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## 35th Annual Hurleyville Fire Department Town of Fallsburg Youth Commission Ice Fishing Contest



*Austin Halchak with 2nd place perch, Caleb Todd with winning pickerel and Mike Lauri with a fine crappie*



*Bobby DeGraw with a fine Crappie*



*me firemen's contest winners Left to right Mike Ward, Kirk Irwin and Jack Halchak presenting the 1st place trophy to the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department*

One hundred eighty-one (124 adults, 57 youths) came to the ice for the 35th Annual Hurleyville Fire Department Town of Fallsburg Youth Commission Ice Fishing Contest. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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**On the Front Burner:** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Psalm 118:26

## OBITUARIES

**Cornelia "Connie" Elizabeth Brooks Stangel**, passed away on February 14, 2023 at the Sunset Lake Care Center, Liberty, NY. Connie was born in Equinunk, PA on August 23,



1924 to parents Lewis Brooks and Adeline Perry Brooks, of Ellenville, NY.

Connie attended Ellenville Elementary School, Ellenville High School and Syracuse University where she was a member of Delta Cappa Gamma sorority, graduating with a degree in Elementary Education. She later received her master's degree in Elementary Education from SUNY New Paltz.

In addition to being a wife, and mother to five children, Connie was a kindergarten teacher in the Fallsburg Central School District for 29 years. On June 26, 1948 she married Harold Paul Stangel, her husband of 73 years who preceded her in death on November 20, 2021. She was a wonderful cook, especially her pies, a jitterbug dancer, seamstress, quilter of over 200 quilts and innumerable baby quilts and even made barn quilts. She was an artist, a singer, piano player, a crafter and a jack of all trades who could even cane chairs. She was faster than most normal people and could do things in half the time it took most others. She had a voice that could call the kids home for dinner from over half a mile away but only used it outdoors. She was always ready to have a party and to celebrate her family's successes. She practiced unconditional love but was always there to remind you when you strayed. She was an active member of the Ellenville Methodist Church and later the Grahamsville Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Calico Geese Quilters and taught beginning quilters. She is a member of the New York State Quilters Hall of Fame. She had made hundreds of baby quilts and gave them to those that needed them through many different organizations for children's needs. She was a loving mother, grandmother,

aunt and friend, who will be missed deeply and fondly remembered for her fearless spirit.

Connie had an unending amount of energy that she shared with her family, friends and coworkers, which earned her the nickname "The Energizer Bunny". When she was in the care center all of her energy earned her the name as "The Jumping Bean". She was not one to stay in a chair or bed for very long if she decided to get up and go at any hour of the day or night. She was strong and determined. Tough doesn't begin to describe her. If you knew Connie you know that whenever you are faced with a tough situation and a huge task, never say "I can't do that" always say "I'll try to do that", you will never know what you are capable of doing unless you at least try. Have some spunk and sass and just keep trying like Connie did until she moved on to the other side.

She is survived by her brother Robert Perry; daughter Christina Gage; and sons David, Peter and James Stangel; her grandchildren Caitlin Batchelor and Matthew Stangel; as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Connie was preceded in death by her sister Alice Dixon and daughter Kathleen Stangel and sister-in-law Rita Cerato; and daughter-in-law Carol Stangel.

Connie's family requests that you wear vibrant colors to celebrate Connie's life. In lieu of flowers, donations in Connie's name can be made to the ALS Foundation or to a charity of one's own choice.

This will be a quilt show for Connie, if she helped you with a sewing project please bring it and share your story with the family and others.

A memorial visitation will be held from 4 to 7pm on Friday, February 17, 2023 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. A memorial service will be held at 11am on Saturday, February 18th at Grahamsville United Methodist Church, Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740. Fellowship gathering will follow immediately at the church hall.

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

## Days of Yore.... Today's History

### March 4, 1953

Mrs. George Maybury was the honored guest at a bridal shower held at the home of Mrs. Oscar Doughty last Tuesday evening. Mrs. Maybury is the former Gloria Sotille and is a teacher at the Tri Valley School.

Although work on the Frazier Davis contract to build the Neversink tunnel will probably not be entirely completed until late this year, it is probable that water from the Neversink River will be running through the tunnel and that Central Hudson will start generating power in its new hydro electric plant at Grahamsville sometime this spring. It is believed that Central Hudson will mark the occasion of this expansion of its facilities with appropriate ceremonies and the presentation of a booklet commemorating it to their patrons.

### March 6, 1963

The Commission of Christian Social Concerns of the Grahamsville Methodist Church is sponsoring a "Senior Citizens Club" for Grahamsville and the surrounding area. The Club is for those ladies and gentlemen who are retired, semi-retired and some of the older folks who are still active.

Mr. and Mrs. William Decker are the parents of a daughter, Wendy Lyn, born at the Liberty Loomis Hospital on Wednesday, February 27th. Wendy Lyn weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allison are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Decker are the paternal grandparents.

Congratulations to Mrs. Ann Higgins who has one of her paintings, "Rondout Creek" on display in the lobby of the New York State Assembly in Albany. Mr. Manville Wakefield also has two paintings on exhibit there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lievre held open house for their son, Airman 3rd Class, James Lievre on Sunday. Jim is due to report back to Langley Air Force Base in Virginia on Thursday.

### February 28, 1973

Kathryn M. Hulse and Elton E. Hynson were married January 12th at the Hebron Baptist Church in Brokenburg, Virginia, the Rev. John Reynolds officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odd Amundsen of Grahamsville and the late Donald Hulse. Her husband is the son of Mrs. Ernest Hynson and the late Ernest Hynson of Claryville. Mrs. Hynson is presently a senior at Tri-Valley School. The couple will reside in Virginia following June graduation.

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## Household Hint:

### **Did Melted Wax from the Candles Change Your Romantic Mood?**

If you wind up getting melted candle wax on your fine wood furniture, to remove it, first soften the wax using a blow-dryer on its hottest setting and blot up as much as you can with paper towels. Then remove what's left by rubbing with a cloth soaked in a solution made of equal parts white vinegar and water. Wipe clean with a soft, absorbent cloth.

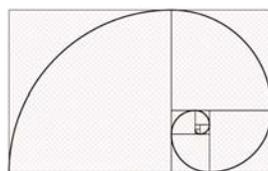
**Nature Column - L. Comando** A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have loved so much and lost... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry, Barbara Slater, Shirley Davis and Hulda Vernooy.

## Mother Nature's Divine Number

With the nicer weather coming, if you have time take a walk outdoors and take note, before the leaves appear on the trees, of the shape of the tree branches and the pattern in the way the tree branches grow.

Have you ever wondered why the branches seem to have this pattern that reaches up to the sky? There are writings from ancient India relating to the secret of the trees and nature and this pattern. In 1209 Leonardo of Pisano (a/k/a Fibonacci) took a scientific approach, using his skills discovered this mathematical formula in nature.

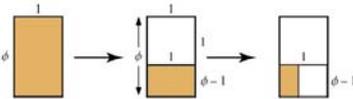
Fibonacci came up with a numerical sequence. Starting with zero (0) and one (1). Fibonacci added the last two numbers in the series together, and the sum became the next number in the sequence. The number sequence started to look like this: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34... The number pattern had the formula  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$  and became the Fibonacci sequence. But it seemed to have mystical powers!



When the numbers in the sequence were put in ratios, the value of the ratio was the same as another number, or "phi," which has a value of 1.618. The number "phi" is nicknamed the "divine number". Scientists and naturalists have discovered the Fibonacci sequence appearing in many forms in nature, such as the shape of nautilus shells, the seeds of sunflowers, falcon flight patterns and galaxies flying through space.



The ratio between the forearm and the hand is the Golden Ratio! We have one thumb on each hand. 2 bones in each thumb. 3 bones in each of the other fingers and 5 fingers on each hand. The PHI constant is often used in art and design. It is even used for the ever-pres-



ent plastic credit card -- all golden proportion rectangles!

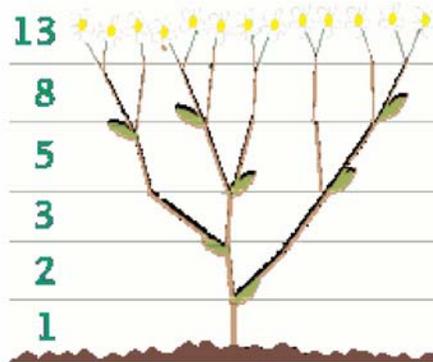
Why do trees have this pattern? We know trees need sunlight.

And we know in today's world when collecting solar energy the photovoltaic ("PV") array is the way to do it. A photovoltaic array is a linked collection of multiple solar cells. Making electricity requires as much sunlight as possible.

Collecting sunlight is key to the survival of a tree. Leaves are like solar panels of trees that collect sunlight for photosynthesis. Trees in a forest compete with other trees and plants for sunlight. As trees evolve the Fibonacci pattern is in effect helping trees track the Sun moving in the sky collecting the most sunlight even in the thickest forest.

The Fibonacci Sequence allows a very efficient filling of space producing branches that alternate from side to side. The branches will all branch again at the same time. Before the leaves begin to appear, you can see the magical silhouetted pattern against the background sky.

The ancients seemed to know the language of nature. Examples of the Golden Ratio are everywhere. Take a look at the trees in your back yard and see for yourself how they branch in very specific ways --the Fibonacci sequence.



