



PROUD TO BE  
AN AMERICAN



# Tri *Ye Olde* GOOINSMAN Valley

"The Best Journal Published by a Dam Site!"



**VOL. 20 NO. 7 GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740 FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

*Mysterious Book Report* John D. McKenna Pg 6 • *The Olive Jar* Carol La Monda Pg 7 • *The Scene Too* Jane Harrison Pg 11  
*Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia* Pg 72

## DPL's 'Take Your Child to the Library' Day a Huge Success!

By Lisa Carroll



GRAHAMSVILLE- Over one hundred patrons came out to celebrate the library's 'Take Your Child to the Library' Day this past Saturday, February 10. It was lively and noisy and everything a library should be when hosting a morning of fun-filled activities; including a most fantastic magic show presented by the Amazing Mr. Mystic himself. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## Tri-Valley Lions Presented with a \$2,000 Brandel-Murphy Matching Grant Check

On Monday, February 5, 2024, The Tri-Valley Lions were honored to have Past District Governor and Mamakating Lion Jim



Eggleton and his wife Susan attend our dinner meeting at Casa Mia in Hurleyville, NY. Jim joined us to present our club with a \$2,000 Brandel-Murphy matching grant check. This was especially important as it permitted The Tri-Valley Lions to double our donations from \$500 to \$1000 each to four of the local food pantries which included the Grahamsville Reformed Church, Grahamsville United Methodist Church, Claryville Reformed Church, and the Ulster Heights United Methodist Church. A separate donation had already been sent to the Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne. Times are tough and more and more individuals in our community are having to take advantage of our local food pantries, so we were very pleased to be able to apply for The Brandel-Murphy Foundation grant, and even happier to have the grant approved.

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 47th year of existence, and we are always looking for new members. Just as a reminder, The Tri-Valley Lions bring in donations and funding by selling sodas from our Soda Booth for events at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies, our Annual Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day. (Contad. Pg. 4)

**YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN**

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR  
THE TOWN OF DENNING AND  
THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK

*Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* (ISSN 1558-9013) will be published weekly for \$40.00 per year by

**Gnome Home Inc.**

EDITOR: Linda Comando - 845-985-0501

THE SCENE TOO - Jane Harrison

OLIVE JAR - Carol La Monda

MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT - John McKenna

MOVIE TRIVIA - Frank Comando a/k/a Knarf

COMMUNITY NEWS - Sheila Lashinsky

**Email:** [tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com)

**Website:** [thetownsman.com](http://thetownsman.com)

Subscription for *The Townsman* will be available in pdf format and will be delivered to you each week in your email that will be provided by you. *The Townsman* can easily be read on a computer, tablet or cell phone. The pages have been formatted so they can be printed out as a whole paper or a single page. We continue to encourage those who have home printers, to print out a hard copy and perhaps pass it on to a family member or friend who does not have a computer.

**POLICY ON SUBMISSIONS AND  
LETTERS TO THE EDITORS:**

1. **ALL submissions** should be typewritten or in Microsoft Word.
2. Letters should contain no more than 300 words and must be typewritten. They may be emailed as Microsoft Word documents.
3. Letters should offer worthwhile comments and avoid libel or bad taste.
4. Letters must be signed with the writer's own name. No letter will be published without a signature.
5. The writer must provide his/her full name, address and telephone number (for verification). This information will be kept on file in the Gnome Home Inc. office. Telephone numbers will not be published.
6. Copies of letters or third-party letters will not be accepted.

**Opinions expressed in *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* belong to the writers and are not necessarily the viewpoint of *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* or its staff.**

**To renew or receive a new subscription**

to the *Virtual TOWNSMAN*, sent to your email every week, print this form then fill out it out and mail it to: Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY. Make checks payable to: *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. You may also sign up on line with **Paypal** Go to our website: <http://thetownsman.com>

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SUBSCRIPTIONS: **\$40.00 PER YEAR**

NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL/DATE EXP. \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Subscription/renewals must be received by the last Saturday of the month preceding your renewal date to avoid interruption of your subscription.**

**A change of an email address must be received a month prior to change** in order to make the necessary changes in our computer system. All changes are the responsibility of the subscriber.

**ADVERTISING DEADLINE:**

**3:00 P.M. MONDAYS - FIRM**

Rates are based on **Camera-ready copy**. **All advertising must be pre-paid** unless other arrangements have been made.

Please send your ad copy to: [tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com) or by regular mail to: **The Townsman**, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740

**Deadline for all submissions is 3:00 p.m. Monday for the current week's issue**

**NO EXCEPTIONS.** All press releases/articles sent by email should be sent as **Microsoft Word Documents**. Photos or graphics must be in jpg or pdf format

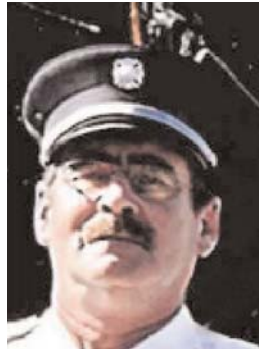
**More than ever, thank you for your continued support.**

**On the Front Burner:** Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18

## OBITUARIES

**Scott William Mahnken**, of



Grahamsville, NY, passed away after a long illness on February 10, 2024. He was 62.

Scott was born in Portsmouth, VA to William Mahnken and the late Barbara (Krum) Mahnken on April 10, 1961.

On June 11, 1988 he married Robin Nietzel Mahnken at the Dutch Reformed Church in Grahamsville. Scott graduated from Morgan High School in Clinton, CT. after moving to Grahamsville where he was trained as a butcher by his grandfather, Raymond Krum and worked in the Krum Family Store until his parents sold the store; after which he worked for the Fallsburg Highway Department until he retired after thirty years of service. Scott was a long-time member of the Grahamsville Fire Department and assisted the Grahamsville Ambulance Squad when needed.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife Robin Mahnken; father William Mahnken; siblings Stacey Engels and her husband Chris and Todd Mahnken and his wife Nicole; nieces Holly, Heather and Hanna; sister-in-law Tina Kohlwey and her significant other David Donovan; several aunts, uncles and cousins; as well as many dear friends. He is predeceased by his mother, Barbara Mahnken and grandparents Raymond and Lena Krum.

Scott's family would like to thank Dr. Rajan Subbiah and the staff at Garnet Healthcare Medical Center - Catskill for their care and compassion.

Donations in Scott's name can be made to the Grahamsville Fire Department, P.O. Box 331, Grahamsville, NY 12740, Grahamsville First Aid Squad, P.O. Box 152, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or to Catskill Animal Rescue, Inc. (CARE) 263 Old Monticello Rd. Ferndale, NY 12734.

Per Scott's request, there will be no services.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call, 845-434-7363 or visit

[www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com)

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Scott Mahnken, please visit our Tree Store

## DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

### February 17, 1954

Miss Carol Gridley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon H. Gridley of Grahamsville, and Mr. Benjamin Allen Jones, son of Mr. Fred Jones of Roberson, North Carolina, and the late Mrs. Jones, were married December 6, 1953 in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are residing in N.Y. City.

Sid Caesar of TV fame, who is staying at the Concord, was in town recently and stopped by the Bruce Denmans' to buy a gun.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Condon are the parents of a baby daughter, Mary Patricia, born Saturday at the St. Agnes Hospital in White Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Van Wagner are the parents of a son, Raymond Lee, born February 10th at Veterans Memorial Hospital in Ellenville.

### February 12, 1964

Miss Donna Rianhard of Peekamoose was guest of honor at a bridal shower Saturday evening at the Sundown Methodist Church Hall. Miss Rianhard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rianhard, and Mr. Carl Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allison of Grahamsville will be married next Saturday.

Anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Marsland Jr., 18 years on February 16th and to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zanetti, 17 years on February 16th.

Water started to flow through the West Delaware tunnel from Cannonsville Reservoir last Tuesday, according to Arthur Hilliard, a civil engineer of the New York City Board of Water Supply at Roscoe. Water from the West Branch of the Delaware River is traveling through the 45-mile tunnel into NYC's Rondout Reservoir.

(Contd. Pg. 3)



## DAYS OF YORE...

### Today's History (From Pg. 2)

#### February 20, 1974

Six Grahamsville residents attending Sullivan County Community College have attained positions on the Dean's Honor List for the fall term. Students qualify for the honor by taking a minimum of 12 credits and achieving a 3.0 average or higher. On the Dean's List from Grahamsville are: Kathryn Hermann, Lillian Kracke, Lynn Stratton, Pamela Strangeway, Anne Walker and Deborah Wakefield.

Congratulations to Mr. George Dean of Neversink who was elected Chairman of the Agricultural Division, Executive Committee at the organizational meeting on January 16th of the Sullivan County Extension Association.

Robert Denman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Denman, Jr., has been accepted and will attend Rider College in Trenton, N.J. Bob will major in Business Administration.

#### February 16, 1984

Ethel Benton of Liberty, a retired registered nurse with the Woodbourne Correctional Facility and a lifelong area resident, died unexpectedly Saturday, February 11, 1984 at home. She was 64. The daughter of the late Abram and Hazel Ackerley Low, she was born Feb. 17, 1919 in Grahamsville. Survivors include her husband, Paul, at home; two daughters: Charlotte Benton of Santa Maria, California and Elizabeth Elliott of Lompoc, Calif., a sister, Loretta Erath of Grahamsville; and two grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Osterhout of Grahamsville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne, to Donald Shelton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shelton also of Grahamsville. Miss Osterhout is a graduate of Tri-Valley High School and is attending Sullivan County Community College. Her fiancé graduated from Tri-Valley High School and attended American Motorcycle Institute in Georgia. He is employed by Sager's Cycle Center in Monticello as a mechanic. A fall wedding is planned.

## LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published February 13, 1997

Do you remember the fun of gliding over a frozen creek with the freezing air nipping at your cheeks? Or recall the breathless excitement of trying to leap over a mound of ice only to fall on your butt and finish your trip sitting down? And the cozy warmth of the wood burning stove as you entered your home and pulled off your boots and stuck your cold feet in the bake oven and tossed your mittens, dripping wet, up on the warming oven to dry?

In the good old days, winter fun could be found almost anywhere if you lived where the snow often fell. The daytime possibilities were endless and night time coasting and skating were great. Having pop-corn while relaxing and warming up was just out of this world.

A few more things are missing these days. Window panes etched by Jack Frost is one. Today's modern double paned windows have sent poor Jack packing. I am an old lady and I look back to the cold mornings back then when I awoke to kaleidoscope patterns of ice on the windows. Each pane was a unique work of art, far more intricate than anything created by artists today. Looking at those panes, it was easy to imagine a flock of birds or a forest of trees all captured in fast fading snapshots of ice. To my fading eyes, the pictures of today crossing our TV screens can never take the place of those etched on our windows by poor old Jack Frost of long ago.

### Household Hint:

#### Do Shaving Cream Cans Leave a Rust Ring on the Counter?

Paint the bottom ring of your shaving cream cans with clear nail polish, and they won't leave rust rings in your bathroom. This can also be used in the kitchen with any can that may be left on the counter.

### 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 Vernoooy and Carolyn Coombe.*

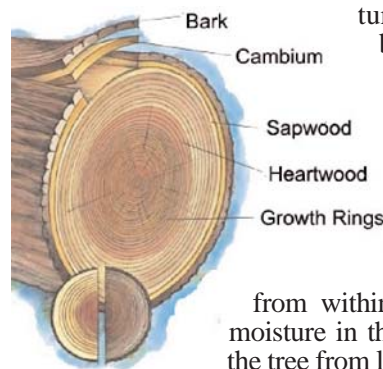
## Beneath the Bark of a Tree

The weather has prevented us from taking walks through the woods the past few weeks. Looking out the window narrowed my scope of nature, until Frank brought in a load of wood for the stove. With it was a little object he saved for me. It was a piece of bark that could easily become a bearded troll or a little hairy monster. What he found was a piece of bark with some frayed inner bark.



The outer bark is what we see when we look at any tree.

The next layer is the inner bark a/k/a phloem. Phloem conducts food (sugars, starch) down the tree from the crown to the roots. It is located just underneath the tree's bark. It is the pipeline through which food is passed to the rest of the tree. It lives for only a short time, then dies and turns to cork to become part of the protective outer bark.



The outer bark is the tree's protection from the outside world. It is constantly renewed from within, it helps keep out moisture in the rain, and prevents the tree from losing moisture when the air is dry and it insulates against cold and heat and wards off most insect enemies.

Next is the inner bark (phloem), and then the cambium cell layer. This is the growing part of the trunk. It annually produces new bark and new wood in response to hormones that pass down through the phloem with food from the leaves. These hormones, called "auxins", stimulate growth in cells. Auxins are produced by leaf buds at the ends of branches as soon as they start growing in spring.

Just under the cambium layer is the sapwood. It is the tree's pipeline for water moving up to the leaves. Xylem tissue conducts water up a tree from its roots to the leaves and is located in the sapwood and heartwood. Sapwood is new wood. As newer rings of sapwood are laid down, inner cells lose their vitality and turn to heartwood. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## Beneath the Bark of a Tree

(From Pg. 3)

Heartwood becomes the central, supporting pillar of the tree. Although dead, it will not decay or lose strength while the outer layers are intact. A composite of hollow, needlelike cellulose fibers bound together by a chemical glue called lignin, it is in many ways as strong as steel. A piece 12" long and 1" by 2" in cross section set vertically can support a weight of twenty tons!

And of course, leaves -they make food for the tree through the process of photosynthesis. It is well known that trees act as carbon sinks, taking in carbon dioxide from the air during photosynthesis and releasing the oxygen that we breathe. While trees use carbon dioxide to make their own food, they do need oxygen to process that food into energy.

In order to use stored starch for growth, trees must convert the sugars back into energy through a process called respiration. Respiration requires oxygen. During respiration, sugar and oxygen are combined to produce energy, with water and carbon dioxide. The energy that is released can then be used to make new tissues.

Most tree growth occurs at the tips of branches and the tips of roots. The crown of a tree is surrounded by open air, the source of needed oxygen. The roots also grow and need a source of oxygen in the soil. For this reason, roots tend to grow right under the surface. Roots become smaller as they grow outward from the root collar at the base of the trunk. Small, ephemeral absorbing roots grow out of lateral roots, soaking up water and oxygen and other nutrients. These roots are opportunistic - they will grow wherever the conditions are suitable, and will die back if resources are not available.

Whether you are outside or looking outside through a window, keep watching those little leaf buds on the tips of the branches. It won't be long, the buds will start revealing the stirrings nature and let us know Spring is on its way!

## Tri-Valley Lions Presented with a \$2,000 Brandel-Murphy Matching Grant Check

(From Pg. 1) Our funding allows us to continue to provide monetary and service support to Local Food Pantries, Tri-Valley School Community Service and Achievement Awards, Children's Eye Screenings, support for Diabetes, Lymphoma and Leukemia organizations, childhood cancer and so much more. Based on our ability to apply for and obtain matching funds, we previously received \$5,000 from the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation and contributed it to Phase II of the Route 42 Playground Project at the Neversink Ballfield. With the receipt of the \$2,000 Brandel-Murphy Foundation grant, we have now received two matching grants in the last 12 months, which expanded the amount we were able to donate to fund the organizations in our mission. If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com

Hoping the Winter season is good to one and all, and we look forward to a beautiful Spring season. Stay well, warm, and safe.

## Following the Abrupt Closure of Head Start, Rep. Molinaro's Team to Hold Mobile Office Hours in Sullivan County

Liberty, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced his constituent service team will hold mobile office hours from noon to 2:00pm on Thursday, February 15 at the Woodbourne Fire Department. This comes after the unexpected closure of Sullivan County's Head Start facility leaving nearly 400 families without childcare and nearly 100 providers without a job.

During this event, constituents will be able to connect with representatives from Rep. Molinaro's office to share comments and get assistance with issues they are facing.

If constituents aren't able to make this event, Rep. Molinaro also maintains offices in Broome County and Greene County. These offices are open from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Rep. Molinaro also has satellite offices in Sullivan County, Delaware County, and Otsego County. These offices are accessible by appointment and can be made by calling (518) 625-2100 or contacting the office online.

Details for the mobile office hours are as follows:

Sullivan County

**Date: Thursday, February 15**

Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Location:

**Woodbourne Fire Department**

355 Firehouse Road

Woodbourne, NY 12788

## Sullivan 180 Paid Internships Available –Be a Changemaker in Your Community this Summer

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 is recruiting interns for the 2024 season! Sullivan 180 will hire several young adults (ages 16-20) to work alongside volunteers to help communities, organizations, churches and schools turn their ideas into a reality. Interns also participate in a series of meetings and a "Day of Service" project. Salaries are competitive, presenting a great opportunity for a paid summer job where you can make a difference and learn new skills. Join neighbors and businesses to brighten the community while building experience that can be used to enhance your resume and your neighborhood.

"I had an amazing experience during my internship." Shared Jordyn Wall-Carty, 2023 Village of Woodridge Intern. "Initially, I applied for a summer job because of the good pay, but it turned out to be much more than that. Sullivan 180 helped me take charge of my community and become a better person. Working with them was practice for the real world, and I highly recommend it because it's fun!"

"In addition to connecting with peers, the internship program offers a great way to learn about Sullivan County and connect with other community members." said Anne-Louise Scandariato, Director of Community Engagement. "Interns work on expanding their communication, interpersonal, problem-solving, and leadership skills while being part of a team."

To apply to become a Sullivan 180 intern, contact Anne-Louise Scandariato at 845-295-2405 or Anne-Louise@Sullivan180.org . The deadline for applying is March 25, 2024.



## New York Thursdays a Massive Success at Fallsburg CSD



**FALLSBURG** - To promote healthier eating habits for their students, the Fallsburg Central School District has taken part in the New York Thursdays meal program.

New York Thursdays is a state-wide initiative to bring locally sourced food to school cafeterias every other Thursday. The goal of the program is to not only encourage healthier eating habits but to further sustainability efforts and allow students to learn more about where their food comes from.

The reception from both students and staff has been overwhelmingly positive. Many have noticed a significant improvement in the quality of the New York Thursday meals. Some of the foods that were served included grilled chicken, chili, sweet potatoes, cornbread, and broccoli.

Dr. Ivan Katz, Superintendent of Schools and occasional guest meal server, said, "New York Thursdays are a great way for our students to taste locally produced foods as we support our local food producers and give our kids healthy options."

The Fallsburg Central School District is proud and honored to continue participating in this program and hopes that it will further impact the school community beyond the school cafeterias.



Just in case you're wondering, we'll be re-running some of our best and most popular book reviews every other week from now on. They will be described as our Legacy Mysterious Book Reports. Send us a quick request if you have a favorite that you'd like to see again and we'll do our best to re-publish it.

## The Unwilling

### Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 75

by John Dwaine McKenna

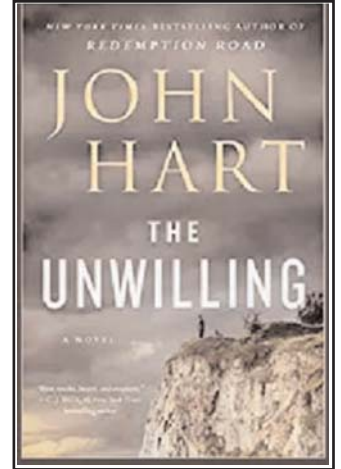
### Mysterious Book Report No. 435

Published February 11, 2021

Noir-whatever name it's given-and is the single best practitioner of the genre working in America today.

In his newest, and just released novel, *The Unwilling*, (St. Martin's Press, \$27.99, 384 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-16772-9), he takes an introspective and deeply personal look at the effect of the Viet Nam War on a patriotic Southern Family through the eyes of an eighteen year old named Gibby French. He's the youngest of three brothers, born to Bill and Gabriel French. Bill's a detective on the Charlotte, N.C. Police Force and Gabriel is a stay-at-home mom who's suffering from depression due to the loss of her oldest-and most favored son Robert, who was drafted and died in Viet Nam. His twin Jason, and the most problematic of the three boys, volunteered for the U.S. Marine Corps and served four tours in S.E. Asia . . . where he was responsible for many killings, some of which were done under questionable circumstances. He came home addicted to heroin and went to prison for drug-related crimes.

Now, as the novel begins, Jason's out of prison and back in his hometown of Charlotte, where-to his father's consternation and his overprotective mother's horror-Jason is working to reestablish his relationship with Gibby.



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



But just as the two are beginning to reconnect, a woman Jason was involved with is savagely murdered, and given his history and all the available clues, Jason appears to be the killer. Is he? Gibby doesn't think so, and sets out to prove it, even as his budding romance that's just beginning to flower is put at risk . . . or even loss of life . . . as the real killer (which the reader's been made aware of) continues with his warped plan.

This is after all a Southern Gothic novel, and John Hart is the master of it. Read *Unwilling* for yourself and make your own decision. See how he's able to bend the genre with an evil so great that the yarn-almost-but not quite-devolves into the paranormal. And all the while, the real horror, the Viet Nam War, lies in the background like the nasty surprise skeleton in the closet that it was then and is now. John Hart gets better with each book!

