her book, *First Time, Every Time*, a Q&A session with attendees, and light refreshments. This event is part of the library's celebration of National Poetry Month in April.

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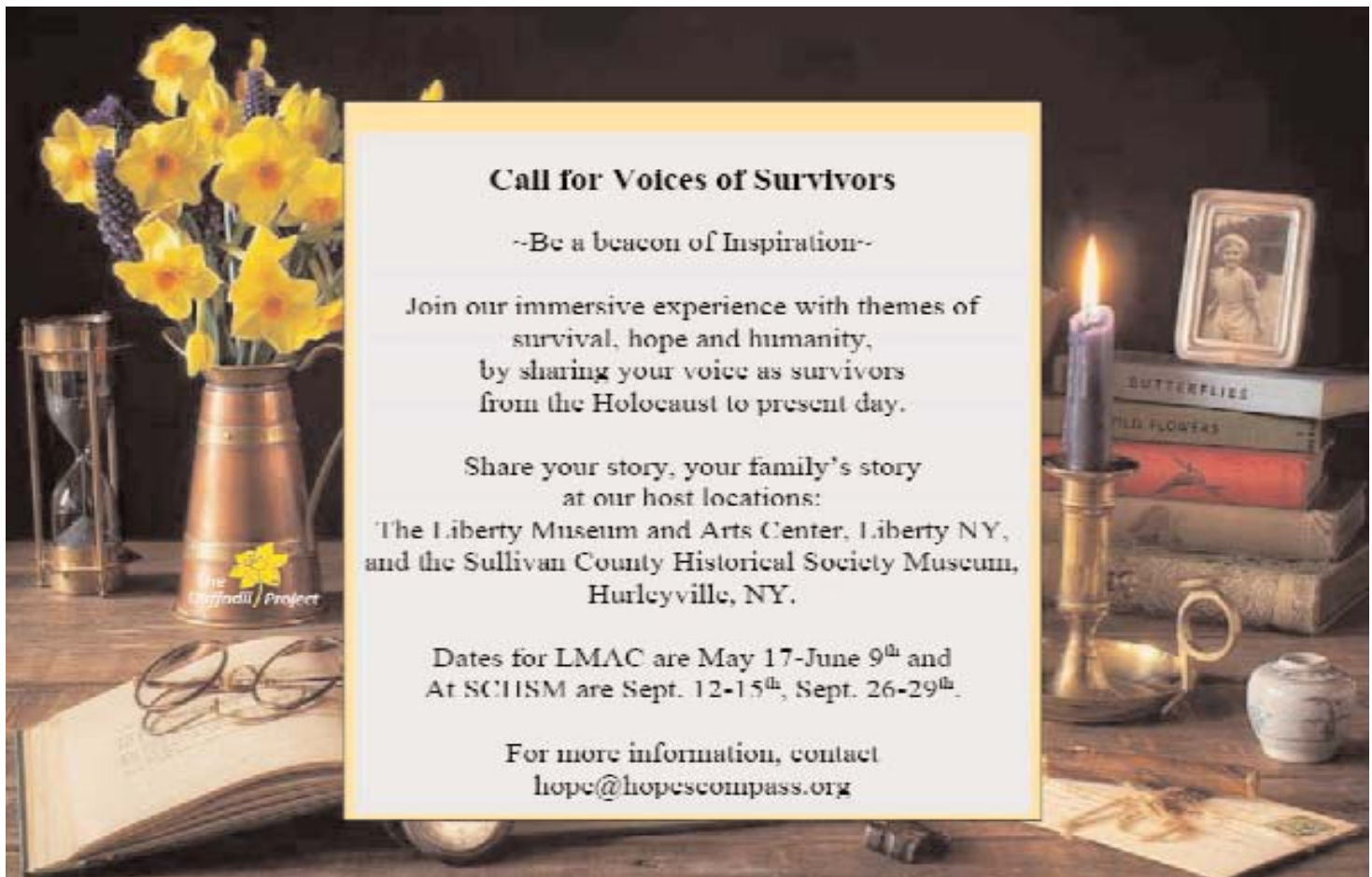
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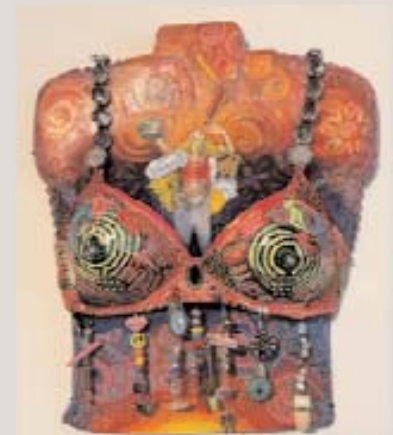
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Governor Hochul Issues a Proclamation Designating April as Financial Aid Awareness Month to Highlight Financial Aid Opportunities for New York Students and the Importance of Completing the FAFSA