## Days of Yore.... Today's History

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### March 3, 1983

Roger Cryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cryan of Grahamsville, has been selected from among millions of high school students to be one of only 13,000 Merit Scholarship finalists. This number represents less than one half of one percent of America's high school seniors.

On Saturday, February 26, Tri-Valley competed in five leadership contests on the sub-district level of FFA. Tri-Valley won four out of five contests. A team consisting of Pat Gorman, Maurey Levitz, Jill Manell, Kim Bischert, Preston Kelly, Dean Hall, Jim Minarsky, Steve Cypert, Bill VanAken, John Grace and Mike Bertholf won the Chapter Meeting Contest. Jill Manell won Ag. Employment Interview; Beth Coombe took first in prepared public speaking; Maurey Levitz won extemporaneous speaking.

## 35th Annual Hurleyville Fire Department Town of Fallsburg Youth Commission Ice Fishing Contest

(From Pg. 1) Daylight broke with a stiff breeze blowing across the lake with some clouds and a blue sky on five to seven inches of good ice. As the day progressed the sky became cloudless and bright blue with lots of sun. As the contest ended so did the wind. A number of quality bullheads were caught. Bullheads through the ice is a little unusual but not unheard of and this contest has produced a number of them throughout the past years.

The Loch Sheldrake Fire Department won the firemen's contest with a total weight of 4.13 pounds of fish.

### In the Adult division the winners were:

Bullhead - 1st Rich Smith, 2nd Craig Chase and 3rd Tom Post

Panfish - 1st Joe Stant, 2nd Mike Wingert and 3rd Kevin Mitchell

Perch - 1st Joe Stant, 2nd Austin Halchak and 3rd Nick Guerette

Pickereel - 1st Caleb Todd 1.88 lbs. 19.5" for a total of 21.38, 2nd Jeff Molusky 1.61 lbs. 19" for a total of 20.61 and Nick Motola 1.63 lbs. 18.5" for a total of 20.13.

### In the youth division the winners were:

Bullhead - Kylee Curry, 2nd Kaylie Price and tied for 3rd Shelby Stephenson and Ethan Wolfe.

Panfish - 1st Andrew Kelly, 2nd Adrian Kubis and 3rd Miguel Martire, Jr.

Perch - tie for first Brody Day and Brooke Martire, tie for second Brook Martire and Xzaier Yemeic and 3rd Andrew Kelly.

Pickereel - 1st Logan Janiak 1.98 lbs. 19.50" for a total of 21.48, 2nd Logan Janiak 1.91 lbs. 19.25" for a total of 20.96 and 3rd Andrew Kelly 1.27 lbs. 18" for a total of 19.27.



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# Darktown

## Mysterious Book Report No. 280

by John Dwaine McKenna

Only a few authors have the ability to educate, entertain and thrill their audiences, all at the same time. It's a gift; and a rare talent practiced by luminaries like Dennis Lehane, Walter Mosley and Philip Kerr; each of whom have a unique, and special skill that allows them to make history come alive in the pages of their novels. The genre is known as historical fiction, and this week, the MBR would like to add the name Thomas Mullen to the list of those gifted few. He's managed to put together a work that shines light on a neglected area of twentieth-century history, while at the same time wrapping it up in an excellent, fast-paced and exciting murder mystery. It has to do with race and racial tension in the Jim Crow era of the American south.

*Darktown*, (37INK/TRIA Books, \$26.00, 371 pages, ISBN 978-1-5011-3386-2) by Thomas Mullen is his fourth novel. It takes place in Atlanta, Georgia in the year 1948 . . . just after World War II . . . and just before the Civil Rights Movement begins. It was at or near the height of the Jim Crow era-when African-Americans were segregated by race, not allowed to vote, and were confined to second-class housing, schools and general living conditions in a system that was second only to South African apartheid in viciousness. It was virtually unchanged since the Reconstruction Era after the war for Southern Independence, or as the Yankees would have it . . . the Civil War. But the times, as the song goes, they were a changin'.

In 1948, President Truman ordered the integration of the armed forces. In Atlanta, the city leaders decreed that the police department had to hire at least eight black police officers. The black officers weren't allowed into the main police station, were forced to work out of the basement of the negro-only YMCA, couldn't drive city-owned police cars, or arrest white citizens. Their job was to walk designated patrol areas in the black neighborhoods and maintain order among their own kind. One of the eight newly-minted black officers is Tommy Smith, a WWII combat veteran with a keen temper, a pair of iron fists and the will to use them. He's paired with Lucius Bebee. He's the son of a prominent local minister, college graduate and an army veteran

—although without combat experience, much to his chagrin. The white cops are outwardly hostile, they're rumored to have a betting pool going, gambling on the elapsed time before one of them shoots a black cop. The entire police force seethes with resentment, distrust and open hatred. When a beautiful young negro woman . . . last seen in a car with a white man turns up murdered . . . Smith and Bebee take it upon themselves to investigate. They're forbidden to act as detectives, but the white investigators refuse to spend time on a black murder. So the pair risk their jobs, and possibly their lives, in the pursuit of justice for a nameless woman. What follows is an intense, sophisticated and complex plot that races to a stunning conclusion. The novel will leave readers marveling at the great social distance we've come in the intervening years, but also serve as a reminder of just how far we still have to go to achieve racial harmony. *Darktown* is atmospheric southern writing at its absolute best. It's thought provoking, as well as entertaining . . . and marks the debut of an exceptional new talent!

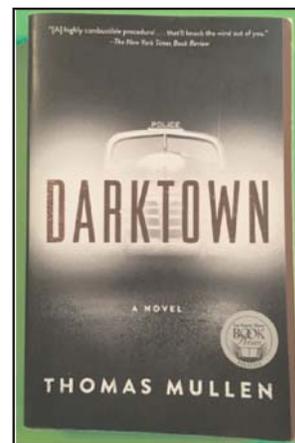
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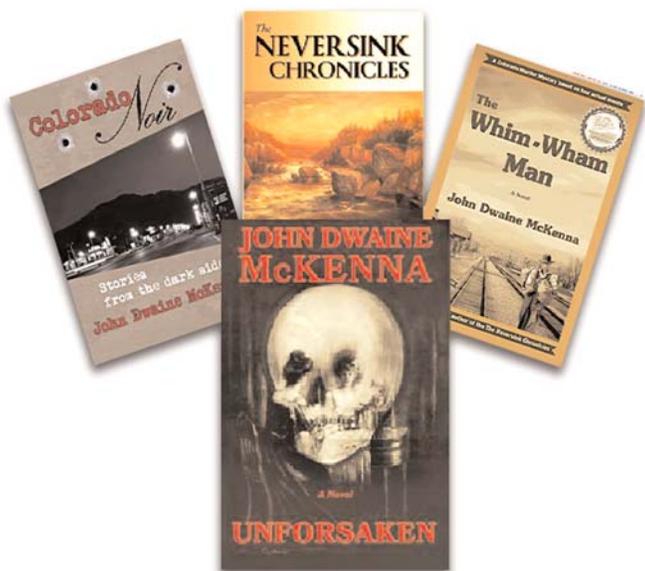
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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

## Passages

Sitting around nursing a case of sciatica has given me too much reflective time. As I approach my 79th birthday, I realize that my life has been a series of goals and passages. It is living in the future during the present. I bet my list looks pretty much like your list of passages.

Most of our younger lives are spent looking ahead and setting milestones.

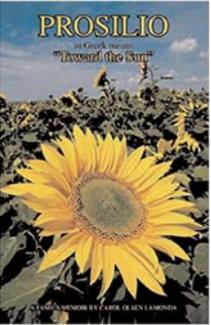
- Learning to ride a bike
- Graduating from Elementary School
- Going to the prom. ( Who will ask me?)
- Passing the Driver's Test
- Graduating High School
- Getting accepted into college
- Being asked to join a sorority
- Wondering who I will marry and when I do where will we live?
- Having children and watching them grow up to independence
- Career in teaching for almost thirty years.
- Retiring
- Watching grandchildren grow up
- Medicare
- Time to travel and explore interests

So here I am with all that behind me, and I am wondering what is the next goal, the next milestone. Now what?

With no goals ahead, I have to wonder what is next. That is when I realized that I have nothing left to prove. I have time to be me, appreciate sunrises and sunsets, good food, pet the dog, putter in my home, enjoy my friends I have finally just become me and every day life with my family is enough. I am living for today.

*“Live in the present, launch yourself on every wave, find eternity in each moment.” Henry David Thoreau*

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




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**Seeking 2 males - 50ish and 2 females 40ish. Also, seeking a stage manager, props person, set crew & painters.**

Auditions will take place on Saturday, March 11, and Sunday, March 12, from noon to 2:00 PM at the Senior Center on Laurel Avenue in South Fallsburg. Show dates are June 9, 10, & 16, 17, at 8:00 PM and June 11 & 18, at 2:00 PM.

Please make your interest known to Director, Sally:  
h.845-434-0209 or c.845-798-8896 or [gladsally@gmail.com](mailto:gladsally@gmail.com)

## A Trio of Duos at the County Museum!

*Top-Notch Music Returns to  
Hurleyville on March 11*

Hurleyville, NY - Three sets of local duos will perform Saturday, March 11, at 2 p.m., as the Frederick Cook Society presents an afternoon of live Americana, folk and bluegrass music.