Like the review? Let your friends know, You saw it in the *Mysterious Book Report*, because the greatest compliment you can give is to share our work with others.

And Hey! Check out our combined website that's simple to use and easy as pie to leave your comments! We're looking forward to hearing from all of you.

*Johndwainemckenna.com*  
or  
*Mysteriousbookreport.com*



# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

## 1954



Yesterday I presented the background to my family memoir, PROSILIO to a cohort of about thirty seniors at the Olive Senior Citizen Meeting. I started with saying we were ten children, ages ten and under, staying

with four mothers at a farm in New Paltz that had been vacant since 1944. What we did not know was that we were vacationing in the farm house where my Great Aunt Philanthe escaped the murderer of her brother Petros, only to find out that her daughter Marika, and her two granddaughters had already been murdered in the city. All the killings were done by her son-in-law.

The memoir is essentially two stories: the Greek Tragedy of my Great Aunt Philanthe, one of thirteen children, who was sold, kidnapped back by her older brothers, immigrated to the US, and raised four children after her husband died. It is also a coming of age of city kids having a carefree rural experience of living in the country. The two stories exist in counterpoint with a common message of strong women and the importance of passing STORIES down from one generation to another.

The book started out as a story of THE MATRIARCHS, my mom, my Aunts Carrie, Helen, and Christine who were the first generations of Greek and Norwegian descent. They were modern woman who drove cars, took jobs, wore pants, and balanced careers and homes. They were the turning point in women's liberation. They were also the last generation that bridged the culture of Europe to America. They were also brave enough to bring ten city kids, for a month, while their husbands worked and came up on weekends. Eighteen people on a Saturday had some adventures on a farmhouse with no running water the first year.

To put things into prospective, I said the following things happened in 1954. A hamburger costs 25 cents; segregation ended with the decision of Brown vs. The Board of Education; Elvis released his first single; the Lone Ranger aired its

last episode on radio, the Miss America Pageant was broadcast on TV land, I was ten years old having a wonderful time in a farmhouse where we older kids knew there had been a murder of a relative there AND DON'T GO IN THE BARN!!!!

It was only after the matriarchs had died and my cousin Tom researched the murders online and found newspaper clippings from the *New York Times*, that the book PROSILIO, which is the village of my grandfather and his brothers and sisters, became the story of Philanthe with the focal point in New Paltz.

How I wish I could ask questions now about the family murders, but that generation is gone.

The theme of the memoir and my talk to the seniors was this: Tell the family stories. Listen to the older generations. When one generation moves on and passes on, that is really all that is left....memories and stories. That is how life goes on.

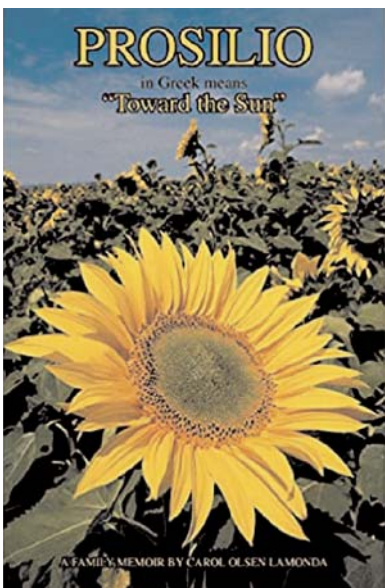
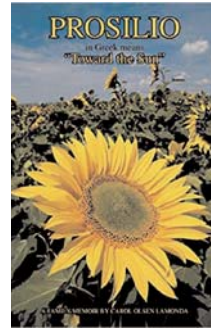
The Olive Senior Citizens meet monthly on the second Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Shokan. Next week Marty Giuliano will do a presentation of maple sugaring. He promises to bring samples.

My book, by the way, is available on Amazon. To order go to:

[https://www.amazon.com/s?k=prosilio+carol+lamonda&crid=1FZ0HFEI9IWH1&srefix=prosilio+carol+lamonda%2Caps%2C133&ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=prosilio+carol+lamonda&crid=1FZ0HFEI9IWH1&srefix=prosilio+carol+lamonda%2Caps%2C133&ref=nb_sb_noss)

### The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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







**Daniel Pierce Library**  
*Between the Bookends*

## DPL's 'Take Your Child to the Library' Day a Huge Success!

(From Pg. 1)

By Lisa Carroll

"The day was a phenomenal one, and one that exceeded my expectations in every imaginable way," Beth Wolpert, DPL Director, said.

Patrons and their families were encouraged to visit the many "stations" that were set up around the children's floor; including: a photo booth, puzzles and games, block building and coloring and creating bookmarks, Valentine's Day cards and special hats. Children took the opportunity to socialize and play at our famous puppet stage, train set and doll houses as well. At 10AM, Mr. Mystic presented an amazing magic show...and with a resounding chorus of "oohh's and aahh's," the children were enthralled with his many tricks.



"Everyone had a wonderful time. Mr. Mystic was on his game and the kids hung on to his every word and magical trick. I don't think there was a thing that could have been



done differently or better - it was simply perfection," Wolpert said.

The happy, beaming smiles (and of course, the



# BLOOMING GREEN

## LAWN AND LANDSCAPE SERVICE

**Ben Knight**  
845-985-0516 • 845-665-3348

## Fall Cleanups

## Firewood

**Buy from the best**  
Don't be undercut by the rest

**Book Your Landscaping Jobs Now!**  
Trees, Shrubs, Perennials Planted

**Pruning**  
• Shrubs • Fruit Trees • Ornamental Trees

Custom Complete Lawn Care • Edging  
Raised Flowerbeds • Mulching • Light Landscaping

**Over 25 years experience**  
**Residential and Commercial**  
**Fully Insured**

Check out our website:  
<http://www.bloominggreenlawnandlandscape.com>  
"If it grows by day, have it cut & split by Knight"



many books checked out!) made all the time and effort in planning the day so worth it! It was incredible to see everyone and to welcome new patrons to our library as well. We are so fortunate for our community and their continued support. Thank You!





**FRESH**

# NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE

Now Serving Italian Meals  
Cooked to Order Daily

GET YOUR CREEPY

**Chicken Parm w Pasta  
Eggplant Parm w Pasta  
Fresh House Made Marinara**

**845-985-2076**

<https://neversinkgeneralstore.com>





**BRRRRRR! It's cold outside!**

**Time to BUNDLE UP!**

**SPRAGUE & KILLEEN**  
INC.

**Did you know bundling your home and auto  
could save you up to 20% off your policies?  
Give our office a call today for a quote.**

**845-647-9100**

**116 Canal Street  
Ellenville, NY 12428**

**TRUSTED LOCAL  
INSURANCE AGENCY SINCE 1867**

**Follow us on Facebook** 



## The Scene Too

– By Jane Harrison

I don't mind telling you, the four events of a week ago and constant dreaming in the overnight hours have left me 'quite knackered' (as my late husband of British Isles decent was quite fond of saying).

After the events of January 31st, FISHER AND KEAN at CABERNET FRANK'S seemed the perfect choice. PAUL KEAN



was part of the courthouse crowd and I hadn't seen DEBBIE FISHER in quite a while, so arrived well before their start time....only to find they were already on stage! And rightly so, as every seat was filled. And as all good musicians do, they read their audience and stayed with classics which included some Janis Joplin, some Grateful Dead and some of my favorite Leonard Cohen. I had hoped to get a word on a break, but they didn't take one! I finally had to leave around ten and they were still going! They were on fire!!!

So, what do you do when two things you really want to go to are scheduled, not just the same day but the same TIME! THE FIRST ANNUAL GROUNDHOG AFTER PARTY, in honor of PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL and his predictions, at the SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM sponsored by THE FREDRICK COOK SOCIETY, was certainly something I wanted to go to. The FIRST SUNDAY winter concerts are a staple in the area and are always great shows. This one in particular piqued my interest. Their featured guest was FRED SCHOLL who performed with (Grateful) Dead bands for over 30 years and had was fresh off a tour with THE DUDE OF LIFE band that features STEVE POLLAK of PHISH fame. There was something so familiar about his name.



Turns out he lives in New Jersey! Did he know my late husband? Don't know. Have I



met him before either in the music circuit in New York or New Jersey? Don't know. Somewhere, sometime, FRED SCHOLL has crossed my path.

One of the teasers was the possibility that BILL MUR-



RAY would attend. But alas, he could not as was imparted to the audience in a short letter read by BILL BRENNER followed by a somewhat rambling statement and his rendition of *DEAD SKUNK (IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD)*.

The musical program began with FRED SCHOLL joining hosts CAROL SMITH and ALDO TROIANI (LITTLE SPARROW), the great bassist JEFF ANDERSON and amazing guitarist and vocalist HENRY SIMON and it was magical, holding everyone transfixed. Once again, I had hoped for a word during the break, but here again, no break. \*sigh\*

So, at 3:30, I was off to THE HEART-A-THON at the BRIDGE AND TUNNEL BREWERY in Liberty to catch my good friend JOANNA GASS with THE SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA.



You may remember this ensemble from their weekly very successful performances at BREW in Rock Hill pre CoVid. JOANNA does this event in some form every year in memory of her beloved late husband Aruthur who she lost to a heart attack. I remember Arthur as a quiet man with a constant smile that engulfed all around him.



KEITH PRICE, a stand-up comedian, was on stage when I came in. Comedians are not high on my list of likes, but this young man is really good! His routine was filled with relatable references and buddy, if you can



get me to smile at what you're saying, you have my thumbs up!

For those unfamiliar with JOANNA, you can tell her voice has been honed on the theatrical stage and large concert venues as well as keeping her hand in with the small venues. Her movements on a stage show how comfortable she is at being there. She is warm and funny and impassioned about her craft and will make you a believer. If you see her name on an event....GO!

Here too, I was only able to get in a quick "Hi" before she went up but not much else. \*sigh\*

This Saturday, I'll be in Ashokan for their HOT CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL (weather permitting), then if I get back early enough to catch the world renown THURMAN BARKER in LIVINGSTON MANOR in connection with CAS. But we'll see.

Everyone seems to be sick with particularly nasty bugs right now, so make carrying a mask and hand sanitizer as important to carry as your wallet.

Stay safe, stay well  
Until next time.....





## Statement from Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger

"I am deeply saddened about the tragic events that occurred on Thursday at the Law Enforcement Center, and I want to start by expressing my deepest condolences to the family, friends, and co-workers affected by this heartbreaking incident. Mental health is an issue that affects us all, and we all need to support our loved ones and community members to seek help. I want to remind all members of the Ulster County community that they should call the suicide and crisis lifeline at 988 if they are experiencing a mental health crisis or suicidal thoughts. For all of our Ulster County employees seeking support in this difficult time, employee resources are available through the Employee Assistance Program, reachable at 1 (888) 881-5462."

Thirty people have killed themselves in Ulster County last year, a number 67 percent higher than the previous year.

## Employee of the UC Sheriff's Office is Dead

KINGSTON - An employee of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office for more than 20 years, is dead. He died by a self-inflicted gun shot wound on Thursday afternoon at the county's Law Enforcement Center in Kingston on the Boulevard.

The sheriff's office said the employee, who was not identified further, was located with a gunshot wound at the center around 3:30 p.m. Thursday, February 8th.

Members of the sheriff's office attempted to provide emergency medical aid to the employee, who was then taken to the Mary's Avenue campus of HealthAlliance Hospital in Kingston, where they were later pronounced dead.

"This is something that unfortunately is common now in law enforcement with the stresses that we have to deal with every day," UC Sheriff Figueroa said. "It's truly a sad day here at the sheriff's office for the rank-and-file, and it's very traumatic."

The Professional Standards Division of the sheriff's office will provide counseling for co-workers struggling with the news. "Everybody's wired differently, and as humans we're frail, everybody," the sheriff stated. "Especially in today's world of law enforcement, with what's been going on."

The incident is being investigated by the New York State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation, with assistance from the sheriff's office.



### First Class Formalwear

**Tuxedo's & Suits**  
**Gown Alterations**  
**Gown Preservation**  
**Wedding Invitations**

**Rentals & Sales**

**311 East Broadway • Monticello, NY 12701**  
**(845) 796-1039**  
[www.firstclassformalwear.com](http://www.firstclassformalwear.com)





**T. Halpin Mechanical Corp. DBA**


*Ert's Mechanical*

**Plumbing – Heating – Air Conditioning**

**845-292-4571**

**Liberty, NY**

In the Spirit of Sumi-e



Written and Illustrated by Linda G. Comando

Creating your own art is a form of meditation and a therapy unique to your own self. ***In the Spirit of Sumi-e***, written and illustrated by Linda G. Comando, is an easily understood explanation including simplified drawings that will lead you on a path of relaxation and will reveal your own potentiality and creativity.

**Now available on Amazon:**  
Go to: Amazon.com  
then type in *In the Spirit of Sumi-e*

**IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE**

**24/7 LOCAL ADDICTION INFO & REFERRAL**

**866-832-5575**

**NATIONAL: TEXT #HOPENY**



Public Health  
Ulster County  
Sullivan County  
Pulaski County  
Public Health Services



S.A.L.T.  
SULLIVAN AGENCIES  
LEADING TOGETHER



In Loving Memory of  
Joseph "Joe" Inghrim



4/12/40 – 2/16/2020

We think about you always,  
we talk about you still,  
you have never been forgotten,  
and you never will.  
We hold you close within our hearts  
And there you will remain,  
to walk and guide us through our lives,  
until we meet again.

With love,  
Mary  
Ginny & Rich and Sue  
Your grandchildren  
Jessica & Jacob, Joshua & Rachel, Faith and Brittany  
Your great grandchildren  
Levi, Benjamin, Tessa, Cayden, Isaiah and Realynn

# DENMAN CONSTRUCTION

*Builders of Fine Custom Frame & Log Homes*

Additions & Renovations  
Heavy Equipment Work  
Septic Systems  
Drainage Work  
Stone Work  
Fireplaces  
Flood Damage Repair



General Carpentry  
Interior & Exterior  
Painting & Staining  
Tile Work  
Wood Floors  
Driveways  
Road Building



*We Build the American Dream*

*Poured Concrete Foundations*

*Complete Site Work*



Rick (845) 985-2212 DEC Approved Flood Control Contractor Jim (845) 647-4059  
denmanco@hvc.rr.com



<http://gnomzhomzine.com>

**JAMES'**  
General Store

Coffee  
Cappuccino  
Hot Chocolate  
• Lunch Specials  
• Deli Sandwiches  
• Hot Sandwiches  
• DVD Rentals •

Save time... Main Street • Napanoch  
Call your order in!  
**647-5973**

Open 7 Days • 6 AM to 7 PM  
• Breakfast 6 am- 11 am

ATM  
Machine

Fully Insured

Free Estimates

## DEAN CONSTRUCTION & HOME IMPROVEMENT CORP.

We provide professional installation of  
Roofing, Siding, Windows, Doors,  
Decks, Seamless Gutters and so much more

**(845) 985-2398**



## SHEELEY OIL & EXCAVATING INC

Driveways  
Septics  
Excavating  
&  
Bulldozing

P. O. Box 255  
Claryville, NY 12725

PHONE: 845-985-2231  
FAX: 845-985-0186

Fuel Oil  
Kerosene  
Budget  
&

Pre Pay Plans

Email: [suesheeley@gmail.com](mailto:suesheeley@gmail.com)  
<http://www.sheeleyexcavating.com>

## 1st Friday BOOK CLUB



The first  
Friday of  
every month.

All adults welcome!

Daniel Pierce  
Library



## RACK CONSTRUCTION

Get the Best Deal for Your Buck!

*If you are in a Rut, We'll Help You with Your Doe!*

- Siding • Sheetrock
- Flooring • Deck Gazebos
- Additions • Interior/Exterior Renovations
- Painting • Basement & Attic Remodeling
- Managing & Cleaning B&B's

**Free Estimates • Fully Insured**

**347-719-1396**

## Studio Artists Group

at the Daniel Pierce Library

Wednesdays from 9:30 - 12:30

Come paint with us!

Join this collaborative group as we create and inspire each other. Please bring any art supplies that you plan to work with to create your piece. Adults only.

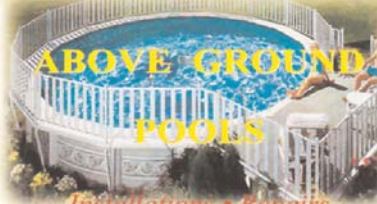
• Pools Sold • Liners Sold • Filters Sold

## WOODIES CONSTRUCTION

Pools  
Installed

Liners  
Installed

Filters  
Installed



Pool Take  
Down &  
Take Away

Opening,  
Closing &  
Repair

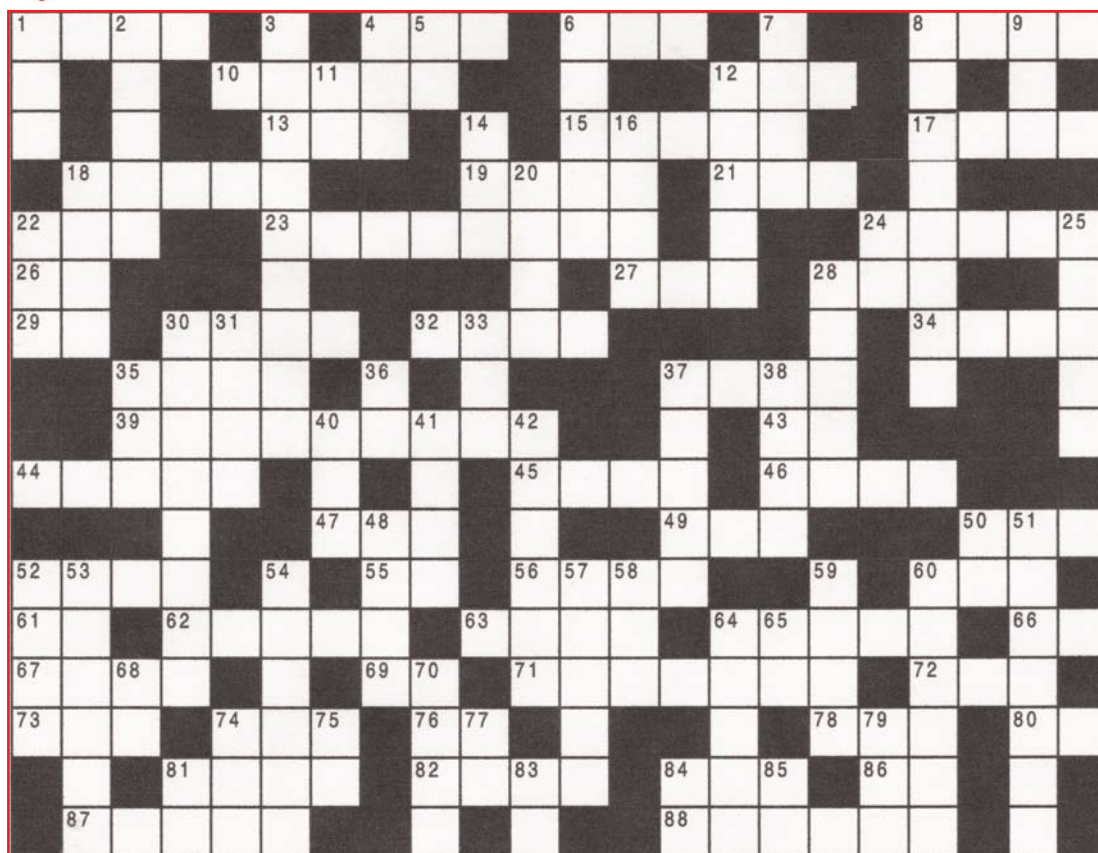
Installations • Repairs  
Liners Sold & Installed

845-985-2003 • 845-943-0024

Bought your pool/liner On-Line - Call Us to Install It



## Love is in the Air - L. Comando



**ACROSS**  
 1 Bird that symbolizes love and peace  
 4 A part of  
 6 Can  
 8 Run-away  
 10 Sweet treat  
 12 Mountain peak  
 13 Was in charge  
 15 My mother's brother  
 17 Kick  
 18 One deciding the re-sults in a competition  
 19 Be-sides  
 21 Strange  
 22 "\_\_\_ West"40's actress  
 23 One of the first American card companies  
 24 Roman God of Love

26 Advertisement  
 27 Make lace  
 28 Hot brewed drink  
 29 Arch-aic plural  
 30 Grasp tightly  
 32 Not confined  
 34 Com-motion  
 35 Press  
 37 Tatted trim  
 39 Memorialize  
 43 Before noon  
 44 Angler's basket  
 45 Make musical sounds with the voice  
 46 Ability to look at words and comprehend

47 Bundle  
 49 Keep out of sight  
 50 Exists  
 52 Scandinavian god of light  
 55 Language  
 60 Grasp  
 62 Not stop  
 64 Attribution of color  
 61 Chemical element  
 62 Necessary items  
 63 16th century small square defensive tower  
 64 Piece of publicity  
 66 To a great extent  
 67 Boast

69 A preposition  
 71 Prescribed ceremonial actions  
 72 Short sleep  
 73 Long period of time  
 74 Chimpanzee  
 76 Near  
 78 First woman  
 80 Half an em  
 81 Scottish man's pleated skirt  
 82 Yield  
 84 Writing instrument  
 86 In the manner of  
 87 Supermarket  
 88 Performer

**DOWN**

1 Glistening liquid drops  
 2 Worth  
 3 February

14th love note  
 4 Append  
 5 New York  
 6 Buttress  
 7 Source  
 8 Valentine's month  
 9 A person's self image  
 11 Northeast  
 12 Become swollen with fluid or gas  
 14 For each  
 16 Shelter  
 18 A green stone  
 20 Intense feeling of affection  
 22 Expression of possibility  
 24 Common Era  
 25 Trench  
 28 Pervading idea  
 30 Expression of good will  
 31 Rotate  
 33 A rodent  
 35 Frozen water  
 36 Man's title before a surname  
 37 Source of

illumination  
 38 Paper greeting  
 40 Tied knot with two loops  
 41 Assistant  
 42 She mass produced the first USA Valentines  
 48 Too  
 50 Chem element gold  
 51 Deem admiration for someone  
 52 Person's emotional state  
 53 Shot from a bow  
 54 Human beings  
 57 Living  
 58 Allow  
 59 A favorite Valentine flower  
 60 Sincere  
 64 Material made from fibrous pulp  
 65 Rugby League  
 68 Indefinite article

70 Truth  
 74 Atmosphere  
 75 Extraterrestrial  
 77 Chem. symbol  
 79 Vessel or duct  
 81 Knock Out  
 83 District Attorney  
 84 Father  
 85 New Testament

## Vintage Valentine Linzer Heart Cookie

1-1/4 cups butter, softened  
 1 cup sugar  
 2 large eggs, room temperature  
 3 cups all-purpose flour  
 1 tablespoon baking cocoa  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves  
 2 cups ground almonds  
 Raspberry jam  
 Confectioners' sugar

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Combine the flour, cocoa, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves; gradually add to the creamed mixture and mix well. Stir in almonds. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until easy to handle.