Governor Kathy Hochul today issued a proclamation declaring April 2024 as Financial Aid Awareness Month in New York State to help inform students and families of the importance of completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the many financial aid options available to them. Governor Hochul also announced that the Petrie Foundation has awarded the City University of New York \$1 million to launch CUNY Financial Aid Support Team (FAST) to help 100,000 students complete the FAFSA. The program will run through September 2024. Additionally, Governor Hochul is launching the 2024 New York STEM incentive program on April 3, which will offer tuition awards to New York State students at State University of New York or City University of New York campuses pursuing a degree in an approved Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics field of study. Applicants must also agree to live and work in New York State for five years after graduation.

"For New Yorkers who want to pursue higher education, financial aid is a critical tool that can help transform their dreams into a reality," Governor Hochul said. "Far too often, students and families miss out on the full scope of financial aid opportunities available to them, causing many to miss out on this critical support. We're bridging the information gap and providing students with the resources they need to complete their FAFSA application and unlock financial aid opportunities that can support their higher education journey."

To kick off Financial Aid Awareness Month, Governor Hochul is announcing several initiatives in New York State to help students pursue a higher education degree. The Governor's efforts include:

- o Encouraging New York State high school seniors to complete their FAFSA application and take full advantage of financial aid programs by sending letters to students across the state highlighting the resources available to them.
- o Announcing the Petrie Foundation has awarded CUNY \$1 million to launch FAST, a new FAFSA completion program in partnership with New York City Public Schools and other institutional partners to target 100,000 at-risk students through September 2024.
- o Launching the 2024 New York State STEM Incentive Program application on April 3 to support New York State students pursuing a STEM degree at any SUNY or CUNY campus. Applicants must also agree to live and work in New York State for five years after graduation. More details available here.
- o Highlighting events across New York State to help students and families navigate the financial aid process. Full list of events available here.

Since taking office, Governor Hochul has remained committed to expanded access to financial aid, including announcing a 2024 State of the State initiative to make FAFSA completion universal in New York State. Recent data from the National College Attainment Network revealing that over \$225 million in Federal Pell Grant funding went unclaimed in New York State in 2023. The FAFSA is the first step in obtaining federal aid, including the federal Pell Grant, work-study, and low-cost loan programs, as well as institutional-based aid awarded by many colleges and universities. Students, parents and counselors can access more information on

the FAFSA, as well as a number of other resources at FAFSA Ready.

During the month of April, Governor Hochul announced that the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC), SUNY, CUNY and academic and community organizations in New York will host multiple events to help students and their families navigate the financial aid processes and complete the FAFSA and TAP applications. Events include information sessions on common errors students make when filling out financial aid applications, virtual drop in opportunities to connect with HESC experts, and discussions about scholarship opportunities for students. A full schedule of events can be found here.

In October 2023, SUNY launched the FAFSA Completion Corps to help prospective students complete the new federal application for college financial aid. SUNY received a nearly \$300,000 grant from AmeriCorps to launch the initiative, which began with 48 students across six SUNY campuses. The positions are funded through federal work-study or other financial resources. Additionally, at the end of the AmeriCorps service term, students will receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, which may be used to repay qualified loans and to pay current educational expenses at eligible institutions of higher education and training programs.

The FAFSA links directly to the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) application, so both can be completed at the same time. Students who do not qualify to complete the FAFSA are encouraged to complete the New York State Dream Act application to determine eligibility to apply for NYS financial aid.