Performers will include Hudson Valley favorites Anne and Mike Baglione. Mike Baglione is a founding member of the bluegrass bands Tin Roof, Oxford Depot and the Jersey Mountain Boys. He has performed at coffee houses and on festival stages throughout the Northeast, and has also been heard live on radio stations WFDU, WJFF, WTBQ and WNYC. Anne Baglione plays guitar, bass, concertina, and accordion. She performs throughout the Hudson Valley as part of the old-time band Breakneck Annie, and has performed on the famous Clearwater Sloop, as part of the Clearwater Music Festival.



Carol and Aldo Troiani of the band Little Sparrow will host the event. Join them for a fun afternoon of Irish soda bread, coffee, tea and live old-time music. And while you are at the Museum, be sure to check out the photography exhibition by Dr. Frederick Cook.

Admission is free - donations support the musicians. The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. For information, please call 845-434-8044, or visit [www.facebook.com/littlesparrowny](http://www.facebook.com/littlesparrowny).



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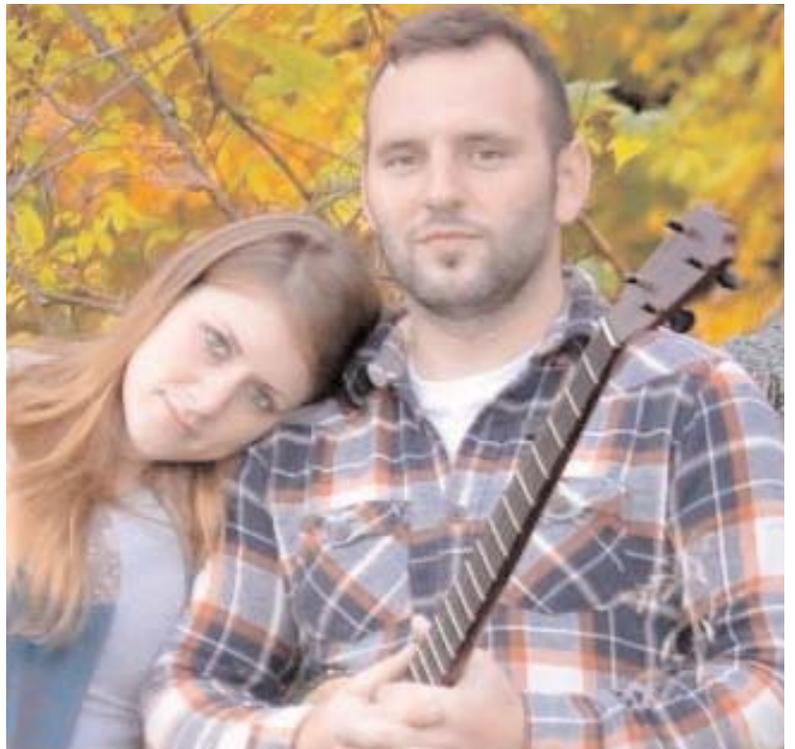
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Also performing will be Steve and Clancy Lane. Steve Lane is a singer/songwriter who also plays guitar and banjo. Clancy Lane plays bass guitar and sings harmony.



## Start the Weekend in the Catskills

Start the weekend in the Catskills. Friday is National Tortilla Chip Day! What goes perfect with Tortilla Chips –a glass or two of your favorite red, white, rose, or even orange wine. Wine has been a staple in human culture since its invention in 7000 BC. Today, hundreds of wine varieties are produced worldwide, so there's an endless variety to choose from. Grab a reservation now at a full-service resort, a boutique inn, a quaint B&B, or a hotel, then enjoy a bowl of your favorite.

You'll want food if you're booking a vacation rental and stocking the fridge for the weekend. Check out the yummy creations of chef Jaime at Neversink General Store.

Our wine merchants –Cochecton Spirits, 52 & Vine Wine and Spirits, Narrowsburg Fine Wine & Spirits, and Willow and Post –love to share their knowledge and passion.

If you're dining out, our restaurants offer a wide selection of wines to complement their mouth-watering Catskill-icious farm-fresh winter comfort foods. Check out the Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail while you're here for the beer, spirits, or cider lovers in your group. Please drink responsibly while you're visiting. Better yet, hire a driver at Rolling V Transportation Services, Upstate D Tours, or Yellow Cab.

### Plan Ahead

Beat the winter blues from 9 am –3 pm on February 25 at Fly Fest 2023 at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. Meet, chat, and tie alongside some of today's most innovative, contemporary, and traditional, Catskill style fly tyers.

Don't miss the 3rd Annual SnO&W Snowshoe Fun Run and Walk at the Mamakating O&W Trail Saturday, February 25. Registration and snowshoe rentals are available at the O&W Rail Trail Entrance at 2 Sullivan Street, Wurtsboro.

The Salon Series at DVAA welcomes sound artist Terry Dame for a set of improvised soundscapes on artist-made instruments fabricated from discarded objects on February 25 from 2- 4 pm. The event will please birders, beekeepers, nature lovers, and audiophiles alike.

Matt Nathanson with special guest Stephen Kellogg will play the Event Gallery at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts on Thursday, March 2 at 8 pm.

We're a 90-minute drive from Manhattan and the metro NY-NJ area. Come up and wine a little with us in our legendary Sullivan Catskills.

## Welcome to the Catskills

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

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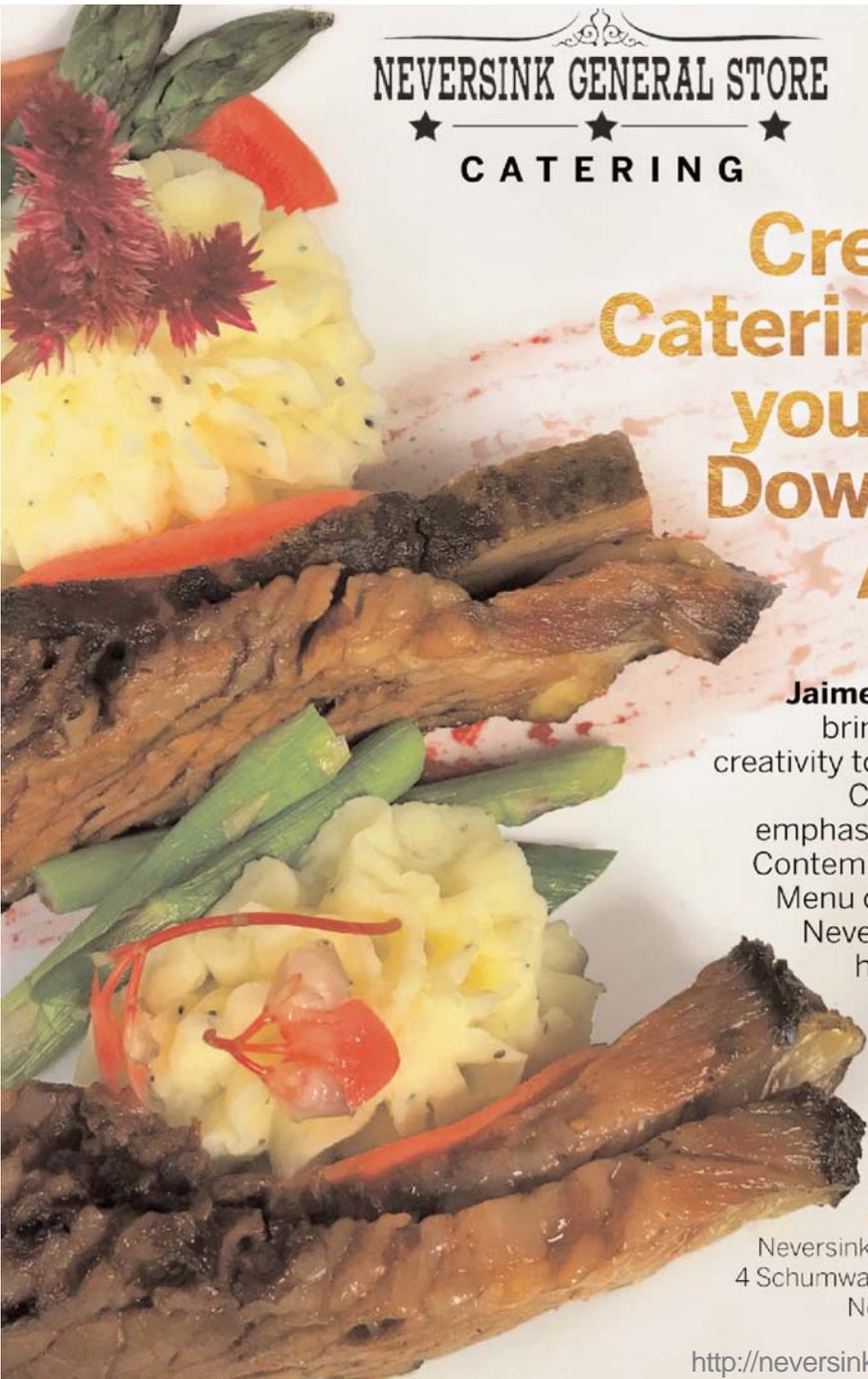
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# The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

Wow! Where to begin? You know that promise to take it easy? Well, that kind of went right out the window this weekend. And I'm afraid I'll have to abbreviate my travels for you, otherwise I'll be taking up a full page because you know how love to run on.