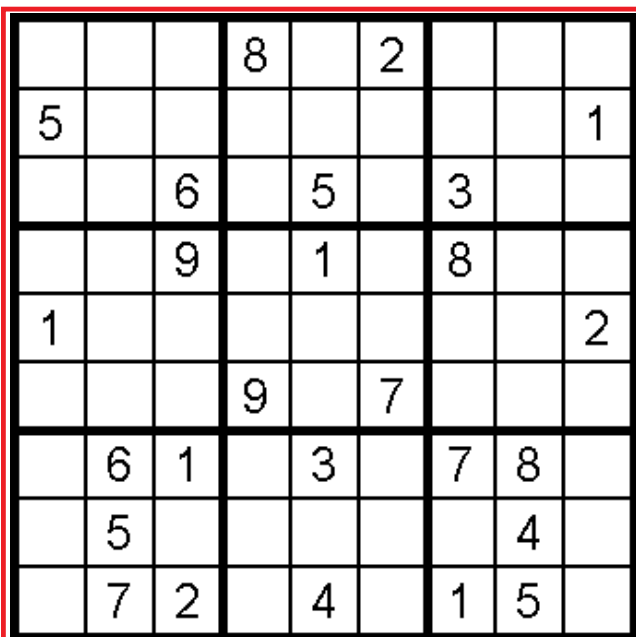
On a lightly floured surface, roll out dough to 1/8-in. thickness. Cut with a 3-in. heart-shaped cookie cutter. From the center of half the cookies, cut out a 1-1/2-in. heart or round shape.

Place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Remove to wire racks to cool.

Spread 1/2 teaspoon jam over the bottom of the solid cookies. Sprinkle cutout cookies with confectioners' sugar; carefully place over jam.



数字は単数に限る



Answer on page 23 To play SUDOKO online:  
<https://sudoku.com>

# Cryptogram

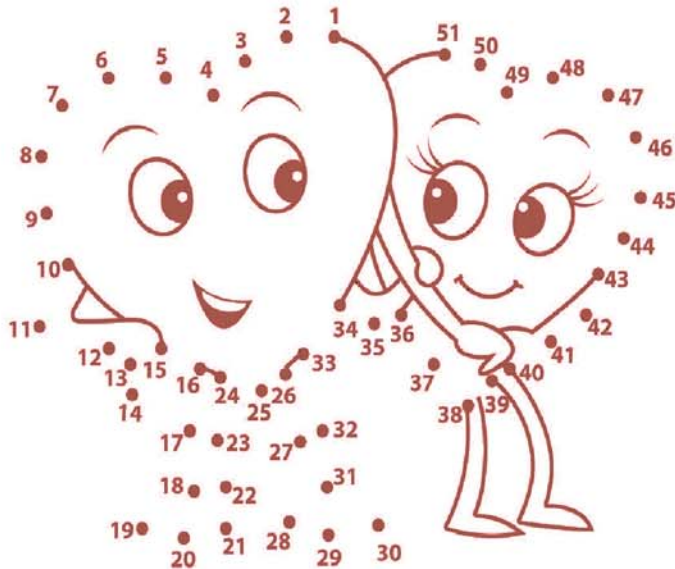
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

26 16 16      5 18 14      22 7 7 20      9 11      16 18 4 7

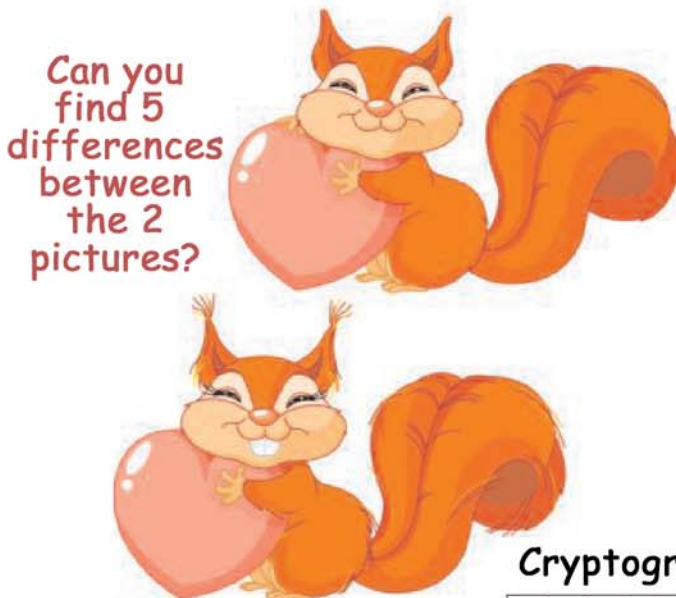
21 14 23      26      16 9 23 23 16 7

24 13 18 24 18 16 26 23 7

20 18 7 11 22      23      13 14 19 23



For Valentine's fun follow connect the dots.



## Cupid's Arrow Maze



## VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SEARCH



F	E	B	R	U	H	E	R	Y	A	C	B	O	X	E
W	I	G	E	C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E	O	C
O	M	A	P	R	A	O	E	R	E	N	L	O	V	A
M	A	I	L	O	V	E	L	C	K	D	E	W	A	N
F	I	H	E	T	E	R	T	I	J	Y	S	E	L	Y
L	L	U	S	C	E	M	P	I	D	O	X	R	E	D
P	B	G	E	W	M	A	I	L	B	A	N	O	N	Y
A	O	X	S	F	E	B	R	U	A	R	Y	X	T	A
W	X	A	M	L	C	E	D	E	S	T	H	O	I	D
I	T	H	W	I	Y	U	T	I	P	E	P	I	N	K
N	C	A	R	D	D	O	P	H	O	L	H	O	E	O
G	O	H	D	W	A	G	E	I	E	M	M	U	B	V
S	C	H	O	C	O	I	T	E	D	A	T	H	G	E
A	R	R	O	W	G	F	L	O	W	E	R	S	I	S
S	T	A	R	W	A	T	U	H	E	A	R	T	H	E

VALENTINE	SWEETHEART	CARD
GIFT	ARROW	MAILBOX
HEART	CANDY	POEM
HOLIDAY	CHOCOLATE	RED
HUGS	CUPID	FLOWERS
LOVE	FEBRUARY	PINK

## Cryptogram Key

26	21	24	20	7	3	6	13	9	12	10	16	1	22	18	25	15	19	11	23	14	4	2	8	5	17
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Kids'  
Fun  
Page

- L. Comando



Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation  
Ice Skating Rink  
**has opened for the Season**



**ICE RINK HOURS**  
**2023-24 Season**

*(effective 12/17/23)*

**Wednesday**

**7pm-9pm**

**Thursday**

**7pm-9pm**

**Saturday**

**1pm-3pm**

**Sunday**

**1pm-4pm**

**NOTE:** Hours may change during the season based on weather, volunteer availability or usage.

# 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](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org) by April 1st. If you have any questions, please email [dmchugh@rcds.org](mailto:dmchugh@rcds.org) or call (845) 985-7233 x105.



P.O. Box 268 • 328 Main Street • Grahamsville, NY 12740  
845-985-7233 • [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)

Register at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7vcO1BIaA9b0Rk4aGYX\\_Wg8nfEoEqHYTTTys1QnLMOKloNQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7vcO1BIaA9b0Rk4aGYX_Wg8nfEoEqHYTTTys1QnLMOKloNQ/viewform)

*Register  
Today!*



## LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

### FILING of the ANNUAL REPORT:

AS required by New York State Town Law § 29(10-a) the Town of Denning ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the year 2023 has been completed and filed with the New York State Office of the State Comptroller. The report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and available for inspection during normal business hours at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725. Call 985-2411 for further information.

BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD  
Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk / RMO  
February 13, 2024

### Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting:

Regular Meeting #16  
Thursday, February 15, 2024

Proposed Executive Session -  
6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting resumes - 7:00 p.m.  
Secondary School Library

The Agenda will be available on  
BoardDocs three days before the  
Board Meeting.

This Board Meeting will be on  
Tri-Valley's YouTube LIVE Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>

## Narrowsburg Man Arrested After Making a Threat Against the Sullivan West School District

A Narrowsburg Man is under arrest after making a threat against the Sullivan West School District. Steven Kelly, age 37, was arrested by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office on Friday February 2, 2024 at about 6:00 AM.

Deputies had received information shortly before 8:00 pm the previous evening that Kelly had made posts on social media expressing his dissatisfaction with the school district. In his posts he allegedly made reference to a gun. He had also allegedly made verbal statements at his place of employment about "shooting everyone". Upon receiving the reported threats, sheriff's detectives worked through the night with the District Attorney's Office on the investigation.

The suspect was apprehended before school opened in the morning. A BB gun was recovered from Kelly's residence at the time of arrest. The defendant denied having any firearms and none were found. The defendant was arraigned Friday afternoon, February 2, 2024 before Town of Liberty Judge Troy Johnstone on a misdemeanor charge of Making a Threat of Mass Harm. He was released without bail under current New York State Law.

The Sullivan County District Attorney's Office filed an emergency order against Kelly that prohibits him from obtaining a firearm. An order of protection has also been issued prohibiting him from school grounds.

On Friday morning after Kelly's arrest, as a precaution, extra Deputy Sheriffs were sent to the school to meet students and staff as they arrived. "We worked closely with the school district and District Attorney's Office to address this matter quickly and efficiently", said Sheriff Mike Schiff. "The investigation is complete and it does not appear that there was any danger to the students or staff at Sullivan West".

Now, the Sheriff's Office and the school district are contending with a new problem - misinformation being spread about the incident on social media platforms. "Superintendent Katheen Bressler made 2 proper and timely notifications to the parents and students of the school district last week", said the Sheriff. "There is no basis for the current rumors and speculation that persist among social media users", he said. Sheriff Mike Schiff urged the community to monitor the Sullivan West Central School District internet page for official information and avoid any other purported "news" that may be presented on social media.

# Dept. of Motor Vehicles dates for the Neversink Town Hall.

## Mar. 7, 2024



Go on the Sullivan County Website at  
[www.sullivanny.us](http://www.sullivanny.us) or search  
[sullivancountydmscheduling](http://sullivancountydmscheduling)  
to make an appointment.

### *Now conveniently doing business at 9 locations:*

*Grahamsville - 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY (rotating schedule)*

*Jeffersonville - 19 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, NY (rotating schedule)*

*Livingston Manor - 95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY (rotating schedule)*

*Hortonville - 104 Lower Main Street, Hortonville, NY (rotating schedule)*

*Wurtsboro - 2948 US 209, Wurtsboro, NY (rotating schedule)*

*Narrowsburg - 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY (rotating schedule)*

*Liberty - 15 Sullivan Ave. Liberty, NY (rotating schedule)*

*Bloomingburg - 13 North Rd. Bloomingburg, NY (rotating schedule)*

*Mobile Unit on Location 10:00 am to 3:00 pm*

Forms can be accessed through the NYS DMV website - [dmv.ny.gov](http://dmv.ny.gov)

For further information please call: 845-794-3872



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

To the Townsman  
Letter to the Editor

On the front page of the January 24, 2024 Townsman, I wish to personally congratulate Tri-Valley Central School Students Samantha Mentnech (age 17) and Devyn Callahan (age 17) for receiving Regional Awards in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, and both also winning Gold Key Awards and Devyn also winning an American Visions Award.

I graduated from Tri-Valley Central School way back in 1958 when it was one building (not three like now) and the school was open only 2 years.

In 1957 I was a 17 year old when my English teacher Edward Condon "ordered" me to enter the Sullivan County Veterans of Foreign Wars essay contest "American Crusade for Free Men's Rights" (1,000 words) At that time, I used to write local news for the Townsman.

It was during the cold winter evenings with no television when I started writing. It just flowed and I finished the day before the deadline, and pecked away at the typewriter that evening until my mother took over typing so I could get some sleep. I turned in the paper the next day to Mr. Condon, the only class entrant.

A few weeks later, Mr. Condon told me of the big fight. He submitted my essay to the few members of the Town of Neversink Veterans of Foreign Wars who entered it in the County wide contest. I won first prize. The Fallsburg School District was furious. For the past several years, Fallsburg always won first prize (consisting of a hand printed award and a \$15.00 check). Tri-Valley teachers and students were so proud, as we are so proud of Samantha Mentnech and Devyn Callahan. Good luck at the Hudson Valley Regents Scholastic Awards

Respectfully,  


William A. Brenner, Esq.  
Attorney At Law  
Grahamsville, NY 12740

WAB/kvc

Cc: Sullivan County Democrat  
Tri-Valley Central School

**ST. MARK'S UMC**  
68 Clinton St  
Napanoch NY

**INDOOR  
YARD  
and  
CLOTHING  
SALE**

Will be  
opened  
every  
Friday  
from  
10 - 3

**Something  
for  
Everyone!**

# COLONIAL FAMILY of FUNERAL HOMES

**PRE-PLANNING, FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES  
VETERAN'S CARE, MONUMENTS & ENGRAVING**

LOCATIONS IN WOODBOURNE, LIBERTY,  
MONTICELLO, LIVINGSTON MANOR & KAUNEONGA LAKE

434-7363 292-7160 794-2700 583-5445 439-4333

<http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com>

**MONUMENTS INSTALLED IN ALL CEMETERIES  
CREMATION MEMORIALS & BENCHES, MONUMENT LETTERING & CLEANING**

**Sundown United  
Methodist Church  
Covered Dish  
Supper**

**5:30 pm**

**Mar 2, 2024**

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

*Sundown  
United Methodist  
Church Hall*

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

**Mass Times**

**SUNDAY EUCHARIST**

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

**WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**

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

**HOLY DAY EUCHARIST**

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

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

**6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY**

**Weekend Mass schedule:**

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

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

**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 3:45 to 4:15 pm

Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator  
(845) 434-7643

**Grahamsville  
United  
Methodist  
Church**

**See you in the  
Spring with our  
Thrift Sale  
Calendar!**

**Grahamsville & Sundown  
United Methodist Churches  
House Worship Plan**

**Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible  
Study Zoom Link**

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service &  
Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhYTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>  
Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

**The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.**

If you are interested in joining the Bible Study,  
please feel free to contact the  
Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

*The Church with  
a friendly welcome*

**Pastor Kenneth Ronk**

Sunday School 9:30 am

Worship Service 9:30 am

P O Box 238 - Route 55

Grahamsville, NY 12740

845-985-7480

**Claryville Reformed  
Church**

Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor  
Church Hall available for rent  
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

**Loucks Funeral Home**

**Geoff and Heather Hazzard  
"Celebrating Life, One Family at a Time"**

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

**St. Augustine's Chapel**

Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY

Sunday Mass - 9:30 am

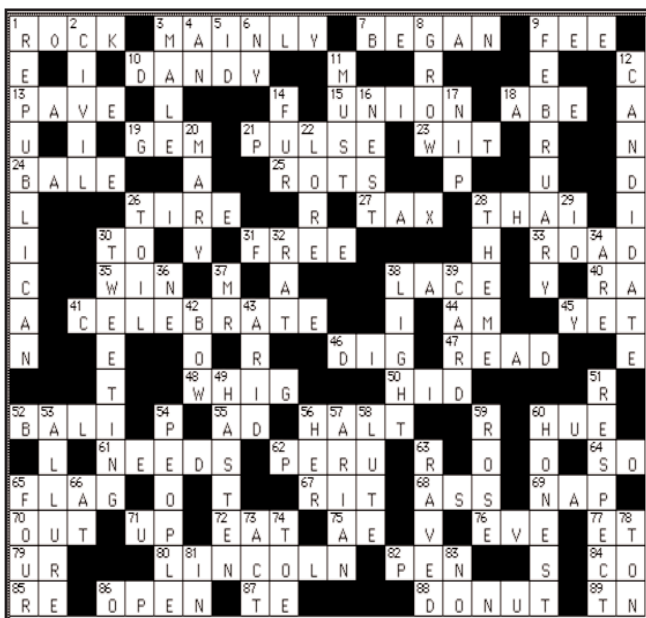
Holy Days 5:30 pm

Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month

Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor



Ans to last week's Crossword

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU  
answer

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

**ARTISTS • CRAFTERS**  
Need a place to show and sell your crafts?  
Call us at 845-985-0501  
email: [tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com)  
or visit our Virtual Mail  
<http://gnomehomeinc.com>

**GRAHAMSVILLE****UMC THRIFT MINISTRY**

We are no longer accepting donations for the Thrift Ministry. Thanks to all for your generosity which has helped to make a successful season. We look forward to returning in the Spring of 2024.

**The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team**

<https://grahamsvilleUMC.org>

GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com—Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

## Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper

**Saturday,**

**March 2, 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)*

## Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Tree & Shrub Sale

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

Other items available through the program are fruit trees and wildlife habitat housing.

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

To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 and request the brochure and order form or go online at [sullivanswcd.org](http://sullivanswcd.org). The order deadline is April 8, 2024.

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

2/15/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
2/15/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
2/18/24	Claryville Fire Department <b>All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast</b> 8 am - 12 noon
2/19/24	Town of Neversink Holiday <b>PRESIDENTS' DAY</b>
2/20/24	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
3/2/24	<b>Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper</b> 5:30 Church Hall
3/5/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
3/6/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
3/8/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
3/12/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

**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

February 12 - February 16, 2024

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

**Monday, February 12**

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

**Tuesday, February 13**

o **CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER: 5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Health**

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

o **CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER: 5:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Zero Waste Committee**

o **CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER: 5:45 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Governance Committee**

o 6:00 PM - **Caucus: Republican**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & 33114 Prairie Parke Place, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32024

o 6:45 PM - **Special Meeting of the Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Livestream

o 7:00 PM - **Legislative Session**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & 33114 Prairie Parke Place, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32024

**Wednesday, February 14**

o No Meetings

**Thursday, February 15**

o 1:00 PM - **Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Reform Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o 4:45 PM - **Ulster County Economic Development Agency Board Annual Meeting**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 876 7096 2907

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

**Friday, February 16**

o No Meetings

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

Classified ads - \$5.00  
for the first 20 words/  
20 cents each additional word

1" Boxed ad (1"x3")-

\$6.00 per week

Business card ad ( 2" x 3")

- \$12.00 per week

(3" x 4") - \$24.00 per week

(3" x 6") - \$36.00 per week

1/4 pg (4" x 5") - \$40.00 per week

1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$64.00 per week

(6" x 8") - \$96.00 per week

Full Page - 8" x 10" -

\$100.00 per week

Digital Flyer Insert - 8"x10 -  
\$100.00/week

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

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

**Low Rates  
High Visibility!**



# Upstate New Yorkers Thank Rep. Molinaro for Voting to Deliver Inflation & Tax Relief *Molinaro: Inflation Relief Is On The Way For Working Families*

Binghamton, NY - Organizations working to end hunger, local businesses, and other community non-profits in Upstate New York today thanked U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) for voting to pass the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act.