Higher Education Services Corporation President Dr. Guillermo Linares said, "I join Governor Hochul in emphasizing the significance of completing the FAFSA to access various federal, state, and institutional student aid programs. (Contd. Pg. 74)



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(From Pg. 74) The FAFSA serves as a gateway not just to federal aid but also to state aid, such as the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). Completing it could be the defining factor in a student's ability to attend college."

SUNY Chancellor John B. King, Jr. said, "Completing the FAFSA or the NYS Dream Act application is the only way for students and their families to discover what financial aid is available to them to make college possible, and to secure that aid. Our team at SUNY is proud to join Governor Hochul in doing all we can to ensure students know about and get all the financial aid they are eligible for, from creating the SUNY FAFSA Completion Corps to conducting online webinars and holding Financial Aid Days across our campuses, and joining Governor Hochul in working to make FAFSA completion universal for high schools seniors."

CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez said, "CUNY is working closely with New York State to help thousands of prospective and current students who have been impacted by the chaotic rollout of the revised FAFSA. With the generous support of the Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation, we are committed to fully assisting those at risk of delaying or interrupting their education because they are unable to make informed choices about the true cost of college. We thank Governor Hochul for leading this proactive drive to ensure that all students receive the financial aid they need to begin college or return to campuses in September."

State Education Commissioner Betty A. Rosa said, "Financial aid, including FAFSA, is essential for all young New Yorkers as they navigate their educational journey, regardless of their college plans. Whether pursuing higher education or enrolled in a career and technical education program, accessing financial assistance is crucial for opening doors to opportunities and ensuring that every student can pursue their dreams without being held back by financial constraints. I strongly urge all New York students and families to research the financial programs and resources that are at their disposal."

Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities President Lola W. Brabham said, "The Independent Sector of Higher Education is proud to join Governor Hochul, HESC, and our colleagues in the public sector to ensure students can access every dollar they are eligible for by helping them to complete the FAFSA." She added, "FAFSA is a crucial tool in helping New York's students and their families access the student aid needed to achieve the dream of earning a college degree."

New York's Association of Private Colleges President Donna Stelling-Gurnett said, "The Association of Private Colleges (APC) is incredibly proud to join Governor Hochul and HESC leaders in highlighting April as Financial Aid Awareness Month. FAFSA is an important first step to college access, and the member colleges of APC and our partners in higher education stand ready to provide the support necessary to help students complete their FAFSA successfully."

Petrie Foundation Executive Director Cass Conrad said, "The Petrie Foundation is proud to support this effort to help young people and families navigate the new financial aid application. We are grateful to the Governor and CUNY for their dedication to ensuring that students in New York get the financial aid they deserve."

CUNY and Petrie Foundation FAFSA Partnership

With \$1 million in funding from the Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation, CUNY will join forces with the New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) and key institutional partners like the New York and Queens public library systems to reach 100,000 high school seniors and current CUNY students and help them complete the FAFSA,

which is required for any student to receive financial aid. The initiative, called CUNY Financial Aid Support Team, or FAST, will run through the end of September 2024 and offer personalized assistance from financial aid counselors and trained college student-coaches. The donation is the latest gift to CUNY by the Petrie Foundation, which has provided more than \$21 million since 2019 to help more students thrive and succeed across CUNY campuses.

New York State STEM Incentive Program

The New York State STEM Incentive Program aims to encourage and support New York State students pursuing approved science, technology, engineering, and mathematics degrees in preparation for careers in STEM fields in NYS. The program offers an annual tuition award to eligible students who study an approved two- or four-year STEM degree program at any SUNY or CUNY college or university and agree to live in NYS and work in a STEM field in NYS for five years after graduation.

For more details on the program and how to apply, visit the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation STEM webpage. About the State University of New York

The State University of New York, which celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, is the largest comprehensive system of higher education in the United States, and more than 95 percent of all New Yorkers live within 30 miles of any one of SUNY's 64 colleges and universities. Across the system, SUNY has four academic health centers, five hospitals, four medical schools, two dental schools, a law school, the country's oldest school of maritime, the state's only college of optometry, and manages one US Department of Energy National Laboratory. In total, SUNY serves about 1.4 million students amongst its entire portfolio of credit- and non-credit-bearing courses and programs, continuing education, and community outreach programs. SUNY oversees nearly a quarter of academic research in New York. Research expenditures system-wide are nearly \$1.1 billion in fiscal year 2022, including significant contributions from students and faculty. There are more than three million SUNY alumni worldwide, and one in three New Yorkers with a college degree is a SUNY alum. To learn more about how SUNY creates opportunities, visit suny.edu.