This was the annual birthday weekend for my friend BOBBY D (from THE JOHNNY JULES BAND) and our buddy BILLY so both CABERNET FRANK'S on Saturday night and HECTOR'S INN in Bethel on Sunday were on my calendar.



But wait! I found out native son ALBI was going to be at THE PICKLED OWL in Hurleyville also on Saturday. So before joining the festivities out in Parksville, I stopped in to see him first. It's always a pleasure to hear him, not just because of his musicianship but I have long admired his ability to read his audience and pick what



always seem to be 'the right' songs. While there, in comes BRYAN GORDON, another accomplished solo artist. He has been popping up a lot in the Open Mics, and although I have not seen him in a full gig I hope to soon. I also had the chance to speak briefly with one of the owners and it looks like THE PICK-



LED OWL will be offering more live music in the coming months which is great news.

Dubbed THE EDGE OF AQUARIUS PARTY started off at CABERNET FRANK'S with, who else, but THE JOHNNY JULES BAND, because hey, why wouldn't BOBBY D play at his own party! With MANGO MIKE on ukulele and JOHN CONDON on drums, the band churned out all the Blues, Blue Grass and Country the lovers of could han-



dle. In a double header, THE JOHNNY JULES BAND was followed by JAKETOWN ROAD with music in the same vein but ramping it up a notch into

Rockin Blues. More about JAKETOWN ROAD next week.

This was quite a party, so much laughter, so many people to talk to. Party goes took up both floors with a constant flow between. And many also showed up at HECTORS INN for the second birthday party Sunday afternoon along with others unable to get to CABERNET FRANK'S. THE JOHNNY



JULES BAND with the addition of guitar player JOHN BOTTON and MANGO MIKE with a banjo cranked out Grateful Dead, Bob Dylan and some classic country that got people up and dancing.

Sunday morning was also my very first ever Pilates class at THE NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE. To explain Pilates I can say that it uses isometrics and resistance along with stretching. The instructor, AUDRA, is very good, not making any changes to her class. I tried every pose gently, every resistance exercise gently. Even the isometrics gently, even though I thought I could do more. And I learned a great deal. When the class was over, I felt relaxed and really good!

If all this wasn't 'feel good' enough, I learned something that just threw me into the state of speechlessness. I learned there is a PIPE ORGAN in Liberty! Not only are they physically beautiful but relatively rare. And it is one of the instruments that I had never heard played. Many thanks to friends MARK McLEWIN and CRIS ABY AZUR McLEWIN for attending the organ recital by DR RUTH BASS-GREEN at the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH and letting me know of this. I think I'm now on yet another quest!



Ah, but back to reality as I try to figure out why my Instant Pot won't turn on. \*sigh\*.

Stay safe, stay well and keep that mask and hand sanitizer handy.

Until next time.....

## Walkable Communities & Comprehensive Planning Trainings

Trainings will be held on  
February 28 beginning at 4 p.m.

Monticello, NY - How can thoughtful planning and zoning shape vibrant and attractive rural communities? What is a Planning Board or ZBA's role in this process?

The Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development invites local planning, zoning, and municipal officials as well as interested community members to an upcoming training workshop to explore these ideas. Representatives from the Department of State will lead two training sessions on Tuesday, February 28 from 4-7:30 p.m. at the SUNY Sullivan Upper Hermann Library Conference Room - Building E, Room 220, in Loch Sheldrake. Light fare will be provided in between sessions for attendees.

"Our local government officials at the town and village levels often hold the keys to development, and smart growth depends on their ability to follow the law and properly guide their communities to a better future," notes District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart, chair of the Legislature's Planning Committee. "The County wants to empower them to make the best decisions possible for the municipalities they serve, because those choices will make our whole region a better place to live and work."

Planning and zoning board members will receive NYS-required training credits. Please RSVP by Friday, February 24 so that your certificate will be available for pick-up at the event.

Pick one or both of these seminars to attend:

o Creating Walkable Communities, 4-5 pm - Increasing the availability and attractiveness of pedestrian facilities can help revitalize towns, provide an alternative means of transportation, and encourage a healthier lifestyle. This session provides an overview of several common municipal land use tools (zoning, site plan review, subdivision regulations, and special use permit). The program then explores how these tools can be tailored to improve pedestrian conditions by the implementation of pedestrian and bicycling plans, installation of pathways, as well as through the encouragement of better site design. (1 credit hour)

o Using Your Community's Comprehensive Plan, 5:30-7:30 p.m. - This session will include a discussion of the practical and legal benefits of adopting, utilizing, and updating a comprehensive plan. Included are the importance of involving the public in the development of the plan; plan contents; and steps leading to the adoption or update of a comprehensive plan. It will also cover how to utilize an existing Comprehensive Plan in work being done by Planning and Zoning board members in evaluating proposed development. There will be a review of the comprehensive plan statutes as well. (2 credit hours)

This event is free and open to the public. To reserve a spot or for further information, contact Kassondra Johnstone at (845) 807-0533 or [planning@sullivanyny.us](mailto:planning@sullivanyny.us).



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Check out our website [www.robertalanagency.com](http://www.robertalanagency.com)

# Aktion Club Donates to Community Causes

Members of the Aktion Club of Sullivan County recently donated needed winter attire to the Warming Center located at the Ted Stroebel Center in Monticello, N.Y. They distributed blankets, scarves, socks, hats and gloves, which were very much appreciated.



*Aktion Club members and Advisors proudly posing with paper hearts that they sold to benefit the WVOs Heart-a-thon.*

For their next project they raised \$210.00 for the WSUL Heart-a-thon by selling paper hearts to their friends and family.

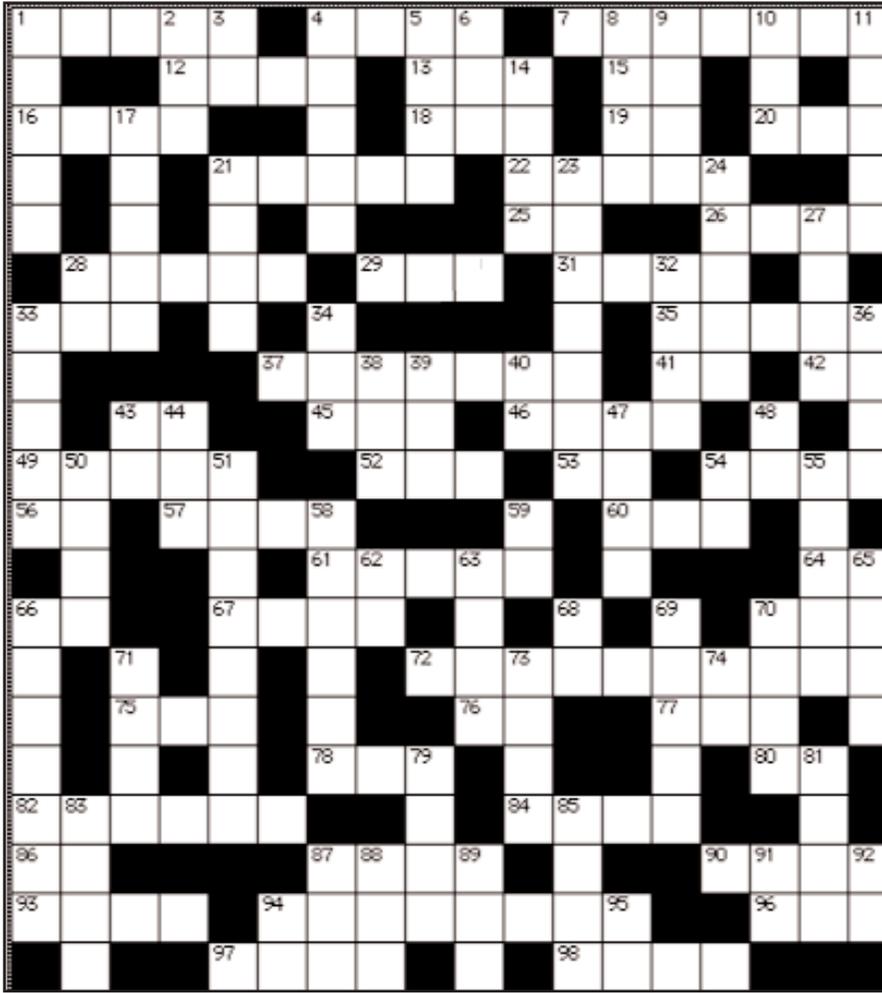
Aktion Club is comprised of individuals with various degrees of developmental disabilities and who are affiliated with Arc Greater Hudson Valley, The Center for Discovery and New Hope Community. The club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Monticello and Woodridge. Their disabilities certainly do not interfere with their love and compassion to help people in the community.