The bill passed last week with bipartisan support in the House. President Biden has signaled he will sign it into law. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/house-vote-tax-bill-child-tax-credit-business/>

Rep. Molinaro said, "Working families need inflation relief, and need it now. With this bipartisan inflation & tax relief bill, help is on the way."

Mark Bordeau, President & CEO of the Food Bank of the Southern Tier said, "The Food Bank of the Southern Tier applauds Congressman Molinaro's recent vote in the House to pass an expanded Child Tax Credit. COVID has taught us that public interventions such as the CTC, which allows families to keep more of their own income, are one of the best solutions to address food insecurity and poverty. This legislation will especially help children and families living in rural areas, including 66,000 children in rural parts of New York State. We look forward to continuing to work with our federal lawmakers to address policies that impact food security in the Southern Tier."

Salavatore Testani, President and CEO of Commerce Chenango said, "Commerce Chenango was pleased to see the recent passing of the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act with Congressman Molinaro's support. The bill upholds important tax provisions that help businesses invest and grow here in Chenango County. We are fortunate to have Congressman Molinaro supporting our local business community here and in Washington."

Sam Leone, President, Conifer Realty, LLC, the developer of Conifer Village at Cayuga Meadows said, "We appreciate Congressman Molinaro's support for this important legislation, which is a pivotal step

**Nicole Gorr, CPA**  
**TAX PREPARATION**  
*Service*

Individual, Trust & Business Returns  
Federal & State Filings  
Fast, Accurate & Affordable!

Maximize Your Refund - Call or E-mail Today!

(845) 807-8263  
Nicole.M.Gorr@gmail.com

b1/18-2/8

forward in addressing the critical national need for stable and affordable housing for families, seniors and veterans. We urge policymakers to continue to prioritize improving and expanding the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and send a clear message that as a nation we are committed to building a society where everyone, regardless of their socioeconomic status, has the opportunity to live with dignity and security - something we at Conifer hold deeply."

Jolie Milstein, president and CEO of the New York State Association for Affordable Housing said, "Since its inception nearly 40 years ago, the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) has been the primary engine powering the creation of affordable housing in New York and across the nation. Now, as we face a devastating shortage of affordable housing in NY-19 and beyond, it is time to modernize LIHTC and unlock new resources to address this crisis. We applaud Rep. Molinaro and his bipartisan partners for pushing forward with a much-needed plan to improve LIHTC, and his constituents - as well as those in every American community - are counting on the Senate to preserve these critical updates in the final package."

Jennifer DeFrancesco of B&B Forest Products in Cairo said, "In these tough economic times, small businesses are operating on very slim margins. Anything that can be done to give them a chance to make it through is a major help. B&B Forest Products is thankful for Congressman Molinaro's support of the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act, which will help businesses like ours cut expenses and preserve local jobs in New York."

Jordan Mazzetta, CEO of Hudson Valley Fisheries said, "We are thankful for Congressman Molinaro's work toward passage of the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act. Pro-growth tax policy is an extremely important issue for growing businesses like ours here at Hudson Valley Fisheries. It is also encouraging to see the U.S. Congress come together to support small businesses and working families across Upstate New York."

Specifically, the bipartisan Tax Relief for American Families and Works Act:

Expands the Child Tax Credit by adjusting the credit for inflation and eliminating the penalty for larger families to ensure it applies fairly to parents with multiple children. A nonpartisan analysis by the University of Pennsylvania's Penn-Wharton Budget Model found that these provisions will deliver \$20 billion in enhancements.

Restores full Research & Development (R&D) expensing so Upstate New York businesses can immediately deduct the cost of their investments, grow in New York, and create jobs. That same nonpartisan analysis found that these provisions will deliver \$200 billion in incentives for workers and job creators.

Increases supply of affordable housing by enhancing the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, a public-private partnership with a proven track record, with increased state allocations and a reduced tax-exempt bond financing requirement.



# Tri-Valley Central School Honor Roll List

## 2nd Quarter 2023-2024



### Principal's Honor Roll 2nd Quarter 2023-2024

#### 12th Grade

Craig Costa  
Abigail Mentnech  
Delanie Hoffman  
Amelia Mickelson  
NuoYan Li  
Lily Siciliano  
Kendall McGregor  
Austin Swett

#### 11th Grade

Misha Khodakovski  
William Seward

#### 10th Grade

Savannah Chaboty  
Sophia Richardson

#### 9th Grade

Louis Cholula-Jimenez  
Jacob Davison  
Shayden LaForge  
Aaron Edwards  
Rebecca Squires

#### 8th Grade

Ava Bush  
Wyatt Chaboty  
Avery Carrier  
Grace Nichols  
Shelby Carrol  
Christopher Parken

#### 7th Grade

Caleb Davison  
Wesley Lewkiewicz  
Mason De La Cuadra  
Alexander Meade  
Austin Delo  
Penelope Papadopoulos  
Benjamin Elliott-Teri  
Brea Sheeley  
Emily Hadden  
Zoey Sullivan  
Sophia Horton  
Thomas Verbert  
Kellan Williams

### High Honor Roll 2nd Quarter 2023-2024

#### 12th Grade

Akerke Bashir  
Jayden Bush  
Scott Cole  
Noah Edwards  
Matthew Fanslau  
Grace Gozza  
Riley Kelly  
Samantha Mentnech  
Dane Meyer  
Ethan Raykoff  
Emily Rusin  
Maggie Travis  
Connor Weyant

#### 11th Grade

Nicholas Bender  
Jenna Carmody  
Katie Dauch  
Van Furman  
Kristoff Guanzon  
Brandon Huggler  
Mya Ibarra  
Isabella Maiori  
Lilliana Morton-Curry  
Jai Patel  
Brynn Poley  
Haiden Sanders  
Katelyn Sauer  
Ariana Small  
Chrissy Wachter  
Ethan Whitted  
John Woods Jr.

#### 10th Grade

Madison De La Cuadra  
Jordan Dymond  
Dexter Hannold  
Abigele Lawrence  
Emily Lucak  
Katricea McLennon  
Connor Mendez  
Andrew Papadopoulos  
Gwenneth Redman  
Emma Richardson  
Christopher Rossi  
Serenity Somers  
Logan Weyant

#### 9th Grade

Juliana Adams  
Samantha Altman  
Allyson Chevalier  
Anna Furman  
Lorenzo Haffner  
Andrew Kelly  
Caitlyn Monell  
Diya Patel  
Emily Poley  
Janiel Prado  
Hailie Prince  
Christopher Prousalis  
William Richardson  
Hope Woods  
Yan Zheliazouski

#### 8th Grade

David Allen  
Adam Babcock  
John Botsford  
Melany Cando Pilatasig  
Matthew Cuji Angamarca  
Sage Fiore-Yansick  
Angelina Flores  
Timothy Kufert  
Sanaa Lawrence  
Lilia Murden  
Jiya Patel  
Abigail Rusin  
Cora Stephenson  
Julia Sweetman  
Jacob Whitted

#### 7th Grade

Ali Bashir  
Kayla Bickham  
Samantha Carroll  
Jonielis Cholula-Jimenez  
JoHanna Clarke  
Santino Haffner  
Andrew McGregor  
Carl Sweatt  
Justice Whitted

### Honor Roll 2nd Quarter 2023-2024

#### 12th Grade

Joyce Brooks  
Anthony Chevalier  
Logan Congelosi  
Hunter Curry  
Shayne Durbin  
Michael Hillriegel  
Maria Hinkley  
Kaytlyn Ingrassia  
Tucker Katz  
Isabelle Mentnech  
Bryce Rogerson  
Jayden Siegler  
Abigale Smith  
Aidan Thomson

#### 11th Grade

Johnathan Allison  
Nicholas Altman  
Nicholas Foley  
Chloe Geelan  
William Graham Jr  
Shayne LaForge  
Dallas Lapolt  
Ashley Rock  
Talise Rogers  
Calia Sanders  
Lauren Stoutenburg V  
Matthew Trohan  
Molly Van Etten

#### 10th Grade

Caelynn Babcock  
Joniel Cholula-Jimenez  
Nathan Closs  
Brianna Cookingham  
Rayne Edwards  
Angelia Raykoff  
Onyx Richards  
Antonio Walsh  
Madison Yonker  
Ariona Zeininger

#### 9th Grade

Angelina Hinkley  
Meilyn Jimenez Castillo  
Brady Knight  
John Mingo  
Johnathan Moore  
William Rosado-Goetschius Jr.  
Kaylee Taubl

#### 8th Grade

Jennifer Castelli  
Kevin Cotto  
Ian Horton  
Gerard Kingeter III  
Cecilia Koskey-Barnes  
Troy Magie-Porter  
Logan Noren  
Tyler Pelayes

#### 7th Grade

Samiyah Allen  
Danna Cando  
Pilatasig  
Christopher Cuji Calle  
Zachary Diaz  
Thomas Etes  
Everett Gillman  
Tyler Graham  
Logan Hendrickson  
Elvin Prado  
Jordan Steinhilber  
Eli Williams  
Mason Witthohn



# Catskill Art Space Announces New Exhibition

Livingston Manor, NY - Catskill Art Space is pleased to announce an exhibition of new work from Hovey Brock, Daniella Dooling and Valerie Hegarty. The exhibitions will be on view in the ground floor galleries of Catskill Art Space, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY, from March 2 through April 27, 2024. Exhibition hours are Friday and Saturday, 11am - 5pm, and Sunday 11am - 3pm. On the show's closing, April 27 at 4pm, the artists will participate in an Earth Day-inspired symposia on their practices and how they relate to the climate crisis. The three artists examine the destruction of environmental change, offering a foreboding warning to audiences. Amidst the devastation, the artists create a platform for dialogue between us to reduce that toll. From those shared experiences can come community, and ways of responding collectively to the climate crisis.

Hovey Brock's *Crazy River* is a call for awareness of the environmental degradation the artist has witnessed in Frost Valley and the West Branch of the Neversink River in Ulster County, NY. *Crazy River* is about the loss, anger, fear, and disorientation Brock grapples within the growing wake of climate catastrophes. His installation of paintings on panels and "flags" made of plastic mesh and acrylic paint draped on wooden stands include phrases related to the climate crisis. Titles are taken in part from the obscured text on the paintings: *What Do We Mean by Adaptation?*, *Invasive Species*, and *The Woods Are Stressed*. The work is created by scraping layers of acrylic paint over the painted words and the mesh again and again, the process mirrors the artists own obsessive internal dialogue and frequent conversations with his peers over the topic of the climate crisis. The florid colors reflect the growing heat and turbulence in the environment, and the indecipherable words are reminiscent of the wake of invasive species and environmental ruin.

Daniella Dooling encases each bird in *The Canary Project* in resin casts of natural crystal formations or found rocks. A transparent facet reveals the embalmed bird, positioned upright and looking forward, a frozen gesture of isolation. The artificial fossilization of a canary inside a synthetic geological object held with medical hardware presents contradictory realities. The term "climate canary" has its origins in the phrase "canary in a coal mine." These canaries are messengers, harbingers that a particular catastrophic event is near. The artist does not condone birds being bred in captivity and uses these birds in her work to honor their lives and reveal the problematic relationship between human beings and global animal extinction. *The Canary Project* is joined by Dooling's newest body of work, *FireNests*, a détournement of abandoned, stolen and gifted bird nests. The bird nests are made from natural and human detritus, representing dynamics of survival, an incompatible compatibility. Dooling's elegant constructions blackened with graphite, present a specter of past wildfires that have devastated the natural world, and us too.

Valerie Hegarty makes paintings, sculptures and installations that explore issues of memory, place and history. Hegarty replicates paintings and antiques from early American art history, then damages them with devices associated with their historical significance. Hegarty explores materiality through process, incorporating canvas, wood, Foam core, papier-mâché, epoxy and ceramics. The exhibition is centered around a large-scale installation, *Overseas: Fireplace with Harpoons*, which features a federal style fireplace modeled off one in the period rooms in The Metropolitan Museum of Art. The painting atop the mantle is of an iceberg by the Hudson River School painter, Frederic Church. The vignette is punctuated with destruction, harpoons

piercing the scene, an allegory for the paintbrushes of landscape painters' colonialist views of Manifest Destiny. The artist made the installation in 2006, offering a macropolitical view of the environmental crisis through the lens of colonialism.

## ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Hovey Brock is an artist, writer, and retired visual arts and art history professor who lives and works in Claryville, NY. He bases his current *Crazy River* paintings, writings, and installations on autobiography and research to bring awareness to the unfolding climate crisis. That focus has led him to collaborate with other artists from the US and abroad who address similar issues, providing forums for them to present their ideas to a wider public. He has shown his earlier abstract paintings and watercolors across the US and in Europe.

Daniella Dooling is chair of the Studio Art Program at Bard College, and has taught there since 2003. Dooling received her BFA from the School of Visual Arts and MFA from Yale University. The artist has had solo exhibitions at The Esther Massry Gallery, Albany, NY; Michael Steinberg Fine Arts, New York, NY; Anna Kustera Gallery, New York, NY; and Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center, Buffalo, NY. Her work has also been shown in numerous group exhibition venues, including *Bienvenu Steinberg & Partner*, New York, NY; *Magenta Plains*, New York, NY; *Tweed Museum of Art*, Duluth, MN; *Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art*, New Paltz, NY; *Seager Gray Gallery*, Mill Valley, CA; *Re Institute*, Millerton, NY; *PAN/Palazzo delle Arti Napoli*, Italy; *American Academy of Arts & Letters*; *Chelsea Art Museum*; *Kerry Schuss Gallery*; and *Exit Art*, all in New York.

Valerie Hegarty is a New York artist who shares her time between Queens and Livingston Manor, NY. Hegarty's solo exhibitions include *Malin Gallery*, *Nicelle Beauchene*, NY; *Marlborough Gallery Chelsea*; *Locust Projects*, Miami; *Museum 52*, London; *The MCA in Chicago*; and *Guild & Greyshkul*, NY, among others. She's been commissioned for a public sculpture on the High Line, NY and a show of site-specific installations at The Brooklyn Museum. Selected group exhibitions in New York include *Artists Space*, *The Drawing Center*, *D'Amelio Terras Gallery*, *Derek Eller*, *White Columns* and *MoMA PS1*. Hegarty has been awarded grants through the *Colene Brown Art Prize*, *The Adolph Gottlieb Foundation*, *The Pollock Krasner Foundation*, *The New York Foundation for the Arts*, the *Rema Hort Mann Foundation*, the *Tiffany Foundation*, and *Campari NY*. Residencies include *LMCC*, *Marie Walsh Sharpe*, *PS 122*, *MacDowell*, *Yaddo* and *Smack Mellon*. Hegarty was the first *Andrew W. Mellon Arts* and the *Common Good Artist-in-Residence* at *Drew University* in Madison, New Jersey from 2014-15. Hegarty is also an emerging writer, her short story "*Cats vs. Cancer*" was published in 2019 in *The New England Review* and won a *PEN Dau 2020* debut short story prize. Hegarty received an MFA from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, a BFA from San Francisco's Academy of Art College and a BA from Middlebury College, VT.

## 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](http://catskillartspace.org).

## The Annual Two Headed Trout Dinner is Just around the Riverbend!

The Two Headed Trout Dinner is a time-honored Roscoe tradition dating back to the 1940s. It remains one of Roscoe's favorite celebrations and serves as the annual fundraiser for the Roscoe-Rockland Chamber of Commerce, which supports local businesses and attracts tourism to our town throughout the entire year! The Dinner also provides us with an opportunity to celebrate Roscoe, highlight and promote local business, raise awareness about preserving our beautiful waterways, and honoring luminaries in the sport of fly fishing that helps our town thrive. Purchase a table or individual tickets to support our town and enjoy this cherished tradition with your employees, clients, neighbors, family, and friends.

All of the information about this year's Two Headed Trout Weekend is available by clicking [HERE](https://www.roscoe-ny.com/two-headed-trout) <https://www.roscoe-ny.com/two-headed-trout> and in the email below!

## The 63rd Annual Two Headed Trout Dinner and Awards

The 2024 Two Headed Trout Dinner will be held Saturday April 6, 2024 at the historic Rockland House at 5:30 p.m., featuring an amazing multi-course meal, live local music, dancing, awards, exciting speakers, and the popular Two Headed Trout Raffle and Silent Auction -- a wonderful way to promote local businesses and organizations. (See below for how you can donate to the Raffle and Auction!)

We are also thrilled to announce the winner of the 2024 Joan Wulff Excellence in Fly Fishing Award: American fly fishing icon Nancy Zakon! As Joan Wulff herself has said, "No one has done more to grow the sport of fly fishing among women than Nancy." You can read more about Nancy's incredible contributions to the sport in her American Museum of Fly Fishing profile featured at <https://www.amff.org/portfolio/graceful-rise-today/agr-nancy-zakon/>

We look forward to celebrating both of these remarkable women at our dinner this year.

### Sun Trail Storage

**Sun Trail** is a local family-owned business  
**God Bless America**  
 Located on the Corner of Hill Top Rd  
 and Route 55 Grahamsville, NY



**Hours of Operation:**  
**7 AM - 9 PM**  
**Every day of the week**  
**Call (845) 985-7923**  
**or**  
**(914) 672-3952**

Please call for availability first

### The Details

Where: Rockland House

(159 Rockland Rd, Roscoe, NY 12776)

When: Saturday, April 6, 5:30 pm - 8:30pm

Dinner Details: Raffle, Silent Auction, and multi-course

Dinner with Live Music and Dancing to Follow!

Pricing: Purchase a Table for \$640, which Includes 8 Dinner

Tickets and inclusion in our beautiful Program Guide!

Individual tickets can be purchased for \$80 each. Early Birds get 5% off! (\$608/table and \$76/individual ticket)

Tickets to the Two Headed Trout Dinner are now available for online purchase [HERE](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/63rd-annual-two-headed-trout-dinner-weekend-2024-tickets-822821971667?aff=oddttdcreator) - reserve your table or seats now for a chance to secure special early bird pricing! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/63rd-annual-two-headed-trout-dinner-weekend-2024-tickets-822821971667?aff=oddttdcreator>

Tickets can also be purchased by mailing a check for the amount of your ticket(s)/table(s) as well as THIS FORM indicating your information and meal choices to: P.O. Box 443, Roscoe, NY 12777. For form, go to: <https://files.constantcontact.com/3b2ae74e201/ccd63184-9376-43cd-893e-abd00cd46cda.pdf?rdr=true>



## THE 2024 BAGEL FESTIVAL

**VENDOR REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

**AUGUST 11, 2024 - BROADWAY IN MONTICELLO, NY**

**CLICK FOR MORE INFO!**

<https://thebagelfestival.org/vendor-registration/>



## Catskill Center's Catskill Stewards Greet Over 100,000 Catskill Park Visitors in the 2023 Season

February 8, 2024 -- Arkville, NY: The Catskill Center's Stewards Program wrapped its 2023 season with a remarkable milestone, greeting over 100,000 visitors across four key locations - including the highly frequented Peekamoose Blue Hole and Kaaterskill Falls.

The engagement numbers from the 2023 season represent a substantial 110% increase from the previous year, underscoring the program's expanding influence and vital role in high-use areas. The stewards also collected nearly 300 bags of trash during the season that runs from mid-May through mid-October. In addition to deconstructing rock dams and fire rings and removing rock stacks, stewards helped visitors avoid some 190 parking citations.

"As the number of visitors to the Catskill Park continues to grow, understanding how to recreate responsibly becomes a crucial element in safeguarding our natural resources," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. "The Catskill Stewards Program equips visitors with essential information to better understand the Catskill Park, the communities within it, and how to recreate responsibly while visiting. This year, our Stewards engaged with and educated over 100,000 individuals, serving as a vital link between visitors, the protection of natural resources, and the success of local economies that depend on tourism."

Stewards explain and demonstrate why responsible recreation is important - from the significance of not littering to staying on the trails. When stewards are not on site (such as on their days off), they notice increased litter, rock dams and rock stacks, and user-created trails. Stewards help interpret the Catskill Park, provide information on alternative areas to visit, and offer directions to local communities and businesses, which, in turn, helps the local economy.

The Catskill Stewards Program operates in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) at the Peekamoose Blue Hole, Kaaterskill Falls, and Devil's Path. The program also runs on the Catskill Center's Platte Clove Preserve.

The Catskill Stewards Program 2023 End of Season Report can be found at:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/54984d33e4b0fd2ebe2b6881/t/65c4e984a148d5438d19e9e2/1707403652863/END-OF-SEASON-REPORT-2023.pdf>

## Applications for the Woodstock Farm Festival 2024 Summer Season now open!

Join our supportive community of farmers and growers, small business owners, creatives, entrepreneurs, chefs, and makers - Apply now to be a vendor with the Farm Festival this summer! Follow this link for more information. <https://www.woodstock-farmfestival.org/vendorapplication>

The deadline is Friday, February 16th. Reach out to us with any questions, and we'd be more than happy to discuss the process.