About City University of New York

The City University of New York is the nation's largest urban public university, a transformative engine of social mobility that is a critical component of the lifeblood of New York City. Founded in 1847 as the nation's first free public institution of higher education, CUNY today has seven community colleges, 11 senior colleges and seven graduate or professional institutions spread across New York City's five boroughs, serving more than 225,000 undergraduate and graduate students and awarding 50,000 degrees each year. CUNY's mix of quality and affordability propels almost six times as many low-income students into the middle class and beyond as all the Ivy League colleges combined. More than 80 percent of the University's graduates stay in New York, contributing to all aspects of the city's economic, civic and cultural life and diversifying the city's workforce in every sector. CUNY's graduates and faculty have received many prestigious honors, including 13 Nobel Prizes and 26 MacArthur "Genius" Grants. The University's historic mission continues to this day: provide a first-rate public education to all students, regardless of means or background. To learn more about CUNY, visit www.cuny.edu.

About the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation

HESC is New York State's student financial aid agency and a national leader in providing need-based grant and scholarship award money to college-going students. At HESC's core are more than two dozen grant, scholarship and loan forgiveness programs, including the NYS Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and the Excelsior Scholarship. HESC puts college within the reach of hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers each year through programs like these and through the guidance it provides to students, families and counselors. HESC helps more than 300,000 students achieve their college dreams each year by providing more than \$800M in grants, scholarships and loan forgiveness benefits.


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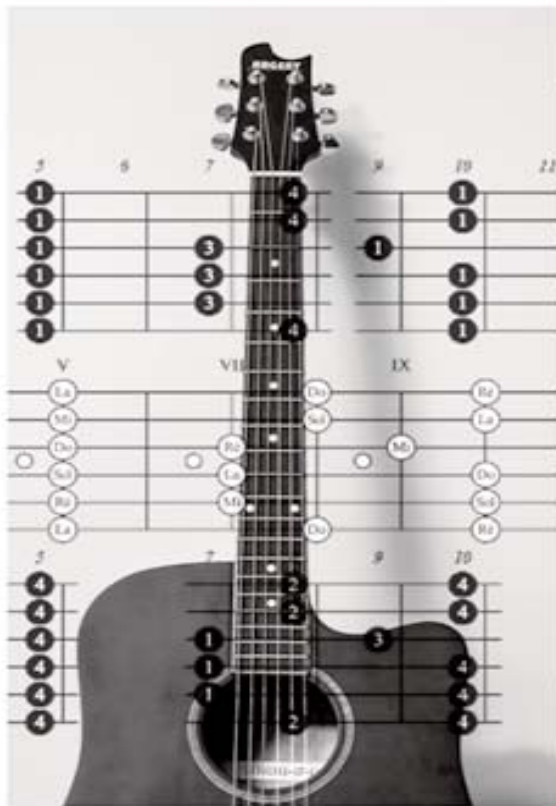
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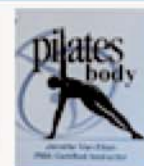


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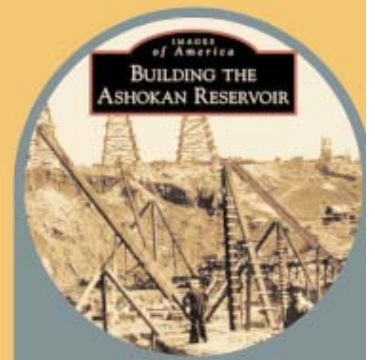
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Frank Almquist

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Finding Neverland
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Finding Neverland is a 2004 biographical drama. directed by Marc Forster and written by David Magee, based on the 1998 play *The Man Who Was Peter Pan* by Allan Knee. The film is about playwright J. M. Barrie and his platonic relationship with a family who inspired him to create Peter Pan.



The film earned seven nominations at the 77th Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Adapted Screenplay, and Best Actor for Johnny Depp, and won for Best Original Score. The film was the inspiration for the stage musical of the same name in 2012.