*Aktion Club Members and Advisors displaying items donated to the Monticello Warming Center*



The Feast before the Fast - L. Comando



**ACROSS**

- 1 French "Tuesday"
- 4 French for 'fat'
- 7 Medium
- 12 Shout
- 13 Part of an apron
- 15 Either
- 16 Contest
- 18 Unidentified
- 19 Northeast
- 20 Which person?
- 21 Set again
- 22 A cereal plant
- 25 To such a great extent
- 26 Lubricates
- 28 Close friend
- 29 Not in
- 31 Portent of good or

- bad things
- 33 Adult males
- 35 Give fresh life to
- 37 Admired
- 41 Indefinite article
- 42 North America
- 43 A preposition
- 45 Live performance
- 46 Cause a bell to make a sound
- 49 King — a Mardi Gras treat
- 52 Period of time
- 53 Archaic form of thou
- 54 Silently invoke hope
- 56 Chem element
- 57 Sweet bread roll
- 60 Perceive with the eyes

**DOWN**

- 61 Tranquility
- 64 Printer's measure
- 66 Near
- 67 Blood vessel
- 70 Central Intelligence Agency
- 72 A competitor
- 75 A bit of
- 76 Father
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- 87 Earth personified as a goddess
- 90 Solemn promise
- 93 Annoys
- 94 Festivity
- 96 Foot digit
- 97 Obstain from food
- 98 Period preceding Easter in the Christian Church

- 33 Birthplace of Mohammed
- 34 Spike
- 36 Clean
- 38 By way of
- 39 Ovum
- 40 Emergency Room
- 43 All's correct
- 44 2nd month of the year
- 47 Bird shelter
- 48 Friendly greeting
- 50 Military force
- 51 One who surveys land
- 54 People in general
- 55 Large earthenware beer mug
- 58 Dynamic symme-

- try; "universal"
- 59 Maine (abbrev)
- 62 Half an em
- 63 Cultivated plant used for food
- 65 Matched pair
- 66 Ruling family of France
- 68 That thing
- 69 What a penitent's forehead is marked with on the first day

- of Lent
- 70 Throw
- 71 Common item worn at Mardi Gras
- 73 Member of the Nationalist Socialist German Workers' Party
- 74 Seventh note of the major scale
- 79 So be it
- 81 Moving to a location on
- 83 Apart from
- 85 Pact

- 87 Petrol
- 88 Expression of human creative skill
- 89 Breeze
- 91 Denoting a particular period of time
- 92 A male
- 94 California
- 95 Language Engineering

**Saucy Creole Shrimp**

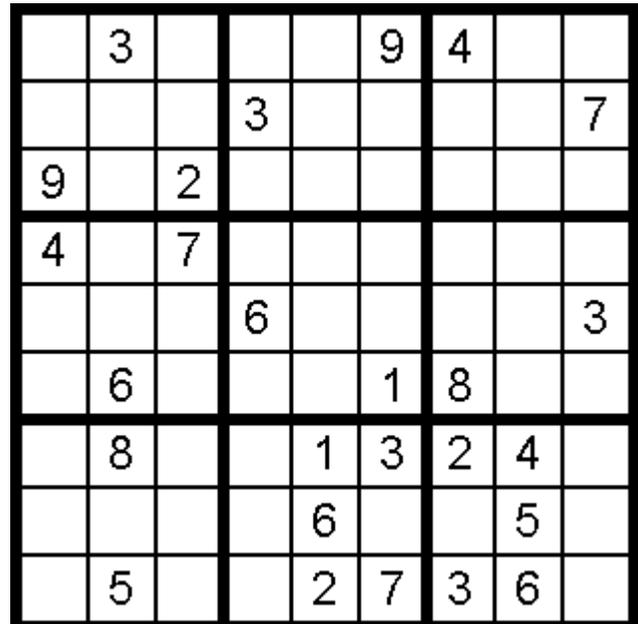
- 4 tbsp. butter
- 2 stalks celery, finely chopped
- 1 large green pepper, finely chopped
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 tsp. Creole seasoning
- 1/4 c. all-purpose flour
- 2 medium tomatoes, chopped
- 8 oz. clam juice
- 1 1/2 lb. peeled, deveined shrimp (16 to 20 ct.)
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbsp. Louisiana-style hot sauce
- 1 1/2 c. white rice, cooked

In 5-quart saucepot, melt butter on med. Add celery, green pepper, onion and Creole seasoning. Cook 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally.

Sprinkle flour over vegetables. Cook 2 minutes, stirring. Add tomatoes; cook 2 minutes or until tomatoes are very soft, scraping up browned bits. Stir in clam juice. Heat to simmering on high.

Add shrimp, Worcestershire sauce and hot sauce. Simmer 5 minutes or until shrimp are just cooked through, stirring occasionally. Serve over rice with additional hot sauce, if desired.

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## Riel Peerbooms is named the new CEO of Frost Valley YMCA

Claryville, NY - Frost Valley YMCA is pleased to announce that Riel Peerbooms has been appointed as the new CEO following the retirement of long-time CEO Jerry Huncosky.



*Effective March 3, 2023, Riel Peerbooms will be taking office as the new CEO of Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville.*

Peerbooms is uniquely qualified for the position, with over 30 years of experience working with non-profit organizations, specializing in youth service, education, and development. He has served as the Executive Director of Trail Blazers Camp, Inc. since 2008, leading the way in development and strategic planning, operations, donor management and recognition, as well as program management and educational design. These are just a few of the many incredible accomplishments Peerbooms has seen in a career that has been devoted to serving children through education and camping before joining the Frost Valley YMCA team. He is expected to take office on March 3, 2023.

Peerbooms has also served as a member of Community Board 9 in Brooklyn, NY for 5 years, as well as serving as their Chair of the Economic Development Committee since 2018 and their Chair of the Education Committee since 2021. Peerbooms's background in education is what led him to become an industry leader for non-profit camp organizations. According to Peerbooms, "My early experiences in camp influenced every subsequent role, as a science teacher, high school guidance and crisis counselor, community leader, and business executive. The camping perspective provided me with an ability to find uniquely effective and creative solutions to the challenges of the competitive non-profit landscape."

Frost Valley YMCA is a values-driven organization that fosters youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and recreational programs for all. Located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, Frost Valley provides year-round access to nature and fun through programs such as summer camp, adventure trips, farm camp, equestrian programs, group and family retreats, family weekends, school trips, teambuilding, and more. Frost Valley, a not-for-profit organization chartered through the YMCA of the USA, is guided in this pursuit by its core values which serve as pathways for guests as they bond with nature and each other: Caring, Community, Diversity, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Respect, Responsibility, and Stewardship.

## UC Executive Jen Metzger Taps Interim UCAT Director Toni Roser For Full Appointment, Pending Approval from Legislature

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger announced today that she has appointed Interim Director of Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) Toni Roser to formally take on the full role as Director of the department. The appointment is subject to approval by the County Legislature and will be considered at an upcoming meeting.

County Executive Jen Metzger said, "Toni is a dedicated public servant and experienced transit professional who knows UCAT inside and out and understands the challenges and opportunities better than anyone else. She has the full support and respect of UCAT drivers and staff, and is uniquely qualified to lead UCAT through a period of growth and transition as we seek to expand services and reduce the carbon footprint of our fleet. I am delighted to appoint her to the position of UCAT Director, and I look forward to my partners in the Legislature confirming her at their next meeting."



*Toni Roser*

Roser has nearly two decades of experience working in public transit for the City of Kingston and Ulster County. Roser has served as Deputy Director of Public Transportation for UCAT since 2019, and has twice been tapped to administer the department on an interim basis, once in 2021 and again in 2022.

Interim Director of UCAT Toni Roser said, "UCAT is a major asset to the County of Ulster. We transport passengers daily to work, doctor's appointments, shopping and social activities. It has been a privilege to be a part of this organization. From the dispatchers and drivers, to the mechanics, to the administration staff, each has dedicated many combined years of service to this organization. They care about this department and the passengers that they encounter daily. They work as a TEAM and it shows by the number of employees that have years of dedication and experience. I am looking forward to working together with our County Executive, Jen Metzger, as well as her staff and the dedicated staff at UCAT to improve transportation and continue to reduce the carbon footprint by deploying Battery Electric Buses and Support Vehicles."

Roser is well-acquainted with CSEA, the labor union that represents UCAT drivers, as she has worked with the union extensively as Deputy Director and Interim Director.

Tina Buono, President, CSEA Unit 8950 said, "The CSEA unit is pleased to learn that Toni Roser has been appointed as the director of UCAT. Toni brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the department, and we believe she has the personality and professionalism that our CSEA UCAT members need and deserve."

Roser began her career in public transportation in 2004 working as Transportation Supervisor for the City of Kingston Citibus, where she managed a department of 15 employees, oversaw bus route design and changes, and helped manage the consolidation of Ulster County Area Transit and the Kingston Citibus. After the UCAT and Citibus merger, Roser began working at UCAT serving as an Assistant Transportation Coordinator before quickly being promoted to Deputy Director of Public Transportation in December of 2019. In October 2021, Roser took the reins of the Department as Interim Director for five months when a vacancy in the top job opened, and was again tapped to run the department in November 2022 prior to this appointment. Roser has lived in Ulster County for 36 years where she has raised four children that attended Kingston City Schools, and also has two grandchildren.

## NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CONCERNING PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION  
FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND  
VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing on the proposed adoption of a resolution granting a partial real property tax exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §466-a for the primary residence of volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers will be held in and for the Neversink Fire District on February 23, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Neversink Firehouse located at 7486 State Rt. 55 Neversink, NY 12765.