## Olive Free Library Exhibition "In Search of the Goddess" Opens March 16

The Olive Free Library Association is very excited to present the exhibition *In Search of the Goddess* showcasing the works of 34 artists focusing on idealized feminine iconography, both ancient and modern. The show, curated by Olive Library Exhibition Committee members Kathy Yacoe and Sandra Scheuer will run from March 16 through May 4, 2024 with an opening reception on Saturday, March 16 from 3 – 5 pm.

Kathy Yacoe says about this exhibition, "In this show, the goddess or archetypical feminine is portrayed in her many different manifestations. She exhibits power and strength as well as fragility and beauty. *In Search of the Goddess* addresses how the goddess appears in our collective consciousness, in history, and in popular culture. A recurring theme is the earth goddess as the representative of nature and Mother Earth. All powerful, the goddess can also represent war and destruction. She attracts us with her alluring charms, arouses our curiosity about her powers, and tempts us with her pleasurable and unbridled nature. All the works in this curated show are by talented regional artists; there are many thoughtful and provocative entries."

Yacoe continues, "Addressing ancient and modern ideas of feminine beauty and power, there are many representations of the goddess in this exhibition. Perhaps the most relevant for today is the ancient earth goddess. Revered and respected, she jealously guards a world in which the timeless cycles of birth, death and then rebirth are endlessly repeated. The world is circular and infinite rather than historic and linear. In this age of great change, we would do well to listen to her message."

Participating artists in this show are: Daniel Baxter, Laura Carmelita Bellmont, Leslie Bender, Natalie Boburka, Jody E. Borhani-D'Amico, Elizabeth Broad, Kristin Flynn, Barbara Graham, Melissa Harris, Jennifer Jackowitz, Diane Jones Godfrey, Paula Kagan, Deborah Kittay-Heffler, Katerina Lanfranco, Elizabeth Mihaltse Lindy, Alan McKnight, Wilma Miller, Ann Morris, Sylvia Mueller, Jacqueline Oster, Myah Perino, Bryan Perrin, Tracy Phillips, Eileen Power, Elaine Ralston, Susanna Ronner, Sandra Scheuer, shea in the catskills, Janet Siskind, Jan Sosnowitz, Michelle Seigei Spark, Sandra Spilke, Margaret Still, and Kathy Yacoe.

The Olive Free Library has created a platform to show and sell the art of regional artists, both established and emerging. This provides art enthusiasts a way to view, appreciate, and purchase local and regional artworks. The rural town of Olive does not have a cultural center, so the library converted its spacious, light community room into a gallery space. The response from both artists and the community has been overwhelmingly positive.

[olivefreelibrary.org](http://olivefreelibrary.org)

### In Search of the Goddess

Featuring ancient and modern ideas of feminine beauty and power

Exhibition Dates: March 16 – May 4, 2024

Opening: Saturday, March 16, 2024, 3 – 5 pm

Olive Free Library Association

4033 Route 28A (PO Box 59 Mailing Address), West Shokan, NY 12494

# Protecting Elders from Financial Abuse

**: Protect and Respond Effectively from Cyber Threats.**

**AT GRAHAMSVILLE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH SOCIAL HALL**  
(350 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY)

## Thursday, Feb. 29th at 1 PM

*(In case of inclement weather, the snow date is Friday, March 1st at 1:00 pm)*

In these times, there are unscrupulous people who prey on senior citizens (and all ages). This 1.5 hour program demonstrates how you can protect yourself and your assets from these thieves. The planned topics include:

- Scam strategies currently being used
- Losses reported by the FBI
- Fraud Trends
- Specific examples of actual cases without names
- What to look for-how to be diligent
- Can you get your money back?
- Remedies and reporting



<https://forms.gle/xUrvxbisRd3Widxa8>

*This local community program will be presented by Rhonda Decker (Physical Security Officer) and Leanne Stuhlmiller (Information Security Officer) from Jeff Bank, Phil and Cathy Coombe of Coombe, Bender & Company, and hosted by Grahamsville United Methodist Church for the local community.*

*The program is free, but we ask that you register by phone or through the provided QR code so that we can ensure there is enough seating.*

***If you have more questions, please contact 845-985-2283.***

### **- The Church 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.***



# Love Takes Center Stage “Love Letters” at DVAA's Salon Series

## WHAT:

“Love Letters” by Act Underground Theatre Company

## WHO:

Greg Triggs as Andrew Makepeace Ladd III

Lisa Gonsalves as Melissa Gardner

Directed by Kyoshin Lohr

## WHEN:

Saturday, February 17th at 2 PM

Doors open at 1:30 for seating and concessions.

## WHERE:

Krause Recital Hall, DVAA 2nd Floor

37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY

## NOTES:

Salon Series events are free and open to the public.

On Saturday, February 17th at 2 pm, the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) will kick off its six-part Salon Series with Act Underground's presentation of "Love Letters" by A.R. Gurney. The play tells the story of a relationship from second grade through high school, college, and adulthood, entirely through notes, invitations, and letters. The performance stars Greg Triggs and Lisa Gonsalves and is directed by Kyoshin Lohr. Performed with the permission of Dramatists Play Service Inc.

In such critically acclaimed plays as “The Dining Room” and “The Cocktail Hour,” A. R. Gurney has wittily captured the manners of upper-middle-class WASP America, but never as gracefully or with such dazzling economy as in “Love Letters.” Tracing the lifelong correspondence of the staid, dutiful lawyer Andrew Makepeace Ladd III and the lively, unstable artist Melissa Gardner, the story of their bittersweet relationship gradually unfolds from what is written-and what is left unsaid-in their letters over their lives.

<https://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/event/2024-salon-series-love-letters-act-underground/>

**GREG TRIGGS** has written a love letter or two. He has also performed with Disney's Comedy Warehouse, the Brave New Workshop & Chicago City Limits. Greg's radio show, “Travels with Triggs,” can be heard on WJFF Catskills Public Radio or as a Podcast. He also appears with Yarnslingers, a performing group devoted to the written word. Greg's novels “The Next Happiest Place on Earth” and “That Which Makes Us Stronger” are available at [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com).

**LISA GONSALVES** displayed her considerable talents by playing multiple roles in Act Underground's “All in the Timing,” Marianne in “The Revolutionists,” and various characters in the “Old Time Radio” Podcasts during the pandemic. She began her theatrical journey at age 12, studying under Guy Stockwell at what is now the Zephyr

Theater in Hollywood. She continued formal study for over a decade at The American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Pasadena, CA.

**KYOSHIN LOHR** is the founder and artistic director of Act Underground Theatre Company, performing for the last 12 seasons at Tusten Theatre and Krause Hall. Act Underground Theatre offers performances, scene study, and acting classes for experienced and non-experienced actors.

Act Underground Theatre Company is a New York Registered Charity. It has received several Arts for Sullivan Grants and a Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grant.

## 2024 SALON SERIES

DVAA's Salon Series is a winter program that features intimate performances, interactive presentations, conversations, screenings, and more. All events are free to attend and held at Krause Recital Hall, located on DVAA's 2nd floor, 37 Main Street in Narrowsburg, NY.

## SCHEDULE

2/17: "Love Letters" with Act Underground

2/24: Langston Hughes' Poetry with G. Oliver King

3/9: Live Loop Painting with Seth Faergolzia

3/17: SCCO: Evolution of the Double Bass with Andrew Trombley \*

3/30: Chair Yoga for Artists with Liza Laird & Steve Werner \*\*

4/6: Richard Hoehler's "E"

\* Please note: Sunday performance

\*\* Chair Yoga space is limited; advance registration recommended

<https://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/salon-series/>

## ADMISSION & LOCATION:

The Salon Series events take place at 2 PM in DVAA's Krause Recital Hall, on the 2nd floor of 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY.

All events are free and open to the public. Advance registration is recommended for Chair Yoga for Artists on March 30th.

In case of inclement weather, please check the DVAA website or social media for schedule changes:

<http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/DelawareValleyArtsAlliance/>

<https://www.instagram.com/dvartsalliance/>

## SUPPORT:

DVAA's programs are made possible thanks in part to the New York State Council on the Arts, a State Agency with support from the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature; the Sullivan County Legislature; the Nancy Stevenson Memorial Fund; the Fair Games Fund; the Heartland Embers Fund, our Business Sponsors; DVAA members; and individuals like you.

## Gillibrand Delivers 11th Floor Speech on Stories of Innocent Hostages Abducted by Hamas

WASHINGTON, D.C. - With over 100 people still being held hostage in Gaza, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand delivered her 11th speech on the Senate floor to tell the stories of the innocent hostages who have been held by Hamas for nearly 125 days.

Watch Gillibrand's speech here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23H5ebvM2O0>

## Gillibrand Calls for Passage of Tax Deal, Reveals How Expanded Child Tax Credit Would Help NY Families

### Credit Would Benefit 887,000 Kids In New York State

### The Average Family Would Save \$680 Annually

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a video press conference to call for the passage of the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act and revealed how the expanded child tax credit included in it would help New York families. The expansion would make it easier for low-income families to qualify for the Child Tax Credit (CTC), adjust the credit for inflation, and help lift an estimated 400,000 children out of poverty.

"The Child Tax Credit is a lifeline for working families and one of the best tools we have for fighting child poverty," said Senator Gillibrand. "The Child Tax Credit expansion expired at the end of 2021, and since then, child poverty has more than doubled nationwide. That's unacceptable. This credit would benefit nearly 900,000 New York kids and save the average family nearly 700 dollars per year. I am calling on my colleagues to pass the expanded CTC to provide additional support to kids most in need."

The expanded Child Tax Credit would:

1. Provide a larger CTC for low-income families with more than 2 children: The original CTC is calculated by multiplying a family's income above \$2,500 by 15%. The expanded CTC multiplies the family's income above \$2,500 by 15% and also by the family's number of children.
2. Allow taxpayers to use their income from either the current or prior year in calculations. Since the original CTC requires a parent to have at least \$2,500 in annual income to qualify, this change would ensure that families whose income suddenly drops can still qualify.
3. Adjust the CTC annually for inflation in 2024 and 2025.
4. Modify the Overall Limit on Refundable Child Tax Credit: Under current law, the maximum refundable child tax credit is limited to \$1,600 per child for 2023, even if the earned income limitation described above is in excess of this amount. This provision increases the maximum refundable amount per child to \$1,800 in

tax year 2023, \$1,900 in tax year 2024, and \$2,000 in tax year 2025.

In New York, an estimated 887,000 children would benefit from the expanded Child Tax Credit, including:

35,893 in the Capital Region  
 52,748 in Central New York  
 48,761 in the Finger Lakes  
 97,998 in the Hudson Valley  
 48,903 on Long Island  
 484,704 in NYC  
 23,627 in the North Country  
 25,717 in the Southern Tier  
 68,649 in Western New York

## Governor Hochul Announces \$100 Million in Grants for New After-school Program

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that more than \$100 million in state grants - an increase of \$17.7 million over last year's funding - will be made available to fund after-school programs across New York State. The new Learning and Enrichment After-School Program Supports grants will be distributed through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, and are expected to provide services to more than 40,000 children in high-need areas.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, many children and youth were disconnected from after-school programming and lost out on this critical means to receive academic support and build stronger social connections," Governor Hochul said. "This funding will give young people another safe space to grow and express themselves and assure parents that their child's learning and development isn't confined to school hours."

The Learning and Enrichment After-School Program Supports (LEAPS) initiative combines the existing Advantage and Empire State after-school programs into a single, streamlined program which will standardize funding and eligibility and reduce administrative burdens for providers. Approximately \$97.5 million in LEAPS after-school programs will serve youth from pre-k through high school. The combined after-school funding also includes a \$2.25 million pilot program to provide positive youth development opportunities and services to adolescents during out-of-school time, as well as \$1 million for a technical assistance provider.

Awards are expected to be announced in April 2024, with the LEAPS contracts beginning September 1st - in time for the start of the next school year.

New York State Office of Children and Family Services Acting Commissioner and Child Care Availability Task Force Co-Chair Suzanne Miles-Gustave said, "OCFS is both excited and committed to help lead Governor Hochul's mission to increase the number of high-quality, affordable child care programs that New York's families deserve. LEAPS grants offer an opportunity to reinvigorate existing after-school programs and fund new ones so that more school-age children have equitable access to these invaluable services. Research shows that young people who participate in these programs have higher school attendance, achieve greater academic success and are less likely to be at risk for exposure to harmful influences."

(Contd. Pg. 33)



## Governor Hochul Announces \$100 Million in Grants for New After-school Program

(From Pg. 33) The governor recently announced \$50 million in capital grants for the construction or expansion of child care centers and registered school-age child care programs and \$50 million in business tax credits for eligible businesses that create or expand infant and toddler child care seats for their employees directly or through a third-party. Those programs came on the heels of an expansion of the state Child Care Assistance Program in October 2023 that raised the income eligibility limit for child care assistance to the federal maximum - a move expected to help an additional 100,000 New York families.

LEAPS-funded programs will promote access to high-quality comprehensive after-school services with academic support and enrichment opportunities. The programs are also intended to mitigate ongoing impacts from the pandemic by expanding students' access to social and emotional support services as well as offer mentorship and job- and life-skills training.

State-licensed school-age child care programs serving children in high-need school districts, and organizations interested in becoming a licensed provider, are eligible to apply for the grants. Information on applying for the grants can be found on the LEAPS page of the OCFS website.

## Governor Hochul Announces more than \$55 Million in Opioid Settlement Funding Awarded to Support Addiction Services Across NYS Funding Awarded in Second Year of Settlement Funding Through New York State's Opioid Settlement Fund

- **Additional \$9.5 Million Available for Treatment Providers to Expand Comprehensive Outpatient and Access to Medication to Treat Opioid Use Disorder**
- **OASAS to Establish Statewide Leadership Institute to Support Addiction Services Workforce**
- **\$5 Million in Paid Internships as Part of Workforce Development Efforts**

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced more than \$55 million awarded and an additional \$20 million in procurement opportunities made available through New York State's Opioid Settlement Fund to support a range of addiction services across New York State. This funding builds on ongoing efforts to distribute the millions of dollars awarded through a series of agreements with opioid manufacturers and distributors, and address the impact of the opioid and overdose epidemic throughout New York State. Additional funding is also being made available for two separate initiatives to increase access to addiction treatment, and support the addiction workforce.

"New York State is leading the way in getting settlement funds out to providers and communities that have been impacted by the opioid and overdose crisis so that they may continue their work to save lives," Governor Hochul said. "We will continue to hold those responsible for this crisis accountable, and make sure every dollar from these settlements is used to help those who have been affected."

Office of Addiction Services and Supports Commissioner Dr. Chinazo Cunningham said, "Working closely with the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board, we have made more than \$300 million available for a wide range of prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery initiatives. This funding is supporting the entire continuum of addiction services, and allowing us to expand our lifesaving help and support to ensure that all New Yorkers are able to find the services and resources they need."

Department of Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "Under Governor Hochul's leadership, we are able to equip our providers with the tools they need to save lives every day. The opioid settlement fund is vital to these efforts. By holding opioid manufacturers and distributors accountable, we are able to reach more New Yorkers who are in need of support, allowing them continued access to harm reduction services, treatment, and the means to access these services independently."

The initiatives supported through the \$55 million in funding are as follows:

### Non-Medical Transportation

Funding provided through this initiative will assist providers in developing a transportation program for individuals who are enrolled in or are seeking treatment, prevention, recovery, or harm reduction services for a substance use disorder.

This initiative will assist individuals by providing them transportation to and from a variety of destinations that support their individualized recovery efforts and goals. In addition, this initiative will assist the individual in developing their own transportation plan to promote long-term transportation independence. (Contd. Pg. 34)



## **Governor Hochul Announces more than \$55 Million in Opioid Settlement Funding Awarded to Support Addiction Services Across NYS Funding Awarded in Second Year of Settlement Funding Through NYS's Opioid Settlement Fund**

(From Pg. 33) The funding awarded through this initiative will fund one year extensions to their current contracts.

Recipients are listed below by their State Opioid Response (SOR) Regional Network. Each recipient is receiving \$240,000 from this initiative.

- Brooklyn
  - o Advanced Health Network, Inc.
- Capital
  - o Capital Behavioral Health Collaborative
- Central
  - o Helio Health, Inc.
- Citywide
  - o Coordinated Behavioral Care Inc.
- Coordinated Behavioral Health
  - o Coordinated Behavioral Health Services IPA
- Finger Lakes
  - o Finger Lakes Area Counseling and Recovery Agency, Inc.
- Long Island
  - o Advanced Health Network, Inc.
- Mohawk Valley
  - o Addiction Center Broome County, Inc.
- North Country
  - o Seaway Valley Council for Alcohol/Substance Abuse Prevention, Inc.
- Value Network (Western)
  - o Save the Michaels of the World, Inc.
- Upstate New York Integrated Care Network
  - o CASA-Trinity, Inc.
- Queens
  - o Elmcot Youth & Adult Activities, Inc.

### **Recovery Community and Outreach Centers**

An additional \$6 million is being awarded to all OASAS Recovery Community and Outreach Centers to enhance and expand recovery support services. This is an extension of existing funding which was made available last year to bring the annual budget of all recovery centers to \$535,000.

This funding can be used for a variety of purposes, including staffing, improving infrastructure and technology, equipment, trainings, and minor renovations.

### **Local Impact Initiatives Round 1 and 2**

This initiative provides funding for small non-profits to receive up to \$9,500 to support their community-based work. Providers that are eligible are small nonprofits with revenue of less than \$750,000 annually. In total, there are 34 recipients (18 in round one and 16 in round 2) that received \$322,075 in total.

### **Regional Abatements**

More than \$46 million from the 2024 OSF appropriations has been paid to municipalities and local governments per the terms of the settlement agreements. The use of these dollars is at the discretion of the entity and guided by the allowable use documents under the settlement agreements, which are available to view on the OASAS website. Last year, more than \$64 million was provided to municipalities through the 2023 OSF regional abatement fund.

Additional procurements and application opportunities now available through OASAS include:

### **Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment Programs - RFA**

To support treatment expansions across New York State, OASAS has issued a request for applications for \$9.5 million to fund new Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment Programs. The programs provide more opportunities to access person-centered, comprehensive treatment services, including medication treatment for opioid use disorder around the state.

Programs receiving this funding will operate both an outpatient treatment program and an opioid treatment program (OTP) at the same site.

### **Leadership Institute - RFP**

OASAS is also issuing a request for proposals to establish a new comprehensive professional development program, which will assist individuals in a management track at workplaces within the OASAS system of care.

The goal is to equip participants with the necessary tools to become effective managers who can support their team, continue their professional growth and development, and deliver prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery services for substance use disorders.

### **Paid Internship Program**

To further support the addiction services workforce, \$5 million has been made available to colleges and community-based training programs across the state to offer paid internships and field placements to students who complete the Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC), Certified Prevention Professional (CPP), or Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA) program, either as a stand-alone certificate program or in combination with an Associates or Masters in Social Work (MSW) degree.

This initiative will allow OASAS to recruit more students to do their internships and field placements in OASAS work settings thereby allowing OASAS employers a pipeline of credentialed individuals they can recruit once they graduate from their degree or certificate programs.

The colleges and community-based organizations listed below are receiving funding through this initiative.

### **Master's in Social Work and CASAC Certificate Program**

- o SUNY Stony Brook University

### **Associate Degree and CASAC Certificate Program**

- o CUNY Kingsborough Community College
- o SUNY Adirondack Community College
- o SUNY Broome Community College
- o SUNY Clinton Community College
- o SUNY Corning Community College
- o SUNY Erie Community College
- o SUNY Fulton-Montgomery Community College
- o SUNY Hudson Valley Community College
- o SUNY Jamestown Community College
- o SUNY Monroe Community College
- o SUNY North Country Community College
- o SUNY Suffolk County Community College
- o SUNY Sullivan County Community College
- o SUNY Tompkins Cortland Community College
- o SUNY Westchester Community College

### **Community-Based CASAC, CPP or CRPA Programs**

- o Exponents Center for Personal & Professional Development
- o Farnham Family Services
- o Friends of Recovery - New York
- o Helio Health Inc
- o Outreach Training Institute
- o Samaritan Daytop Village Training Institute
- o St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center, Inc.
- o The Addictions Care Center of Albany (Contd. Pg. 35)



## Governor Hochul Announces more than \$55 Million in Opioid Settlement Funding Awarded to Support Addicton Services Across NYS Funding Awarded in Second Year of Settlement Funding Through NYS's Opioid Settlement Fund

(From Pg. 34) New York State is receiving more than \$2 billion through various settlement agreements with opioid manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies that were secured by Attorney General Letitia James. A portion of the funding from these settlements will go directly to municipalities, with the remainder deposited into a dedicated fund to support prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery efforts to address the ongoing opioid epidemic.

The same legislation that established the dedicated fund also created the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board, which is tasked with making recommendations on how settlement dollars should be allocated to best serve those in need. Board members issued their first recommendations on November 1, 2022, identifying the expansion of harm reduction services and treatment as top priorities.