Starring Johnny Depp as J.M. Barrie, Kate Winslet as Sylvia Llewelyn Davies, Dustin Hoffman as Charles Frohman, Julie Christie as Mrs. Emma du Maurier, Radha Mitchell as Mary Ansell Barrie

The story focuses on Scottish writer J. M. Barrie, and his platonic relationship with Sylvia Llewelyn Davies, and his close friendship with her sons named George, Jack, Peter and Michael, who inspire the

classic play *Peter Pan*, or *The Boy Who Never Grew Up*.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: **Babe Ruth**

This weeks' Trivia question: Who played the title role in *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider*?

(From Pg. 83)

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S ON AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, NETFLIX ROMERO (1989)

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Released Aug 25, 1989 · Directed by John Duigan.
With Raul Julia, Richard Jordan, Ana Alicia, Eddie Velez. The life and work of Archbishop Oscar Romero who opposed oppression of the poor, and drug supported Government.

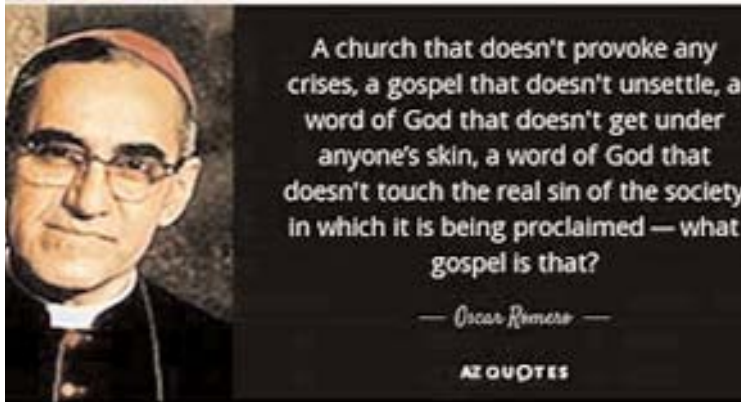
FROM THE VATICAN REMEMBERING ST OSCAR ROMERO: 40 YEARS AFTER HIS ASSINATION

THE COUNTRY

On March 24, 1980, in El Salvador, Archbishop Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass.

Recognizing him as “a martyr for the faith”, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018.

Oscar Romero’s father wanted his son to become a car-



penter. With good reason.

As a child, young Oscar had a talent for fixing things that were broken. When Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was broken. Many people in El Salvador were living in poverty, while an elite group manipulated all political and economic power. Death squads ensured things stayed that way.

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THE DEATH SQUADS

Just three weeks after becoming Archbishop, Romero’s good friend, Jesuit Father Rutilio Grande, was murdered by one of those death squads. Another five priests would be assassinated in the Archdiocese of San Salvador during the three years Romero was Pastor.

THE DICTATORSHIP

When a military junta seized power in 1979, Archbishop Romero began broadcasting weekly sermons over the radio. He openly criticized the regime and those supporting it, denouncing cases of abduction, torture and mass murder. That is when he became known as “The voice of those without voice”.

THE CIVIL WAR

In 1980, social tensions erupted into a civil war which lasted twelve years and left over 75,000 people dead. Archbishop Romero set up pastoral programs to assist the victims of oppression. At the same time, he became even more outspoken, condemning human rights violations, and defending the preferential option for the poor.

THE APPEAL

Archbishop Romero appealed desperately to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own people. “No soldier is obliged to obey an order that goes against the law of God”, he said. “I beseech you. I beg you. I command you! In the name of God: ‘Cease the repression!’” It was his last radio broadcast.

THE ASSASSINATION -

At 6.30pm, on Monday March 24, 1980, the Archbishop of San Salvador



was celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Divine Providence hospital. A car pulled up outside, and a single gunman fired a single shot from the doorway straight into Oscar Romero’s heart. Moments earlier, the Archbishop had been speaking

about how “Those who surrender to the service of the poor through love of Christ, will live like the grain of wheat that dies...”.

THE CANONIZATION

Recognized as “a martyr for the faith”, he was beatified on May 23, 2015 in San Salvador. On October 14, 2018, in St Peter’s Square, Pope Francis proclaimed Oscar Arnulfo Romero a saint. For the occasion, the Pope chose to wear the same blood-stained belt that Romero was wearing at the altar when he died.

“Aspire not to have more, but to be more.”

- Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero

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