The proposed Resolution for consideration is abstracted as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of Neversink District, hereby authorizes the Fire District to adopt RPTL §466-a volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance worker partial tax exemption for enrolled members of an incorporated fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as determined by the authority having jurisdiction in the amount of 10% of the assessed value of a primary residence and upon a minimum service requirement of two years based upon the Fire District's determination as the governing body, subject to all other statutory requirements.

The Resolution setting the Public Hearing may be viewed in its entirety and the Fire District's office during normal business hours.

Dated February 6, 2023

Nicole Congelosi, Commissioner

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**Please Take Notice:**

The Town of Denning is seeking to fill a vacant position in the Town of Denning Highway Department. Applications for the position of MEO are available from the Highway Superintendent at 845-985-2543 or the Town Clerk's office at 845-985-2411. A valid and clean driver's license with CDL endorsement is required.

By Order of the Denning Town Board

Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk

February 13, 2023

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## Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education Meeting

**Thursday, March 2, 2023**

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**WOODRIDGE JOINT FIRE DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CONCERNING PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION  
FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND  
VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that a Public Hearing on the proposed adoption of a resolution granting a partial real property tax exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law: 466-a for the primary residence of volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Woodridge Joint Fire District Meeting Room located at the Village of Woodridge Village Hall (upstairs), 2 Green Avenue, Woodridge, NY 12789.

The proposed resolution for consideration is abstracted as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Woodridge Joint Fire District, hereby authorizes the Fire District to adopt RPTL: 466-a volunteer fire fighter and volunteer ambulance worker partial tax exemption for the enrolled members of an incorporated fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as determined by the authority having jurisdiction in the amount of 10% of the assessed value of a primary residence and upon a minimum service requirement of two years based upon the Fire Districts determination as the governing body, subject to all other statutory requirements.

The resolution setting the public hearing may be viewed in its entirety at the Fire Districts office during normal business hours.

**BY ORDER OF THE WOODRIDGE JOINT FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.**

DATED: February 15, 2023  
Donna Akerley, Secretary / Treasurer  
Woodridge Joint Fire District  
[wfdonna@gmail.com](mailto:wfdonna@gmail.com)

<b>No. 0001</b>	Name _____	<i>Woodridge Volunteer Fire Dept. Station 38</i>	<b>No. 0001</b>
	Telephone _____	<b>FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE</b>	
		1st Prize: EVEN EMBERS Ceramic Egg / Pellet Fueled Blue Tooth Enabled	
		2nd Prize: Pit Boss 5 Series Wood Pellet Vertical Smoker	
		3rd Prize: Char-Griller Portable Grill	
		<b>DRAWING DATE: JUNE 15, 2023</b>	
		DONATION: \$10.00 Each	

**For more information or to purchase your raffle tickets**

**Contact: Eric Akerley 845-707-1483**

## Talk by author Chris Olney

# The Catskill Park: 118 Years Old and Still Evolving

## Sunday, February 26th 2 p.m. (Virtual Only)

### Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Join author Chris Olney for a virtual illustrated talk on his 2004 book, *The Catskill Park - Inside the Blue Line* (co-authored with Norman J. Van Valkenburgh), Sunday, February 26, 2 p.m. sponsored by the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville.

Established in 1904, landscape diversity is the hallmark of the Catskill Park, changing in relative proportions over time, but always with the mix being more valuable than any one component. Public and private, wilderness areas, intensive use areas, wildlife habitat, working lands, nature and people, all point to the Catskill Park's role as a living laboratory. The park is a grand experiment in how human communities can coexist with wilderness, geographically intermingled and historically entwined. **The Book, *Catskill Park Inside the Blue Line* is available for sale on the Museum's website:**

<http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/shop>

**Admission to this VIRTUAL ONLY program is FREE for Museum Members and \$5 for non-members.** To join the program, please register by email at [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) and put Catskill Park Talk Link in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700. A link will be sent to you. Non-members will be asked to please first make a donation on the Museum's website: [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org). For more information on the program, email [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org)

**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:** Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is currently open by appointment only. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

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

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

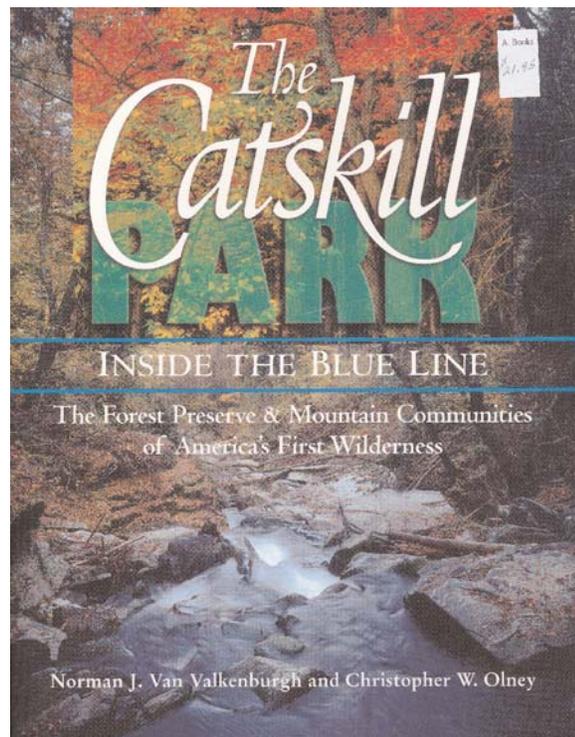
o *Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story*, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

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

o *New Exhibition opening June 4th:* Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds!

**The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum**, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America **to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members.** This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information or to schedule a school field trip or group tour call 845 985-7700, e-mail [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or visit <http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org>



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# Tri-Valley Elementary School

## UPK REGISTRATION

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

**Or send an email to:**

**[registration@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:registration@trivalleycsd.org)**

**and leave your name, your child's  
name and phone number where you  
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Sundown United Methodist Church

**Covered Dish Supper**

5:30 pm

March 4, 2023  
*Tables with Yard Sale items will be available during the supper*

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*



**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**

The Little Church with the Big Heart  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Sunday, 8:00am Service of Holy Communion**  
Music by Fred VanWagner

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For information contact:  
**The Reverend Diana Southwick Scheide**  
Canon Missioner of the Delaware Catskill Episcopal Ministry  
PO Box 296 Callicoon, NY  
vicardcem@gmail.com  
845-887-3201 • 717-870-7874 cell

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
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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**

The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team looks forward to returning in the Spring of 2023



**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**

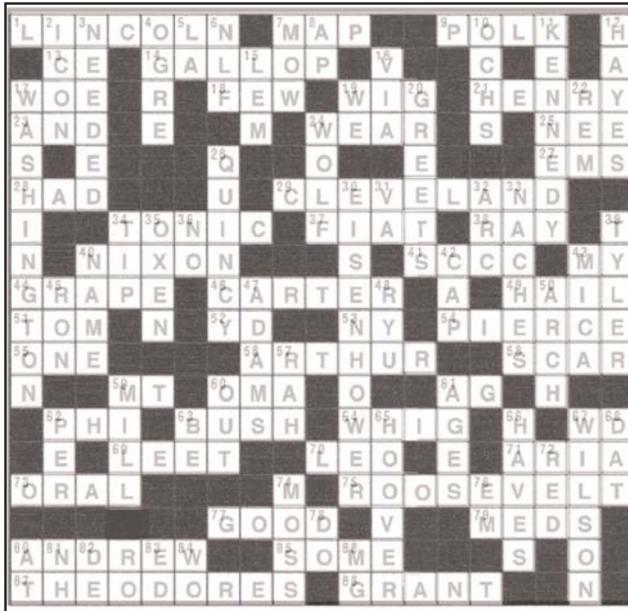
**Geoff and Heather Hazzard**  
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(845) 647-4343

**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



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

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU  
 answer

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



**GRAHAMSVILLE  
 UMC THRIFT MINISTRY**

We are no longer accepting donations for the Thrift Ministry as of November 1, 2022. Thanks to all for your generosity which has helped to make a successful season. We look forward to returning in the Spring of 2023.

The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team

**Sundown  
 United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper**  
 Saturday, March 4, 2023 5:30 pm  
 at the Church Hall

*Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale*  
*(Covered Dish Suppers will be held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)*

**Bingo at the  
 Monticello Elks Lodge**

**Every Tuesday at 7 PM**  
**46 North Street in Monticello.**

The Monticello Lodge supports local veterans, scouts, Little League and the Homeless Federation, as well as providing coats and gloves to elementary school children.

For information, contact Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell at (845) 701-0695.

**\$17.5 BILLION in Lost Money**

Every day New York State returns \$1.5 million to those who file claims here. Is any yours? To find out, go to:

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Many have checked, and sure enough after following the directions and filing a claim, have received a check from the NYS Comptroller's Office. It only takes a few minutes to find

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

**LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

3/1/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
3/4/23	<b>Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper</b> 5:30 Church Hall
3/7/23	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
3/8/23	Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
3/14/23	Denning Town Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
3/16/23	Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
3/16/23	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
3/19/23	Claryville Fire Department <b>All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast</b> 8 am - 12 noon
3/21/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm

**Save the Date!**

May 6, 2023 **Tri-Valley Lions' Journey For Sight Walk** at 8:30 am at Grahamsville First Aid Squad Bldg and Fairgrounds. Call Lion Esta Jacob for more information at 845-866-1579.