New York State has instituted an aggressive, multi-pronged approach to addressing the overdose epidemic, and created a nation-leading continuum of addiction care with full prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services. The state has worked to expand access to traditional services, including crisis services, inpatient, outpatient, and residential treatment programs, as well as medication to treat addiction, and mobile treatment and transportation services.

The New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports oversees one of the nation's largest substance use disorder systems of care with approximately 1,700 prevention, treatment and recovery programs serving over 731,000 individuals per year. This includes the direct operation of 12 Addiction Treatment Centers where our doctors, nurses, and clinical staff provide inpatient and residential services to approximately 8,000 individuals per year.

New Yorkers struggling with an addiction, or whose loved ones are struggling, can find help and hope by calling the state's toll-free, 24-hour, 7-day-a-week HOPEline at 1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369) or by texting HOPENY (Short Code 467369).

## Governor Hochul Announces Special Election in 26th Congressional District

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that a special election to fill the vacancy in the 26th Congressional District created by the resignation of Brian Higgins will be held on Tuesday, April 30. Governor Hochul issued the proclamation on February 12 pursuant to the Public Officers Law.

"With Brian Higgins' departure from Congress, a special election to ensure representation for the 26th District will be

**ROURKELAW.COM**

**845.292.2000**



**ROURKE LAW**

*Your Trusted  
Counsel in the  
Catskills*



25 Darbee Lane, Liberty



**REAL ESTATE • CIVIL • FAMILY • DWI  
ESTATES & TRUSTS • INJURY & MORE**

held in April," Governor Hochul said. "From our days representing Western New York in Congress together to our partnership in the years since, I am grateful for Brian's service to our State and our country. I wish him all the best as he embarks on a new chapter of service and look forward to working with his successor to improve the lives of New Yorkers."

The Democrat in Western New York officially left Congress last week is now the new president and CEO at Shea's Performing Arts Center in downtown Buffalo.

Per state law, Gov. Hochul has to schedule a special election within 10 days from being notified of a vacancy, which then has to then take place within 80 days.

In special elections for Congress in New York state, local party committees choose their candidates. Democrats chose state Sen. Tim Kennedy their designated candidate last month. Kennedy has served in the state Legislature since 2011, representing the 63rd state Senate seat. Former congressional candidate Nate McMurray says he is also running for the seat and could challenge Kennedy in the regularly scheduled primary contest in June should Kennedy win the special election.

Republicans have yet to choose a nominee.

The special election will take place four weeks after New York's scheduled presidential primary, on April 2.

The 26th District is considered a safe Democratic seat. It encompasses parts of Erie and Niagara counties and the cities of Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

For more information go to:

<https://ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/politics/2024/02/01/brian-higgins-reflects-on-time-in-congress--looks-to-next-chapter#>



**For Children Of All Ages!**



# **WINTER READING CHALLENGE**

**JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2024**

**Get your reading logs and bingo sheets here!**

<https://danielpiercelibrary.org/Pages/Index/228365/winter-reading-challenge>

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





# The Daniel Pierce Library **CELEBRATES** **LEAP DAY**

Where will you be spend a day that only comes around once every four years? Hopefully at the library! Tri-Valley families are welcome to join us for this extra fun-filled day and celebrate with hula hoops, crazy hats, games, puzzles and leap day time capsules!

Thursday,  
February 29th  
9:00 a.m. to  
7:00 p.m.

Library users with outstanding fines are invited to leap back into the library during this fine free day. Any items with overdue fines or items that have been marked as "lost" can be returned and related fines and fees will be waived!

Registration not required. Activities while supplies last.

## DEC Releases Environmental Bond Act Draft Eligibility Guidelines to Support Planting 25 Million Trees by 2033

*Draft Guidelines Now Available for Public Comment Through March 8, 2024*

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) released for public comment new proposed eligibility guidelines improve, expand, and assess the state's forestry efforts on public and private lands under the historic \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022. The guidelines will help support implementation of Governor Kathy Hochul's initiative to plant 25 million trees by 2033 by building capacity for production of plant materials and investing in a comprehensive data tracking and management system for forestry projects.

"Growing New York's next generation of forests is vital to ensuring community resiliency and fighting climate change, and the guidelines released today are an important step in advancing Governor Kathy Hochul's commitment to plant 25 million trees by 2033," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "The modernization and expansion of our tree nursery capacity and a new tree planting database will ensure our aggressive tree planting efforts directly benefit communities statewide, and I encourage New Yorkers to provide input on this Bond Act-supported initiative."

To further achieve New York's climate goals, Governor Hochul's 2024 State of the State Address and Executive Budget included \$47 million to support a new goal of planting 25 million trees statewide by 2033. This goal will invigorate our state's tree planting efforts, send an unmistakable market signal to private nurseries, advance efforts to meet the Climate Act's net-zero goal, and grow the state's vital forest products industry. Capital investments through the Bond Act and other state sources, and multi-year annual grants to municipalities to plant trees in support of resilient reforestation and urban forests, are key components of this initiative.

The draft eligibility guidelines available for comment enable the public to provide input on the implementation of Bond Act funding for forestry and community health benefits as part of the \$400 million directed towards 'Climate Change Mitigation.' Once finalized, the criteria will guide funding allocations DEC will use to undertake State-administered forestry projects. Additional eligibility guidelines will be developed to include grant opportunities for locally administered initiatives.

The guidelines support building capacity by repairing and/or updating capacity to produce seedlings and bare-root trees through the upgrade and modernization of seed production facilities such as DEC's Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery. Investments would also support the development and modernization of greenhouses using renewable energy to provide expanded seed processing and storage capabilities, and create a Forest and Ecosystem Health Lab facility to promote ecosystem health, enhance carbon sequestration, and support scientific research.

To assist with tracking the progress made with these upgrades and other ongoing forestry initiatives, the guidelines support investing Bond Act funding to create a database for tracking forest stand asset creation, tree planting, inventory, assessment, management and monitoring, and data dashboards reporting on acreage and type of land conserved. The database will help meet New York State's 30 x 30 goal to conserve 30 percent of the state's land and water by 2030 and mandates for modeling forest carbon sequestration and storage that contribute to achieving New York State's climate goals. The database would also enhance collaboration among DEC programs, stakeholders, and other partners by providing a platform for sharing information and coordinating landscape-wide reforestation efforts, particularly in disadvantaged communities, on both private and public properties.

JIM YORK  
163 Krumville Road, CR2A  
Olive Bridge, N.Y. 12461  
State and Federally Licensed  
(845) 657-6330 (Ph.)  
(845) 657-7031 (Fax)  
Email: jyork@hvc.rr.com

### JIM'S GUNSMITHING, INC.

www.Jimsgunsmithing.com

CUSTOM STOCK, METAL WORK, BLUEING,  
GENERAL REPAIRS, SIGHTWORK, ETC.  
BUY - SELL - TRADE - TRANSFERS

Start at Route 28 and Reservoir Rd in Shokan 1.7 Miles  
← Turn LEFT onto Monument Road  
Continue onto NY-28A West 1.8 Miles  
← Turn LEFT onto NY-213 1.1 Miles  
→ Turn RIGHT onto Krumville Road/CR-2A 0.8 Miles  
Gun Shop on LEFT

---

Start at Route 209 and 213 in Stone Ridge  
-Going Towards Olivebridge 7.5 Miles  
← Turn LEFT onto The Krumville Road/CR-2A 0.8 Miles  
Gun Shop on LEFT

## 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

The full eligibility guidelines are available in the February 7 Environmental Notice Bulletin. Public comments on the draft guidelines may be submitted in writing to: Division of Lands and Forests, NYS DEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12223, or by email to dec.sm.urbanforestry@dec.ny.gov. Public comments will be accepted through Friday, March 8, 2024. New York's Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022

On Nov. 8, 2022, New Yorkers overwhelmingly approved the \$4.2 billion Environmental Bond Act. State agencies, local governments, and partners will be able to access funding to protect water quality, help communities adapt to climate change, improve resiliency, and create green jobs. Bond Act funding will support new and expanded projects across the state to safeguard drinking water sources, reduce pollution, and protect communities and natural resources from climate change.

Since the Bond Act passed, an inter-agency working group comprised of multiple state agencies has been implementing a transparent and collaborative process to identify needs for environmental funding across the state to help develop program logistics. In the last year, the state announced a \$200 million funding investment toward the state's existing Water Infrastructure Improvement and Intermunicipal Grant programs, \$100 million available for zero-emission school buses, \$100 million available for Clean Green Schools, \$200 million investment toward local water infrastructure projects, \$2 million investment to protect existing park infrastructure at Cedar Beach on Long Island to protect communities from extreme weather and \$13.1 million to support construction of the Adirondack Rail Trail. For more information and to sign up for progress updates, go to the Environmental Bond Act webpage.



**SULLIVAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH****FREE****RABIES CLINIC***FOR DOGS, CATS, AND FERRETS*

**Public Health**  
*Prevent. Promote. Protect.*  
Sullivan County  
Department of Public Health

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024 6:00-7:30 PM**  
**Town of Rockland, Livingston Manor Firehouse**  
**93 Main Street.**  
**Livingston Manor, NY**

- 
- 
- **All pet owners must clean up after their pets.**
- **All pets must be at least 3 months old.**
- **All pets must be in a carrier or on a leash.**
- **Aggressive dogs should be muzzled to prevent any biting incidents.**
- **Bring proof of prior rabies vaccination to receive a 3-year vaccination.**
- **If you do not have proof of prior rabies vaccination, your pet will receive a 1-year vaccination.**

**Sullivan County Residents Only!**

- **Please bring photo ID as proof of Sullivan County Residency.**
- **No Pre-registration at this time, there maybe pre-registration at future clinics.**

**If you have any questions, please call:**  
**Sullivan County**  
**Department of Public Health**  
**at : 845-292-5910, Ext. 0.**



## Spring 2024 Special Topics Course: **Creating & Activating Public Spaces**



**Are you interested in parks or public spaces? Want to know how these places can improve the health of your community? Looking to explore more of Sullivan County?**

Consider taking HUM1350 this spring, which will introduce students to the importance of public spaces for community health and wellness; careers and opportunities associated with caring for public spaces, facilities and grounds, parks and main streets; an understanding of the effort to engage citizens in creating public spaces.

**HUM1350 • 3 Credits**  
**Tuesdays 1 PM - 3:40 PM**  
**Main Campus, G120**

Instructor: Shannon Cilento, AICP  
Community Development &  
Communications Manager, Sullivan 180

To register or for  
more details,  
scan the QR  
code.



*Building a healthy community, one degree at a time*



**SUNY SULLIVAN**



2023 – 2024  
- WOODSTOCK FARM FESTIVAL -  
WINTER MARKET

OVERLOOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
233 TINKER STREET

SATURDAYS, 10 – 2

EVERY OTHER WEEK  
JANUARY 6 – MARCH 16



# Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



### Sunday, February 18th

**Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon**

**Adults: \$13**

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

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

**Under 5 Yrs. Free**

**Take-outs: \$13**

**Call 845-985-7270**

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

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





Sundown  
United  
Methodist  
Church



March 2, 2023

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)



# VETERANS

*Do you get bored in the*

# WINTER?

*Consider Joining*

# HUDSON VALLEY SHRED VETS



**A VETERAN ONLY SNOWSPORTS PEER GROUP.  
NO COST. ALL SKILL LEVELS.**



Contact: Steve Massee Call/ Text: (845) 417-5795 Email: MasseeSJ@yahoo.com Social Media: @HVShredVets







# COMMUNITY TAKEOUT CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, May 18, 2024  
4 to 6 p.m.

Museum and Library Parking Lot  
332 Main Street, Grahamsville

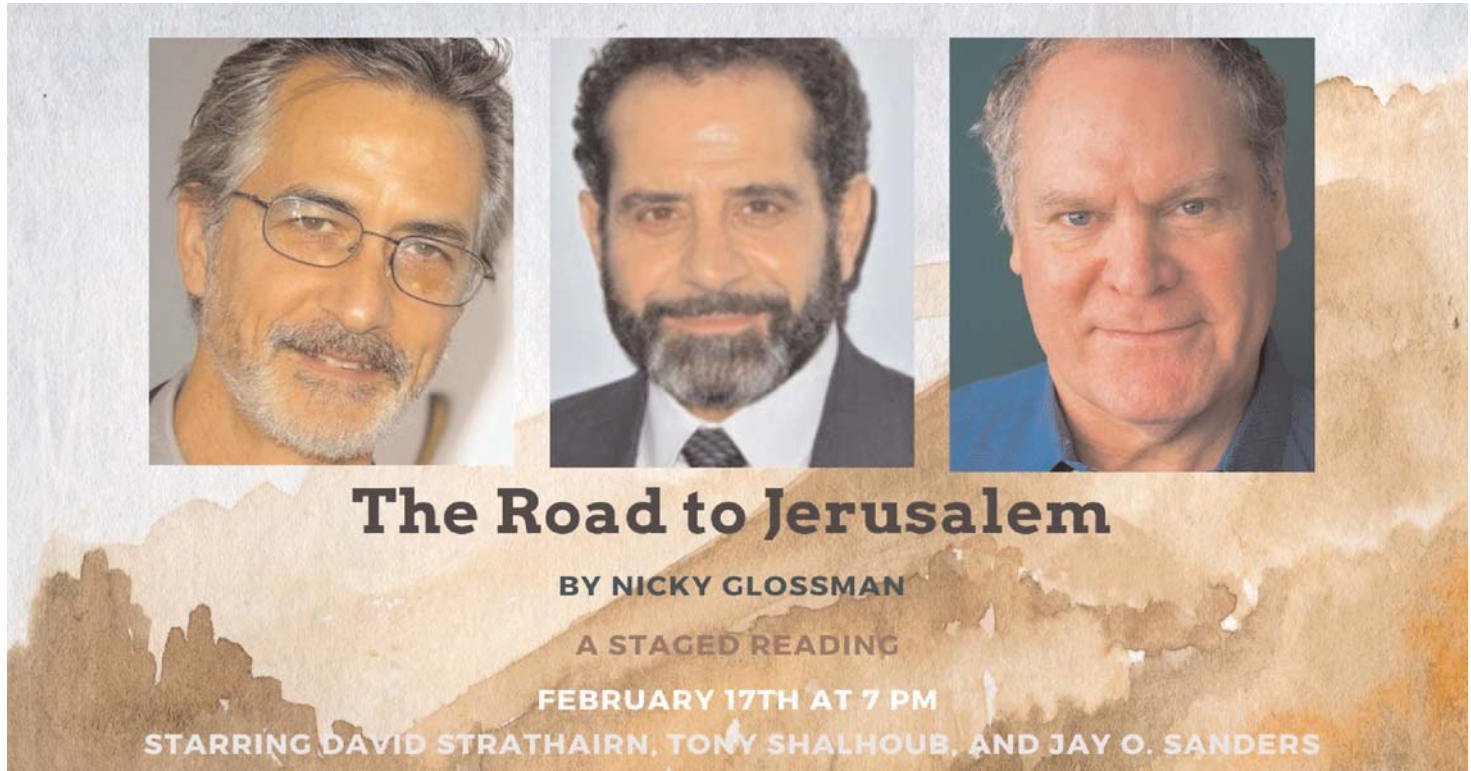
*Supports the  
Time and the Valleys Museum's  
Educational Programs*



Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740  
845 985-7700 [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org)



# What's Happening at Shadowland Stages



SHADOWLAND STAGES is thrilled to announce a special staged reading of *The Road to Jerusalem*, written by Nicky Glossman. This exclusive event, featuring esteemed actors Tony Shalhoub, David Strathairn, and Jay O. Sanders, is scheduled for Saturday, February 17, at 7 pm at SHADOWLAND's MainStage Theatre, located at 157 Canal Street in Ellenville. All proceeds from the evening will support SHADOWLAND STAGES. James Glossman directs.

*The Road to Jerusalem* by Nicky Glossman follows seven interconnected stories surrounding the small town of Jerusalem, Arizona in 1889. Together, they explore the twisted series of hopes and hungers that manifested a harsh destiny in the American West, all in the service of making a new world from the old. Salvation or damnation, each must find their own way to walk on the Road to Jerusalem.

Tickets for this one-night-only reading are a suggested donation of \$40.00. To secure your seats, tickets are available through the Shadowland Stages box office. Contact (845) 647-5511 or conveniently reserve your seats online at [shadowlandstages.org](https://shadowlandstages.org).

## Purchase tickets at:

[https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/calendar?mc\\_cid=36419a708d&mc\\_eid=138a9b9d06](https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/calendar?mc_cid=36419a708d&mc_eid=138a9b9d06)

## To read more about Shadowland's story of the new murals go to:

[https://www.chronogram.com/arts/shadowland-stages-mural-makeover-19923222?mc\\_cid=36419a708d&mc\\_eid=138a9b9d06](https://www.chronogram.com/arts/shadowland-stages-mural-makeover-19923222?mc_cid=36419a708d&mc_eid=138a9b9d06)

## ACADEMY REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE WINTER SESSION AT THE ACADEMY AT SHADOWLAND STAGES

FOR ADULTS... For more information go to:

<https://shadowlandstages.org/adult-beginning-acting/>

To Register go to:

[https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/classes?mc\\_cid=36419a708d&mc\\_eid=138a9b9d06](https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/classes?mc_cid=36419a708d&mc_eid=138a9b9d06)

## WINTER 2024 YOUTH CLASSES AT The Academy at SHADOWLAND STAGES REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The total price each course will be \$125.00 per student. Enrollment is on a first-come / first-served basis. The balance of tuition will be due on the first day of attendance.

Scholarships are available! For more information, please email [ben@shadowlandstages.org](mailto:ben@shadowlandstages.org)

To register go to: <https://shadowlandstages.org/youth-theatre-classes/>





# Daniel Pierce Library

## 5 HOUR PRE-LICENSING CLASS FOR PERMIT HOLDERS

DMV approved class and mandatory for unlicensed students 16 and up looking to get their license. Students must hold a NYS "photo" permit to attend.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024**

**10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Looking to get your license? This 5 hour DMV approved course will provide you with a certificate good for 1 year. Brought to you by J & J Driving School, instructed and owned by Jerome and La June Black with over 25 years experience.

Class fee is \$45 per student. To secure registration submit checks to DPL payable to J & J Driving School prior to class date. Please stop in to the library today. Space is limited.

**\* Snow Date Saturday April 27, 2024**

- Become a safe driver
  - No test required to complete
  - Get certificate valid for 1 year
  - Gain confidence
  - Photo permit required day of
  - Additional course information to follow upon payment & registration
- BRING YOUR LUNCH!**

Advanced registration is required at:  
[www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)



### Daniel Pierce Library

328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268  
Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233  
[www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)



# ELEMENTARY SOCIAL SKILLS

Registration is open for Grades K-5.

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

- Manners
- Listening
- Hygiene
- Emotions

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

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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

*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!





# *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

**For more information:**  
Family Peer Advocate  
(845) 794 - 4228  
[info@atitoday.org](mailto:info@atitoday.org)

*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](http://atitoday.org)**



SCAN ME!



# SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Follow Nick  
[@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](mailto:smurphy@atitoday.org)

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







**STARTS JANUARY  
2024!**

*Are You Ready?*



# *Life Skills Group*

## **WORK READINESS EDITION**

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

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

**309 East Broadway**

**Monticello, NY 12701**

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

**(845) 794-4228**

**info@atitoday.org**



**SCAN ME!**

*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**







After a busy week down in Washington, D.C., I wanted to provide another update on how I'm fighting for Hudson Valley priorities:

### **FIGHTING FOR BIPARTISAN BORDER SECURITY, IMMIGRATION REFORM, HUMANITARIAN AID FOR GAZA, AND SUPPORT FOR OUR ALLIES**

This week, we should have voted on the most comprehensive border security and immigration reform in decades, to stand firmly with our allies while their very existence is on the brink, to deliver desperately needed humanitarian aid to innocent civilians caught in the conflict in Gaza, and to reaffirm our role as an unwavering leader and partner in democracy - it was a bill that a bipartisan group of Senators spent months negotiating on.

But that wasn't the bill that we voted on in the House. Instead, Speaker Mike Johnson stripped the bipartisan border bill of any solutions that would not politically benefit Donald Trump between now and November.

Speaker Johnson's Israel Aid bill failed to deliver direly needed humanitarian aid to civilians in Gaza, it failed to secure our border, it would have doomed our Ukrainian allies, and emboldened our adversaries - chief among them Putin, Iran, and China.

I strongly support Israel, its right to exist, and its duty to defend itself against Hamas' barbaric attacks, but Speaker Johnson's decision to reject a comprehensive, bipartisan solution that was readily available and instead follow Donald Trump's marching orders was cynical, dangerous, and everything that's wrong with American politics.

So I voted no - because you deserve better, our allies deserve better, innocent civilians caught in war deserve better, our democracy deserves better.

But in all of this, we also saw that real solutions exist. The Senate reached a major one. They're possible and I'll keep fighting for them.

### **DELIVERING BIPARTISAN IMMIGRATION SOLUTIONS**

I know it firsthand - there's no higher honor than serving your country in uniform. If folks have the courage to raise their right hand, swear an oath to protect and defend this nation, and put their lives on the line, then they sure as hell deserve the opportunity to become an American citizen.

Earlier this week, partisan posturing got in the way of passing significant immigration reform. But I'm not giving up the fight.

That's why on Friday, I joined with my West Point classmate Congressman John James to introduce my "Courage to Serve Act."

The "Courage to Serve Act" creates a pilot program that would allow a qualified and vetted set of migrants to receive an expedited path to citizenship in exchange for military service, provided they successfully complete multiple background checks conducted by both USCIS and FBI, are admissible to the United States, and are otherwise eligible for enlistment in the Armed Forces.

In turn, this legislation offers expedited processing and application assistance to immigrants, offering a unique solution to two challenges facing the United States: an influx of migrants

looking to work, build a better life for their families, and contribute to our country, as well as a recruitment crisis within the ranks of our Armed Forces.

Last year alone, the expected recruiting personnel shortfall was 10,000 in the Army, 10,000 in the Air Force, and 6,000 in the Navy. Overall, the DoD acting Undersecretary of Personnel and Readiness said that during fiscal year 2023, the military services collectively missed recruiting goals by roughly 41,000 recruits, leaving critical positions unfilled, putting our nation's national security at greater risk.

I'll keep pushing everyday for concrete, practical and actionable measures to secure our border, address critical military recruiting shortfalls, and help immigrants already in this country build a better life for their families.

### **WORKING TOGETHER WITH HUDSON VALLEY LAW ENFORCEMENT**

It's always great to see Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa. Thanks to him and many other of our Hudson Valley Sheriffs for coming to DC this week for a productive conversation about our continued work to keep our communities safe.

I'll keep pushing every day to deliver the resources you deserve.

### **SUPPORTING OUR SUNYs AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

This week I had a wonderful time meeting with presidents from SUNY Orange, SUNY Ulster, and Dutchess Community College.

A huge congratulations to Dutchess Community College President Peter Jordan for receiving the Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Leadership Award at the Tuskegee Airmen Celebration last weekend!

I'm looking forward to continuing to work with our Hudson Valley colleges to build brighter futures for our students and communities.

### **BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU**

This week kicked off the first C.A.R.E.S. Van events of February - bringing assistance with federal agencies to Monroe, Woodbury, and Harriman.

If you need help with anything from the IRS to VA benefits to passports, hope you'll join my team at one of February's events. This week, the Van will be making stops at the Crawford and Hamptonburgh town halls.

### **MOURNING WITH THE ULSTER COMMUNITY**

This week the Ulster County Sheriff's Office suffered an absolutely tragic loss. Rebecca and I send our condolences to his family, friends, and the entire Ulster County community.

If you or a loved one are in crisis, please know that support is always available at the crisis line by dialing 988 or on its website

### **CONTINUING TO HOLD CENTRAL HUDSON ACCOUNTABLE**

Since day one, I've been fighting to hold Central Hudson accountable for its egregious billing practices and the harm it has caused - among them its failure of estimated meter reading.

This past week, Central Hudson announced that it is significantly expanding its monthly in-person meter reading. This is a huge step in the right direction, but we still have more work to do.

I'll keep pushing until every Central Hudson customer who has been wronged is made whole.

(Conatd. Pg. 54)

## Pat Ryan (From Pg. 53)

### HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As we continue to celebrate Black History Month, we also celebrate the powerful voices and works of black artists.

You can see the inspiring works of some of NY-18's very own at the Art Mid-Hudson Gallery's Still I Rise exhibit. Learn more here! <https://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/story/entertainment/arts/2024/01/30/still-i-rise-exhibit-celebrates-black-history-month-in-poughkeepsie/72396385007/>

### CELEBRATING GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS

This past Wednesday marked National Girls and Women in Sports Day. I want to highlight the inspiring story of Red Hook's own Maddie Clements who is unstoppable both on and off the court.

Go Maddie! NY-18 is rooting for you!

### PROTECTING VOTING RIGHTS

We must relentlessly fight back against the continued threats to our democracy.

I'm proud to cosponsor the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, landmark legislation that honors the legacy of the late civil rights icon by restoring the FULL protections of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

### FIGHTING FOR SPORTS FANS

This week, Walt Disney's ESPN, Fox, and Warner Bros. discovery announced they are entering into a mega-merger to try to dominate the sports streaming industry.

If history tells us anything, billionaires in boardrooms are going to price gouge hard-working Americans without a second thought.

I've already called out the NFL and NBC for their predatory sports streaming practices during the Dolphins versus Chief NFL playoff game.

It's time for Congress to re-examine sports leagues' antitrust exemption and put power back where it belongs: with the fans.

### GRANTS CORNER DUE SOON!

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has extended the 2023 Clean School Bus Program application to February 14, 2024! EPA is offering at least \$500 million for electric school buses. School districts can get up to \$345,000 per bus to help make the zero-emission transition! Applicants may also apply for up to \$40,000 per bus in IRS Tax Credits and up to \$100,000 total for charging infrastructure.

New York State announced more than \$60 million in capital grant funding will be available to nonprofit human services organizations through the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program to support the delivery of critical services to New Yorkers. Eligible nonprofit organizations that provide direct programs and services to New Yorkers may receive grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000 for the completion of small- and large-scale construction projects.

NEW!

The NYS ConnectALL Broadband - Municipal Infrastructure Program will assist municipalities, non-profits, and other entities to construct open and accessible public broadband infrastructure to provide New Yorkers with high-quality, reliable, and affordable service options. The Municipal Infrastructure Program will prioritize projects that address unserved and underserved locations.

The 2024 Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program provides student loan repayment assistance to over 1,200 awardees who commit to work at eligible healthcare facilities or schools of nursing. The purpose of the Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program is to assist in the recruitment and retention of professional Registered Nurses, including Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, dedicated to working in health care facilities with a critical shortage of nurses or working as nurse faculty in eligible schools of nursing. Applications are due by March 7, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. ET.

### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

The Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant Program provides critical funding to strengthen volunteer fire departments and districts statewide. Eligible applicants can apply for up to \$1,000,000 if proposing projects for construction, renovation, or purchase costs for critical facilities (buildings, training facilities, etc.) that support fire operations, or up to \$500,000 if proposing projects for allowable fire service equipment to upgrade and improve their response capabilities. Application due April 30. See the following for more information and resources: Request for Applications (RFA), Application Worksheet, Frequently Asked Questions, E-Grants Tutorial

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) provides support to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. The AFG Program is holding application webinars.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion in Inflation Reduction Act funding available through its Community Change Grants Program to support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy. This opportunity will be available for a year, closing on November 21, 2024, and EPA will review applications on a rolling basis. This allows applicants to utilize technical assistance and possibly resubmit a new application if not initially selected. EPA encourages applicants to apply as early as possible.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is now accepting applications for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program for 2024. The popular program helps communities around the country carry out projects with significant local or regional impact. RAISE discretionary grants help project sponsors at the state and local levels, including municipalities, Tribal governments, counties, and others complete critical freight and passenger transportation infrastructure projects. Application due by February 28, 2024.

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!





## Merrick Garland Must Charge Biden or Invoke the 25th Amendment

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

Special Counsel Robert Hur's report clears President Biden of criminal charges for mishandling classified documents, despite evidence of his "willful" retention and disclosure of such materials after his vice presidency while he was a private citizen. What is even more shocking and disturbing is that the Special Counsel disclosed the failing memory and mental capacity of the President. The report described Biden as "a sympathetic, well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory."

The United States, the most powerful nation in the world, needs a Leader who projects strength, not forgets what year it is! President Biden's inability to recall when he was Vice President or the year his son, Beau Biden, passed is deeply troubling, and the Cabinet must take immediate action.

President Biden is either mentally capable of standing trial and should be charged for mishandling classified documents as Vice President, OR he is unfit to serve as President. I sent a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland saying just that and reiterating there is no middle ground.

It's time to invoke the 25th Amendment.

READ MORE: GOP Rep. Tenney calls to invoke 25th Amendment to remove Biden from office after 'alarming' Hur report

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/gop-rep-tenney-calls-invoke-25th-amendment-remove-biden-office-after-alarming-hur-report>

## Hochul Must Bring Times Square Police Attackers to Justice

On January 27th, two New York Police Department officers were brutally assaulted by a group of illegal immigrants outside of a migrant shelter in Times Square. There are reports that four of the alleged attackers have fled New York's jurisdiction. This incident only reiterates that Governor Hochul, Mayor Adams, and DA Bragg's anti-police, pro-criminal, and pro-migrant policies and rhetoric are putting our brave men and women in blue at risk. This recent attack on NYPD officers is reprehensible. That's why I sent a letter to Governor Hochul demanding that the perpetrators of this crime be held accountable, and that includes being detained without bail. District Attorney Bragg should immediately be fired for allowing these violent criminals back on the streets and to flee New York's jurisdiction. Our state will not tolerate these attacks on our officers without consequences. New York Democrats must choose our brave police officers over illegal migrants and hold these violent criminals accountable!

## The Senate MUST Pass the Secure the Border Act

Earlier this week, Governor Hochul attempted to blame New

York Republicans for her own failures. Hochul is failing to take accountability and is desperately trying to toss the blame for her policies that have caused this migrant crisis in our state. She even sent a letter filled with lies to New York House Republicans, demanding we answer her preposterous questions. House Republicans passed the strongest border security bill EVER. We have done our job to provide tangible solutions to end this crisis. If Democrats, including Hochul, wanted to secure the border and keep New Yorkers safe, they would stop providing handouts to illegal immigrants and support the policies outlined in H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act!

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

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

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 485, the Protecting Health Care for All Patients Act of 2023. Many government agencies, as well as Medicare, Medicaid, and the Federal Health Benefits Program, have used Quality Adjusted Life Years (QALY) to measure the cost-effectiveness of treatments. However, this measurement often discriminates against the disabled, decreasing their access to potentially lifesaving treatments. To address this issue, H.R. 485 bans the federal government from using QALY or any other similar metric that would consider extending the life of an elderly, disabled, or terminally ill individual with less value compared to a healthy individual. This is a vital step in building a culture that values all life. H.R. 485 passed the House by a vote of 211-208.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1727, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Historical Park Commission Extension Act. H.R. 1727 reauthorizes the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Historical Park Commission for seven years before its current expiration date on September 26, 2024. The park stretches over 184.5 miles from Washington, DC, to Cumberland, Maryland, centered around the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, which was approved by President James Monroe to connect the Chesapeake Bay and the Mississippi River basin. Continuing the authorization of this commission will protect this historic piece of infrastructure and countless recreational opportunities associated with it. H.R. 1727 passed the House by a vote of 427-2.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 863, impeaching Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, for high crimes and misdemeanors. Secretary Mayorkas has repeatedly ignored our nation's laws and violated his oath of office to secure and defend the border of the United States. H.Res. 863 follows a months-long investigation into the record-breaking 8 million illegal border crossings that have happened under his watch. Each month, records have been shattered with more and more illegal immigrants swarming our border and infiltrating our cities, turning every community into a border community and depleting taxpayer resources. Every day, I hear from more and more constituents demanding immediate action from the Biden administration to secure our border. I was one of the first members of Congress to call for Secretary Mayorkas's impeachment and advocated for his salary to be reduced to \$1 for his many failures. I am disheartened that he has not resigned on his own, and it has come to impeachment. Still, I know that if Secretary Mayorkas is allowed to continue acting without consequences, he will remain a threat to the American people's safety while trampling on the Constitution. This resolution failed to pass the House of Representatives by a vote of 216-214. (Contd. Pg. 56)

## This Week With Claudiia

(From Pg. 55)

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7217, the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2024. It has been over 120 days since the heinous and unprovoked attacks on Israel, in which Hamas killed, raped, tortured, brutalized, and kidnapped as many Jews and Israeli citizens as possible. This comes as a direct result of House Democratic leadership actively encouraging their members to oppose H.R. 7217 and President Biden's veto threat. To this day, over 100 innocent civilians remain in captivity, their lives at risk every day and their families living in anguish. H.R. 7217 would provide essential military assistance to Israel for its campaign to rescue the hostages and eliminate Hamas and other radical Palestinian terror organizations. I remain committed to advocating for standalone funding bills to support the Israeli people as they work to defend themselves against radical Palestinian terrorism. This vote required a 2/3 majority to pass and failed by a vote of 180-250.

I voted "No" on H.R. 2882, the Udall Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2023. H.R. 2882 reauthorizes the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation, an agency established by Congress in 1992, which funds liberal and woke health care and public policy initiatives. In addition, in May 2022, the Department of Interior Office of Inspector General released a report stating that the foundation was making improper payments to contractors without basic oversight, resulting in the foundation paying for inaccurate and unallowable costs. The agency is not deserving of taxpayer funds and warrants significant reform or abolition. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 350-58.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 443, the Enhancing Detection of Human Trafficking Act. H.R. 443 requires the Department of Labor to regularly train its employees in identifying cases of human trafficking and then refer potential cases to law enforcement. Due to the Biden administration's refusal to enforce U.S. immigration law, human traffickers have been smuggling thousands of victims across the U.S. border. We must crack down on human trafficking and do everything in our power to identify and save the victims of this barbaric practice. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 407-0.

### Advocating for Ryan Corbett's Release

Ryan Corbett, a husband, father, and Western New Yorker has been held without charge by the Taliban in Afghanistan since August 10, 2022, being kept in a basement cell without regular access to a bathroom, sunlight, or medical care. Since learning of his unlawful detainment, I have worked to get Ryan officially designated as a wrongful detainee and introduced H.Res. 965 to strengthen calls for his immediate release. This past week, H.Res. 965 passed the House Foreign Affairs Committee's full markup by a unanimous vote. By advancing this resolution, we reaffirm that America will never stop fighting to free Ryan Corbett. I look forward to seeing this legislation considered on the House floor soon, where Congress can continue to advocate for Ryan's immediate release.



### Molinaro, Crockett Lead Bipartisan Effort to Create More Job Opportunities for Individuals with Disability

#### *Molinaro: Full Compliance with the Javits-Wagner O'Day Act Means More Demand for AbilityOne Products & More Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities*

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Reps. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) and Jasmine Crockett (D-TX-30) sent a letter to House Committee on Administration Chairman Brian Steil and Ranking Member Joe Morelle requesting the Committee take steps to increase Legislative Branch procurement through the AbilityOne Commission, including by appointing an AbilityOne Representative (ABOR) tasked with overseeing AbilityOne procurement, by seeing that more is done to promote AbilityOne products in the House Supply Store, and by requiring that data on procurement be released on a regular basis.

Established by the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act, the AbilityOne Commission partners with SourceAmerica and National Industries for the Blind to maintain a list of products and services provided by Americans with disabilities that the federal government is required to evaluate before procuring any product or service to see if it meets their needs and procure from the list if so. The Association for Vision Rehabilitation and Employment (AVRE) in Binghamton, which has provided jobs for the blind for over 100 years, benefits from the program.

On December 11, 2023, Reps. Molinaro and Crockett led a letter to 9 procurement offices within the Legislative Branch asking several questions about how they ensure compliance with Javits-Wagner-O'Day, and how their office could work going forward to maximize procurement from AbilityOne. Over the last three weeks, responses from every office (with the exception of the Chief Administrative Officer) have committed to designating an AbilityOne Representative to serve as liaison with the Commission and promote the program within the office. These offices all also indicated that they are able to collate data on their procurement from AbilityOne, and are open to making that information publicly accessible.

Rep. Molinaro said, "At its core, Ability One is an employment program. Full compliance with the Javits-Wagner O'Day Act means more demand for Ability One products and more opportunities for individuals with disabilities. With the percentage of the disability community not working still at nearly 80%, we need action from all Legislative Branch offices. I've been proud to work with Congresswoman Crockett on this bipartisan initiative and will keep pushing until we see progress."

Rep. Crockett said, "Congress has made a commitment to support full employment opportunity for Americans with disabilities. Today, we are taking an important step in turning words into action. When Congress passed the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act, it required all federal entities, including Congress, to use our purchasing power to support the employment of Americans with disabilities. (Contd. Pg. 57)





## Molinaro, Crockett Lead Bipartisan Effort to Create More Job Opportunities for Individuals with Disability

(From Pg. 56) For those who already face so many barriers to participation in the workforce, we must honor our commitment that if you want to work, federal procurement contracts ensure work is available. Over the years, the Executive Branch has taken steps to apply the letter of the law into day-to-day procedure with coordination, transparency, and promotion. But, unfortunately, the Legislative Branch has fallen far behind. I am glad to work with my fellow Freshman, Congressman Molinaro, in rekindling this commitment to Americans with disabilities. I so greatly appreciate the many positive responses from procurement offices within Congress committing to increase Congressional procurement through AbilityOne, and hope the House Committee on Administration will promptly respond to our letter seeking the codification of these gains for Americans with disabilities."

Kevin Lynch, President and CEO of National Industries for the Blind said, "National Industries for the Blind (NIB) applauds all the House members that have led and joined this bipartisan effort to remind the Legislative Branch agencies of their obligation to abide by the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act, and to encourage them to purchase AbilityOne products and services. By utilizing these products and services, these agencies - as well as all congressional offices - help provide rewarding careers for Americans who are blind or who have significant disabilities."

## Molinaro Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Address Broadband Worker Shortage

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) today introduced the Broadband Industry Development Act to address the shortage of broadband workers in rural communities in Upstate New York. He introduced this bipartisan bill alongside U.S. Rep. Don Davis (D-NC-1).

In Upstate New York, efforts are now underway to bring broadband services to rural and underserved communities to address the gap in unreliable internet access. While the demand for these internet services are dramatically increasing, the broadband industry is experiencing a significant worker shortage, resulting in significant delays.

Rep. Molinaro's bill addresses the workforce shortage by creating a grant program within the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) to train and prepare workers specifically for the broadband field. His program will be available to local labor organizations, non-profits, private businesses, industry associations, and institutions of higher education including community colleges.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Federal resources are available to expand broadband, but not its workforce, leading to unnecessary delays. Rural communities are being left behind because there's not enough manpower to install broadband services. We can't let that happen. My grant program will bridge this gap to get more

trained workers in the field, rolling out broadband services."

Kelvin Herrala, Business Manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 325 Binghamton said, "This bill is vital in opening up the pipeline of trained workers for the installation of broadband that is needed throughout this vast country. Pre-apprenticeship is a much needed source to introduce prospects that want a career of working with their hands and building infrastructure that is much needed in every community across America. It would create job opportunities that may have never been possible for some of these people if it wasn't for the grants that could be awarded if this bill passes. I started in the industry in 1985 and was sent by IBEW Local 325 for training back in February 1994 (30 years ago) so I could come back and teach Broadband (includes fiber optics) to not only our apprentices but Journeymen level workers as well. The technology is ever changing and advancing so education is always ongoing. Having pre-apprenticeship grants available for those who qualify and apply will certainly help meet the needs of the industry and public have enough trained qualified workers to get a complete working system installed."

Rep. Davis said, "Empowering eastern North Carolina with broadband expansion demands a skilled workforce. The Broadband Industry Development Act calls for investments in apprenticeship programs and fosters job growth. It supports our community colleges in building vital workforce development programs central to delivering the American dream for families across America."

Louis Finkel, Senior Vice President for Government Relations at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association said, "Congress has made significant investments in rural broadband deployment in recent years. But there are significant unmet demands for a qualified and trained broadband workforce - which could hinder the speed at which these networks can be built, especially in rural areas. This bill takes important steps to address broadband workforce shortages and establish new training opportunities in this dynamic field."

The Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA) said, "Investing in apprenticeships is the best way to improve training and build the broadband workforce. As the National Sponsor of the Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program, which includes over 100 employers across the country, WIA is proud to support this legislation because it takes important steps to create a telecom workforce pipeline and close the digital divide. We applaud Rep. Molinaro's leadership in introducing legislation that aligns with the Telecommunications Workforce Interagency Group's recommendations to Congress."

Ed Campbell, Chairman of the Power & Communication Contractors Association said, "Our industry desperately needs workers at all levels, from contractor to manufacturer and in all parts of the country. There are simply not enough workers to meet current demand for broadband construction, even before billions in additional federal funding begin to reach the market. In every state, every week, thousands of miles of fiber optic lines that could bring connectivity to rural America await crews to run them."

As a member of the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, Rep. Molinaro has been working to expand broadband in local rural communities and voted for bipartisan legislation that will streamline new infrastructure projects, including broadband projects. This bill is also endorsed by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Wireless Infrastructure Association, and the Power & Communication Contractors Association.



## Update On Sullivan County Head Start's Abrupt Closure

Following the unexpected closure of Sullivan County's Head Start facility which left nearly 400 families without childcare and nearly 100 providers without a job, I have been working with local officials and the Office of Head Start (OHS) to get kids temporary care and find the county a new, permanent Head Start provider. OHS has now informed me that Sullivan County Head Start will begin the process of opening an interim service provider. A timeline for the opening has not yet been set by OHS. We are continuing to push them to get this resolved immediately. Having kids without childcare and providers without a job for this amount of time is unacceptable.