**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

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

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

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week of

### February 20 - February 24, 2023

**Monday, February 20**

- o **President's Day Holiday** - County Offices Closed

**Tuesday, February 21**

- o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District**, 5 Park Lane, Highland

**Wednesday, February 22**

- o **3:00 PM - Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board**, at the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Ave., Cottekill, NY
- o **6:30 PM - Environmental Management Council**, at the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston. The public may also attend via Zoom, Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615
- o **7:30 PM - Fire Advisory Board**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Thursday, February 23**

- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Ethics**, Ulster County Human Services Complex, Building #2 - Veterans Agency Entrance, 100 Development Court, Kingston
- o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board**, at 999 Flatbush Rd., Kingston

**Friday, February 24**

- 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" x 3")- \$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

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## An Enhanced and Evolving Sullivan 180 Grants, Volunteer Opportunities, Events and Workshops

A recent statistic from the Trust for America's Health, a Washington DC based non-profit, stated, "The United States spends an estimated \$3.6 trillion annually on health, less than 3 percent of that spending is directed toward public health and prevention."

"Sullivan 180 was struck by this staggering statistic; and with that we have turned our attention, focus and investments to prevention. "What better way than focusing on our youth in their schools and in their communities," said Sandra Gerry, Founding Chair.

With this in mind, Sullivan 180 has refined our focus and set our intentions on prevention and empowering a healthier generation.

Sullivan 180 grants and programs will continue to support efforts in Sullivan County to build a healthy community, one degree at a time. Grant applications are now available for healthy community initiatives, community development, beautification in communities and at schools. Volunteer opportunities, workshops, scholarships and internships will be announced soon.

Sullivan 180 will continue to work with our partners and a grassroots network of volunteers to address immediate health concerns, and to offer these grants and resources to promote innovative ways for all residents to live a healthier lifestyle. This encompasses not only physical, but also mental, spiritual, economic, and environmental health. Whether it's increasing access to nutritious food, creating opportunities for physical activity; finding a sense of purpose or building a sense of belonging- these all contribute to a healthy life and a healthy community.

For information about grants or how to get involved email [info@sullivan180.org](mailto:info@sullivan180.org) or call 845.295.2680.

### Sullivan County Health Improvement Plan

Sullivan 180 aligns our work with the priorities and strategies identified in the Sullivan County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) which is based on the formal Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). This allows resources and efforts to be leveraged to have the greatest impact. Review the County Health Improvement Plan at <https://sullivanny.us/sites/default/files/departments/PHS/2022%20CHIP%20Final%20Sullivan%20County.y.pdf>

**Collective Impact:** An intentional way of working together and sharing information for the purpose of solving a complex problem.

There are many organizations and individuals partners working to build a healthier Sullivan County. From health and human service providers; to school based programs and community wide volunteer engagement, we are in it together for Sullivan County.

## UC Executive Unveils Initiatives in Housing, Workforce, Community & Small Businesses at 2023 State of the County Address

ELLENVILLE, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger delivered her 2023 State of the County address on Wednesday night at Ellenville High School to an audience that included local elected and County government officials, business, nonprofit and labor leaders, and members of the public. During the address, County Executive Metzger announced plans for a significant County investment in a new Housing Trust as well as plans to create a Workforce Innovation Center for the Green Economy, among other initiatives intended to address immediate needs and expand economic opportunities for residents and businesses.

"I'm very pleased to report that the County is in a very strong fiscal position, which allows us to put funds away for a rainy day and still have significant resources to invest in what our County needs now," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "That's why I'm proud to announce new initiatives tonight that lead with fairness and reach underserved areas of our County - initiatives that will create housing that people can afford, leverage new opportunities for the green economy, tackle mental health and addiction challenges, and support our local businesses. Together, we can create a sustainable, resilient, thriving Ulster County that leaves no one behind."

The evening's program also included performances by youth from the Center for Creative Education's Energy Dance Company and the Ellenville High School Chamber Singers, along with a ceremonial Posting of the Colors by the Ulster County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard. Recordings of the event can be found on the Ulster County Executive's Facebook page and will be posted on the Ulster County Government website and youtube channel.

Metzger is the first woman elected to the Office of County Executive in Ulster County. The State of the County was her first major address since taking office in January of this year, after having been elected in a special election to complete the remainder of the term left by Pat Ryan, the former County Executive and now Congressman. Metzger plans to run for a full four-year term this November.

The County Executive explained, "I want to say a few words about why I picked Ellenville as the location for my first State of the County address. We live in a big, beautiful County covering over 1,100 square miles, with 23 unique towns and villages outside of the City of Kingston, and it is important to me that our County services and programs reach them all, including here in Ellenville, in the Town of Wawarsing, nearly 30 miles west and south of the County seat. When I served in the State Senate, I represented this community and other towns in the western and southern-most area of our county that, quite frankly, often felt under the radar, and I worked to address that concern at the state level, and will continue to do so as your County Executive.

Another reason I wanted to give this address here is that Ellenville presents a stark picture of both the challenges we face and opportunities before us to address them. Like so many communities across the country, industry and manufacturing jobs dried up here and the local economy has struggled to fill the voids they have left. Over 21% of the community lives at the poverty level--that's about 3X the County average. 18% of Ellenville residents do not own a car, which really limits your opportunities unless there is robust public transit. And the disparities are not just economic, they are racial, as the County Comptroller's 2022 Racial Equity Report makes clear.

Like many other communities in our County, Ellenville also faces a severe shortage of housing people can afford. And like many communities, mental health and addiction crises have been taking a real toll. You can watch the complete address on Facebook:

[https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch\\_permalink&v=1476686332859996](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=1476686332859996)

# The Daniel Pierce Library

## Spring Children's Programs 2023

*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 five years who are residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District. The spring eight-week long session begins the week of April 10, 2023. 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 12th

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 12/1/22.

Toddler Time (24-35 months) Beginning Thursday, April 13th

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 12/1/22.

Story Hour (3, 4, and 5 year-olds) Beginning Friday, April 14th

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 12/1/22.

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@rcls.org](mailto:dmchugh@rcls.org) or call (845) 985-7233 x105.**

*Register  
Today!*



P.O. Box 268 • 328 Main Street • Grahamsville, NY 12740  
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# Dept. of Motor Vehicles dates for the Neversink Town Hall.

## 12/8/2022, 1/5, 2/2 & 3/2/2023.



Go on the DMV Website to make a reservation.

Search [sullivancountydmv.com/scheduling](https://sullivancountydmv.com/scheduling)

*Please read all appointment types before selecting one. If you select the wrong appointment type you may have to reschedule due to time constraints.*

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

- Neversink Town Hall - 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Callicoon Town Hall - 19 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Rockland Town Hall - 95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Delaware Town Hall - 104 Lower Main Street, Hortonville, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Mamakating Town Hall - 2948 US 209, Wurtsboro, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Tusten Town Hall - 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Town of Liberty Senior Center - 119 N Main St. Liberty, NY (rotating schedule)**
- Bloomingburg Town Hall - 13 North Rd. Bloomingburg, NY (rotating schedule)**

Customers **MUST** have all forms completed **PRIOR** to arriving for their appointment. You can access forms through the NYS DMV website - [dmv.ny.gov](https://dmv.ny.gov)

**\*\*\* IF YOU ARE LATE OR NOT PREPARED YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RESCHEDULE \*\*\***

*Please limit the number of people coming to your appointment. Additional people not necessary to the transaction may be asked to wait outside.*

The DMV will continue to take mail-in license renewals with proof of an eye exam and registration renewals to: Sullivan County DMV, 100 North Street, Monticello NY, 12701

For further information please contact us at: 845-794-3872

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

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

In 2022, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 359 search and rescue missions, extinguished 162 wildfires covering more than 1,300 acres, participated in 53 prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate nearly 900 acres of land, and worked on cases that resulted in hundreds of tickets and arrests.

"With more people visiting State lands and enjoying New York's myriad, world-class outdoor recreational opportunities, DEC's Forest Rangers are on the front lines to help visitors get outside responsibly and get home safely," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "Each day, these highly trained first responders are protecting irreplaceable natural resources and utilizing their expert knowledge of wildland fire suppression, wilderness first aid, land navigation, law enforcement, and technical rescue techniques to successfully execute critical missions, for DEC and our countless local, state, and national partners."

### Town of Athens -Greene County

**Flat Ice Rescue Training:** On Feb. 6, Forest Rangers Gullen, Jackson, and Mitchell led flat ice rescue training for seven Rangers in Green Lake. Rangers used preach, reach, and throw techniques to pull a "victim" out of the water and practiced using equipment like reach poles and throw bags. These skills and techniques help Rangers save people who fall into icy waters. Like many other aspects of search and rescue, flat ice rescue is a skill that needs to be practiced to remain sharp.