## Rep. Molinaro is Seeking Community Project Funding Requests

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced he is seeking local community project requests for fiscal year 2025.

Each year, the House Appropriations Committee collects community development project requests from Members of Congress for consideration in the upcoming appropriations bill. These requests direct funding to local government or non-profit entities to carry out specific projects that are eligible for federal support and benefit the local community.

As part of this process for Fiscal Year 2025, Rep. Molinaro will be allowed to submit a limited number of funding requests for specific community projects in NY-19. Although community project requests for 2024 are not yet finalized, in the House's Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations bills Rep. Molinaro was successful in securing over \$27 million in federal funds for NY-19 for projects that improve roadways and water infrastructure, provide housing to veterans, expand mental healthcare, and help EMS agencies upgrade equipment and facilities.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I've been fighting to make Upstate New York a better place to live, work, and raise a family. This is another opportunity to secure game changing investments for our communities and make progress."

While consideration on community project requests for Fiscal Year 2025 will not begin until Spring 2024,

applicants are asked to complete this form [https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fmolinaro.house.gov%2Fuploadedfiles%2Ffy25\\_general\\_community\\_project\\_form.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fmolinaro.house.gov%2Fuploadedfiles%2Ffy25_general_community_project_form.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) and email it to [MolinaroProjects@mail.house.gov](mailto:MolinaroProjects@mail.house.gov) by February 28, 2024. Upon receiving confirmation of interest, Rep. Molinaro's office will review the provided information and may follow up with additional questions.

## Rep. Molinaro Denounces Defund the Police Efforts in Binghamton Molinaro: *This Is A Dangerous & Extreme Idea*

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today issued the following statement denouncing an effort considered by the Democrat-controlled Binghamton City council to dissolve the Binghamton Police Department.

"This is a ridiculous and extreme idea. I can't believe it still has to be said, but we should not defund our police. Not in Binghamton. Not anywhere. I applaud Mayor Jared Kraham, Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar and all those who stood against this dangerous proposal."

### Background:

In Congress, Rep. Molinaro has stood up against the Defund the Police movement and fought to deliver more funding for police departments in Broome County and across New York's 19th Congressional District.

## Following Rep. Molinaro Push, Controversial Solar Proposal in Copake Rejected

Leeds, NY - Following advocacy from U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19), the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting rejected Hecate Energy's proposal to construct a controversial solar project in Copake. Rep. Molinaro released the following statement applauding the decision:

"This was the right decision. I've supported an all-of-the-above energy approach, but this project was wrong for us. The proposal would have deforested 40 acres, eliminated over 200 acres of farmland, and was located on a flood plain without a mitigation plan. It would have affected the watershed for the City of Hudson, destroyed the rural landscape of the Town of Copake, and impacted home values. There were little to no benefits for the community and that's why I fought against it."



# **RIDING ROUGH**

## **HOW ONE MAN SURVIVED (BARELY) THE TRANSAMERICA TRAIL**



*Adventure Talk*

**2 PM Saturday  
February 17th  
@ Liberty Public Library**

In the summer of 2022, Callicoon Center resident Doug Woods rode the 5,000 mile off-road TransAmerica Trail on a dual sport cycle. Both beautiful and extremely challenging, the TAT tested him and his riding buddy mentally and physically. Averaging about 200 miles a day, they crossed the Continental Divide and rode along rocky trails with thousand-foot sheer drop-offs. A month after leaving the Atlantic Ocean, their wheels slid into the sand in Oregon. Woods will show a short film of the trip along with sharing some of his most interesting and harrowing experiences. This is an event any adventure lover won't want to miss!

**liberty**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Liberty Public Library**

189 North Main Street  
Liberty, New York 12754 | 845-292-6070  
[www.libertypubliclibrary.org/](http://www.libertypubliclibrary.org/)



Ellenville Regional Hospital Gift Shop

# Valentine's Day Sale

## 30% OFF

**NEW SPRING COLLECTION!**  
**BAGS, CLOTHING, JEWELRY & DECOR**

**Tuesday, February 13 &  
Wednesday, February 14**  
**10am - 3:30pm**

Main Lobby Entrance



**ERHNY.org**  
**845.647.6400**





## Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

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

**Help is available now!**

We are here anytime you need to talk.

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



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

Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

## Sullivan County Text For Teens

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



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

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

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

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



Text for Teens is supported by a Grant  
of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation



accessupports.org

Rewarding lives. Healthy communities.

## COVID-19 Vaccines Save Lives

Who will you  
protect?



Friends

Amigos

Familia

¿A quien  
protegerás?

Get the facts.



Familia

Obtenga los  
hechos.

Talk to your  
healthcare  
provider about  
the COVID  
vaccine.



Community

Comunidad

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

**#VaccinateSullivan**

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



GET SIGNED UP TODAY FOR  
OUR UPCOMING  
CERTIFICATION CLASS !!

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

**Contact:**

Alyssa Wowk  
(845) 645-6544

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



**FOSTER HOMES  
NEEDED!**





**WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A**

## Daniel Pierce Library Card?

Explore everything your library card gives you!



**Read any way you like**  
Printed books, magazines, and newspapers; e-books and audiobooks.



**Listen at home or on the go**  
CDs and music for streaming or download.



**Get online and get going**  
Free Wi-Fi

 Borrow movies, documentaries, TV series and more

**Learn something new 24/7**

Learn a new language FREE with Rosetta Stone

Online classes and research materials ready when you are

Download the Libby App

**Borrow instead of buy**

Check out books, magazines, e-books, DVDs and audiobooks from all 47 RCLS Libraries

Download the RCLS Gateway App

**Entertain your kids – or yourself!**

Passes to Mohawk Preserve and the Little and Big Valleys Museum

Unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels and manga

There's even more to explore with your library card:

- Online programming, databases and research materials
- Expert reading recommendations
- Internet access and computers to use

**SIGN UP TODAY!** It's **FREE** and easy!  
Visit the Daniel Pierce Library for more details.

## SHARE THE NUMBER

CALL OR TEXT



## SPREAD THE WORD

# 988

CHAT  
988LIFELINE.ORG

*There is hope.*



**988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE**

VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP

**JOIN US!**




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

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

**WEDNESDAY**

@ 6:30 PM

VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

**JOIN US!**




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

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

EVERY 2ND & 4TH

**WEDNESDAY**

@ 6:30 PM



**Cornell Cooperative Extension | Sullivan County**

# Tai Chi for Arthritis & Falls Prevention

**Tuesdays &  
Fridays  
Jan 30– Mar. 22,  
2024  
4:00-5:00 pm**

A \$10 fee for the cost of the participant handbook is refundable upon completion of the series.



## What is Tai Chi?

Tai chi is an ancient Chinese practice that combines slow and gentle movements with deep breathing.

## Tai chi helps:

- Increase strength, balance, and posture
- Prevent the risk of falls
- Improve the mind, body, and spirit
- Reduce stress

**Register:**

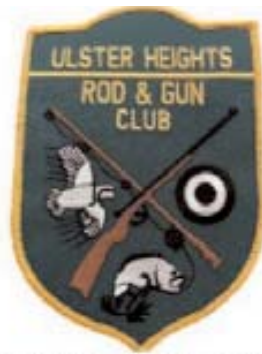


All movements are adaptable to meet your needs and can be performed from a chair! This is an 8-week series; classes are held 2x week for 1 hour.

**[sullivan.cce.org](https://sullivan.cce.org) - [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu) - 845-292-6180**

*This program is supported through funding from the NYS and Sullivan County Offices for the Aging.*

*Cornell Cooperative Extension in Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. Contact CCE/SC to request special accommodations.*



# ULSTER HEIGHTS ROD & GUN CLUB *RAFFLE*

SUPPORT OUR CLUB AND FUTURE YOUTH EVENTS  
BY PURCHASING A RAFFLE TICKET WITH A CHANCE TO WIN A  
**WICKED RIDGE - RAIDER 400 DE-COCK CROSSBOW**



NYS COMPLIANT

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THINGS ACCURACY OF LIBERTY, N.Y.  
FOR MAKING THIS FUNDRAISER POSSIBLE.

**RAFFLES ARE  
\$10.00 EACH**

CONTACT FOR TICKETS:  
RYAN BOLLIN 845.399.6703 - CLUB PRESIDENT  
ERIC AKERLEY 845.707.1483 - CLUB MEMBER

WINNER WILL BE CONTACTED BY PHONE WHEN TICKET SALES HAVE RUN OUT





# Daniel Pierce Library

## PBS Nova Documentary Jupiter



**Thursday, February 22, 2024**  
**6:00-7:00 p.m.**

(For adults and students ten and up)

Join local experts John Kocijanski & Irene Pease for an evening of exploration! We will watch the PBS Nova documentary on Jupiter, discovering this beautiful planet with additional insight from our experts. Weather permitting we will head outside for a viewing of this spectacular planet and its moons. If you are curious about the galaxies, this program is for you.

**For Tri-Valley residents. Advanced registration is required at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org).**

**In the event of inclement weather, please check our website and social media for cancellations.**



### Daniel Pierce Library

328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268  
Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233  
[www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)



**GIVE THE GIFT  
OF THEATRE**

shadowlandstages.org

Gift an experience.  
Share the love of live theater with a gift certificate to  
**SHADOWLAND STAGES.**  
Innovative, unique, and inspiring entertainment for the whole family.  
To purchase a gift certificate, visit or call our Box Office at 845-647-5511.



# Time and the Valleys Museum

## Grahamsville, NY

### Are you interested in local history?

Did you know that Museum membership is only \$25 a YEAR?  
Members receive:

- ♦ Free admission to all diverse in-person and virtual programs
- ♦ Free admission to the Museum and expanding Catskill Farm
- ♦ Invitations to exhibit openings and special events  
(there are TWO exhibit openings in 2023!)
- ♦ *Around the Reservoirs* Newsletter
- ♦ Monthly historical and informative emails
- ♦ 10% discount in the Museum Shop



## Join now & get 10% off!

Join at the \$100 (Patron) level for FREE admission to thousands of museums  
all across North America! You can use the form below,  
or go to [www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org) to join with paypal.

Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, New York 12740  
845 985-7700 [www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<del>\$25</del> <b>\$22.50</b>	Name: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Double	<del>\$40</del> <b>\$36</b>	Address: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	<del>\$50</del> <b>\$45</b>	City: _____ State & Zip: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	<del>\$100</del> <b>\$90</b>	Phone: _____ e-mail: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Silver	<del>\$200</del> <b>\$180</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Gold	<del>\$500</del> <b>\$450</b>	

Thank you for supporting local history and the Museum.



## BONUS - Free Art Catalogue!



**DUE TO CONFLICTING  
WEATHER REPORTS  
for February 13th**

**Donut sale is now  
Thursday, February 15th**

**Pick-up hours will remain the same**

**Thank You for your continued support!**

To order go to:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffjYglS1fI6JHAALiC-zO9pT2fiL-WdUxRVIusK7+TfLaxw/viewform>



# Veteran Peer Support



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



Call or email us to register!

845-794-4228

[vet2vet@atitoday.org](mailto:veter2veter@atitoday.org)

309 E Broadway Suite A

Monticello, NY 12701

**Cornell Cooperative Extension** | Sullivan County

## 2024 Caregiver Resource Center Virtual Support Groups



Wednesdays | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

January 17th

January 31st

February 14th

February 28th

March 13th

March 27th

Via Zoom or Phone

For all family caregivers of any age caring for an individual with any illness, chronic disease or disability (including seniors or someone with early-stage dementia).

Register: email [sullivancrc@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivancrc@cornell.edu) or at <http://tinyurl.com/ezt9kzn>.

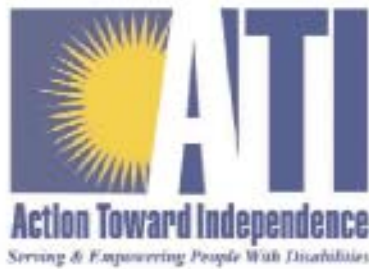
---

**ALZHEIMER'S  ASSOCIATION**

[sullivanccce.org](http://sullivanccce.org) - [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu) - 845-292-6180

This program is supported by a grant from the NYS Department of Health and is a partnership between Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County Office for the Aging, and the Alzheimer's Association.





# ANGER MANAGEMENT

**Mark your calendars! The course will run from Thursday, January 18, 2024, to Thursday, February 29, 2024. Class starts at 10:00 AM and ends at 12:00 PM.**

**Join us for this six-week course, which will provide you with effective tools for managing your anger. Learn how to identify anger re-activators and gain valuable tips to help you stay calm and in control.**

**For more information**

**and to register :**

**845-794-4228**

**[www.atitoday.org](http://www.atitoday.org)**

**[ati@atitoday.org](mailto:ati@atitoday.org)**



**309 E Broadway, Monticello NY 12701**

**RENTALS**

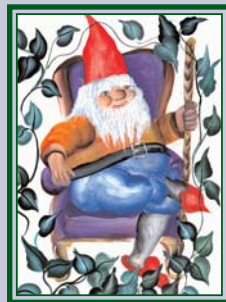
Store for Rent in Grahamsville (845) 985-7411

**FOR SALE**

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

**HELP WANTED****Typing Help Wanted**

Experienced or Student. Full/Part time. Work in Grahamsville. Busy Law Office.  
William Brenner  
(845) 985-7411



**“Knarf’s Classic Movies”**  
**ON AMAZON. IMOB,**  
**NETFLIX**  
**MGM PRESENTS**  
**W.S.VAN DYKES**  
**PRODUCTION OF**  
**“Eskimo”**

produced by  
Hunt Sromberg

I first saw the movie *Eskimo* on Turner Classic Movies/TCM several years ago. **Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer** did humanity a great service by producing an epic film preserving the culture of the indigenous Eskimos. Translated by John Lee Mahin from the books, “Der Eskimo,” and “Die Flucht ins Weisse Land”, by Peter Freuchen, published by Horace Liveright, Inc.

The books by Peter Freuchen were notable for their frank discussion of the moral code of the Eskimos. The stories attempt to present the primeval lifestyle and code that may be strange to some of us. The creed that belongs to the indigenous peace loving Eskimos, reveals integrity, and a high respect of all life and people from the farthest wilderness of the endless North. Strangely enough this moral code is still alive today and practiced by hundreds of millions of people around the world today.



Except for the characters of the Royal Canadian Police, there are no actors in the film *Eskimo*. The entire story is told by primitive Eskimos in their native tongue, and in within the scope of their native custom with titles and narration.

This expedition to the Arctic began in April 1932, and in November of 1933 this record was completed, enjoy...

The books by Peter Freuchen were notable for their frank discussion of the moral code of the Eskimos. The stories attempt to present the primeval lifestyle and code that may be strange to some of us. The creed that belongs to the indigenous peace loving Eskimos, reveals integrity, and a high respect of all life and people from the farthest wilderness of the endless

Look for “Eskimo” on TCM, Netflix, Amazon Prime, iMOB, or your preferred viewing choice...enjoy! (Contd. Pg. 73)

Answer to last week’s Trivia Question: False The movie was *National Velvet*

**This weeks’ Trivia question:** What dynamic duo starred in Road to Singapore?



Sell your handcrafted items  
online from your own little  
virtual shop  
at the

**Gnome Home**  
**Virtual Mall**



Interested?

Send an email to:  
**[gnomehomeinc@yahoo.com](mailto:gnomehomeinc@yahoo.com)**

**... or if you just want  
to have some  
‘gnome made’ fun..**

Visit the gnome’s  
virtual on-line local shop  
at:

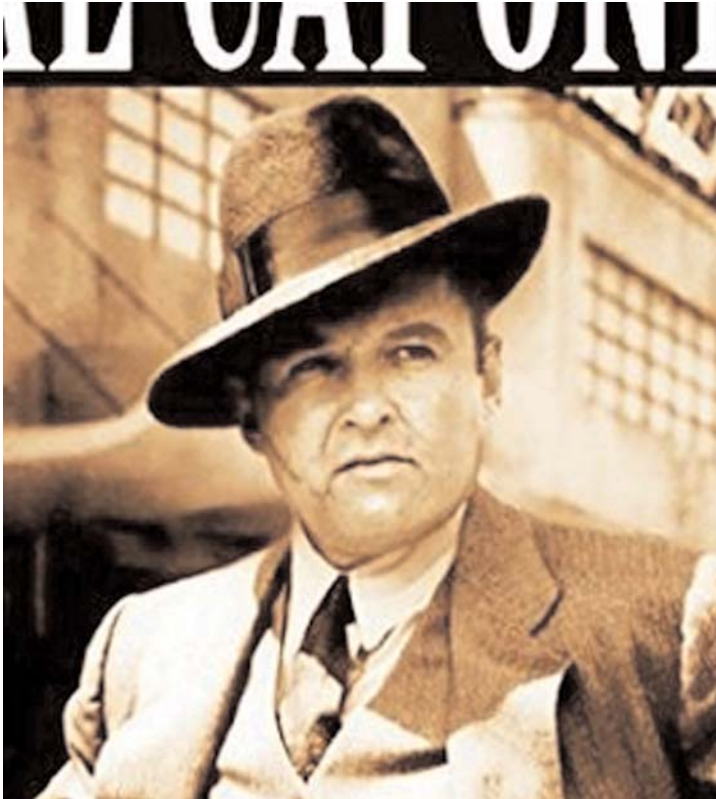
**<http://www.gnomehomeinc.com>**



(From Pg. 72 )

**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S**  
on Amazon Prime / Imob

## Al Capone



(Crime / Biography / 1959 / 1hr 44min)

This is a chronicle of the rise and fall of Chicago crime boss Al Capone during the Prohibition era. In this unusually accurate biography, small-time hood Al Capone comes to Chicago at the dawn of Prohibition to be the bodyguard of racketeer Johnny Torrio. Capone's rise in Chicago gangdom is followed through murder, extortion, and political fraud.

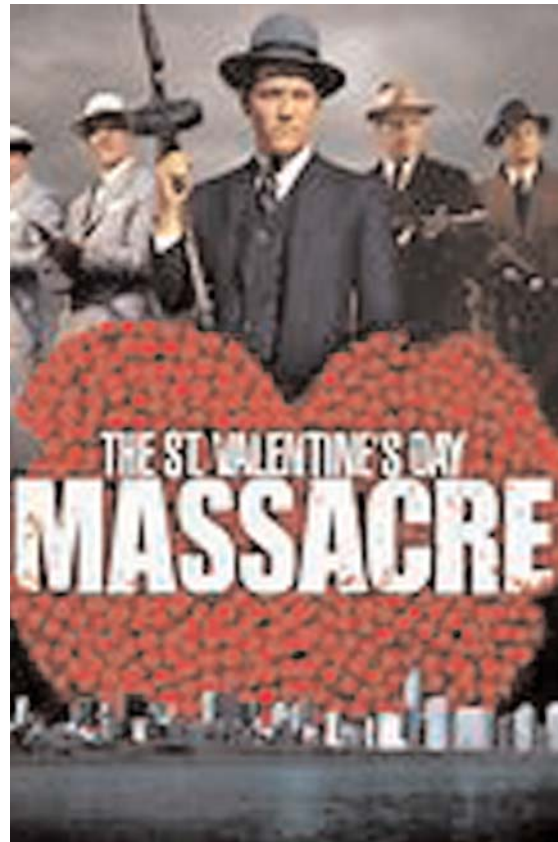
Al Capone is a 1959 biographical crime drama film directed by Richard Wilson, written by Malvin Wald and Henry F. Greenberg, and released by Allied Artists. It stars Rod Steiger as Al Capone.

This 1959 picture is yet another cinematic retelling of the life of mobster Al Capone. Rod Steiger as Big Al is at his very best that I have ever seen. Steiger was born for this part. The superb performance of this fine actor of many varied fine performances is once again putting us in an entertaining state that is almost hypnotic by his superb convincing performance.

**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S**  
on Amazon Prime / Imob

## The St Valentine's Day Massacre

(Film, Drama / 99 mins )



Directed by Roger Corman, screen play by Howard Browne. Starring Jack Nicholson, Jason Robards, Clint Ritchie, Jean Hale, Kurt Kreuger, George Segal, Bruce Dern, John Agar, David Canary, Frank Silvera, Joseph Campanella, Ralph Meeker, Share Tweet.

Time Out says, "One of Corman's best films, far superior to Richard Wilson's Al Capone as a study of

Capone's Chicago."

The film revels in the mythology of the genre – both paying homage to it and reinterpreting.

It was one of the few films up to that time, for example, to stress the purely Sicilian nature of the Mafia and its relations with non-Sicilians like Capone.

The elaborate intrigue of the gang warfare is treated in a hard, almost documentary style, with newsreel-type commentary. It also remains unmarried by spurious moralizing: morality, in fact, is suspended in favour of mythology.

*Stay safe and stay well,  
Knarf Odnamoc  
Gnome*