*Ranger uses pole to pull another Ranger out of the ice during training*

## Sun Trail Storage

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**Every day of the week**  
**Call (845) 985-7923**  
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**(914) 672-3952**

Please call for availability first

### Town of Hunter Greene County Wilderness Rescue:



On Feb. 11 at 3:44 p.m., Greene County 911 contacted Forest Ranger Fox in regards to an injured hiker on the west side of Sugarloaf Mountain. Rangers Fox and Peterson headed to the Mink Hollow Road access. Ranger Peterson established communication with the 65-year-old from Connecticut while Ranger Fox started hiking up to the subject. Ranger Fox assessed the hiker's ankle injury and determined additional Rangers were needed for the one-mile carry out in icy conditions. Ten Rangers responded and packaged the subject in hydrowrap and a rescue sled. Technical rope rigging was utilized to bring the subject down the difficult terrain. At 11:30 p.m., Hunter Ambulance transported the hiker to the hospital.

If a person needs a Forest Ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire, or to report illegal activity on state lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS. If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911. To contact a Forest Ranger for information about a specific location, the DEC website has phone numbers for every Ranger listed by



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**TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023**  
**SNOWDATE: MARCH 28**

**Registration Opens: 8:30 AM**

**Program Time: 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

*Anniversary Celebration: 4:30 - 5:15 PM*

**Bethel Woods Center for the Arts**  
**200 Hurd Road, Bethel, NY 12720**

### Registration:

[www.CCEOrangeCounty.org/Events](http://www.CCEOrangeCounty.org/Events)

\$65/Participant

Seniors/Student discount: \$45/Participant

**CTLEs are available**

For more information, contact:  
Carol McLaughlin  
cm798@cornell.edu or 845.344.1234

SCAN TO REGISTER



### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Parents, Human Service Professionals, Program Administrators, Mental Health and Health Care Providers, Educators, Child Care Professionals, Seniors, and anyone who is interested and supports youth and families.



### Keynote Address given by:

**Dr. Joshua Felver, PhD ABPP**

Dr. Felver has a longstanding interest in mindfulness as a practitioner, researcher, clinician and educator. He will discuss the Soles of the Feet (SOF) mindfulness program which teaches a simple self-regulatory strategy to reduce aggressive and disruptive behavior.

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## Congressman Pat Ryan Introduces First Bill of 118th Congress, “The Health Care Fairness for Military Families Act”

*Landmark bipartisan legislation would fix inequity in military health care coverage, delivering direct relief for military families across the nation*  
*Legislation would save an estimated 350,000 American families as much as \$6,840 per year in health care costs*

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY - Today, following the first meeting of his Veterans and Military Families Advisory Committee, Congressman Pat Ryan, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, announced the introduction of his bipartisan “Health Care Fairness for Military Families Act.” This landmark legislation would extend health care coverage to TRICARE (Active Duty and Retired) beneficiaries who have adult children younger than 26 years old, lowering costs and ensuring access for hundreds of thousands of military families across the country.

“Military families have sacrificed so much for this country - it's absolutely unacceptable that they don't have access to the same health care as every other American,” said Representative Pat Ryan. “I'm proud that my legislation will right this wrong, delivering much-needed relief to military families across the country. By extending TRICARE eligibility to 26, hundreds of thousands of military families will save as much as \$6,840 per year. Our military families have stepped up and sacrificed for us, now we need to do right by them.”

“Our service members have risked everything to protect our nation and preserve our freedoms,” said Representative Michael Waltz, an Army veteran and co-lead of the bill. “They should not have to worry about the health and welfare of their families while serving our country. I'm proud to support this legislation to support our military families, provide an additional retention-incentive for our service members, and ensure the children of our troops have the same, equal access to health care as their civilian counterparts.”

“This legislation would be a game-changer for families like mine, both in the Hudson Valley and across the country,” said Vicki Jackson, a member of Congressman Ryan's Veterans and Military Families Advisory Committee from Orange County. “My husband is still active duty and we've been worried about paying the TRICARE premium increase when our son finishes school. The savings from this bill will remove that worry, providing direct relief at a time when so many families are feeling the strain on their wallets. On behalf of all military families, I want to thank Congressman Ryan for introducing this bill, and I look forward to working with him to get it signed into law.”

“The Health Care Fairness for Military Families Act would ensure access to affordable health care for military kids as they transition to adulthood, consistent with federal requirements for commercial health plans,” said Military Officers Association of America President and CEO Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret). “Military kids face many challenges including frequent moves, school transitions, and family separations. As they transition to adulthood, military kids deserve

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the same health care protections as their peers covered by commercial plans. MOAA thanks Rep. Pat Ryan and Rep. Mike Waltz for their efforts and we look forward to working together to fix the TRICARE young adult parity issue.”

“Our young adult military kids deserve the same access to healthcare as civilians their age,” said National Military Family Association CEO Besa Pinchotti. “They've grown up through two decades of war, combat deployments, and operational tempos that took one or both parents away on a regular basis. We've asked them to move every two to three years, start new schools, and make new friends. Many have stepped into caregiving roles as Hidden Helpers. They've done everything the country has asked of them - the least we can do is ensure they have the same access to affordable healthcare as their peers.”

Under current law, TRICARE dependents may only remain on their parents' policy until they are 21 years old. If they are enrolled as a full-time student in an approved institution and if their parent pays more than half of their financial support, the dependent may remain on their parents' policy until they turn 23 years old or are out of school, whichever comes first.

Dependents have the option to enroll in the TRICARE Young Adult program, and almost 40,000 military families choose to do so. However, they must spend between \$291 and \$570 per month to cover the full cost of the program via a separate monthly premium, in a time when costs are rising and families across the country are feeling a strain on their wallets.

Congressman Ryan's legislation would ensure equity for military families by bringing eligibility for young adult dependents in line with that offered by private insurance plans. Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), children up to the age of 26 can remain on their parents' health insurance plans with no additional out of pocket cost.

Congressman Ryan's bill is cosponsored by 50 Members of Congress from both parties. The bill is also endorsed by dozens of national organizations who support military families, including the VFW and the National Military Family Association.

## Following Senate Agriculture Nutrition Hearing, Gillibrand Unveils Recipe to Address Food Insecurity in 2023 Farm Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a video press conference to discuss her recipe for improving nutrition and to address food insecurity ahead of the 2023 Farm Bill. More than 33 million people in the United States live in households that are food insecure, with roughly 2.9 million people in New York relying on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, and food prices are only expected to climb. Gillibrand's priorities to combat food insecurity and increase access to nutritious meals in the Farm Bill include strengthening SNAP benefits, expanding the SNAP program to people living in Puerto Rico, and ensuring disadvantaged populations always have a pathway to food. Gillibrand's announcement follows her questioning of USDA officials at a Senate Agriculture Committee hearing where she pushed experts on the importance of maintaining adequate SNAP benefits, improving the SNAP Employment & Training program, improving the Healthy Food Financing Initiative, and more. "We live in the richest nation in the world and over 33 million Americans are still struggling with food insecurity," said Senator Gillibrand. "This Farm Bill, my goal is to enhance SNAP benefits in territories and the continental U.S., break down barriers to nutritious food, and keep food on the table for all Americans. Hunger in the United States is simply unacceptable and I'm fighting for commonsense legislation to combat food insecurity across the country."

Senator Gillibrand's nutrition bills:

**Closing the Meal Gap Act:** Despite the ongoing success of the SNAP program, roughly half of all households receiving SNAP benefits are still food insecure. SNAP benefits are based on the restrictive Thrifty Food Plan, which inadequately calculates benefits for today's low-wage workers and their families. According to the 2021 USDA Household Food Security report, the typical U.S. household spent 15 percent more on food than the cost of the Thrifty Food Plan. The Closing the Meal Gap Act would help to address these issues by raising the baseline benefit for all SNAP households, allocating more funds to those with large medical and housing expenses, and increasing access to the program. Specifically, this bill would increase the baseline for SNAP benefits, eliminate eligibility limits, and eliminate the cap on the Excess Shelter Deduction in the SNAP formula.

**Puerto Rico Nutrition Assistance Fairness Act:** Under current law, Puerto Rico does not participate in SNAP and instead receives a block grant to fund its nutrition assistance programs. This bill sets out a process to enable Puerto Rico to participate in SNAP rather than the currently utilized Nutrition Assistance Program block grant.

**Training and Nutrition Stability Act:** Under current law, jobseekers in SNAP Employment and

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Training or Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs who receive SNAP benefits risk losing their nutrition security because of their status earning a wage in temporary job training or work-based learning. This bill would allow jobseekers in these programs to maintain their nutrition benefits, which can help lead to permanent employment and self-sufficiency.

**Enhance Access to SNAP (EATS) Act:** Today's SNAP eligibility rules for students are overly complicated and only include college students working 20 hours per week or participating in a federal or state work study, or those who meet very specific exemptions. This bill would expand SNAP benefit eligibility to all college students attending 2- and 4-year universities part-time or more who meet traditional SNAP income and other eligibility requirements.

**Military Family Nutrition Access Act:** The recent Department of Defense report "Strengthening Food Security in the Force: Strategy and Roadmap" found that 24% of active duty service members experience food insecurity, posing a threat to military readiness and national security. This bill excludes the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) from income calculations used to determine SNAP eligibility.

**Food Bank Access to Farm Fresh Produce Act:** According to Feeding America, the number of people receiving charitable food assistance jumped 33% between 2019 and 2021, and food banks are continuing to see higher demand in response to rising food prices. This bill would help meet this demand by creating a new program to provide specialty crop block grants through states' departments of agriculture for distribution to food banks and food access networks to use for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables directly from farmers.

## DEC Announces Second Successful Year of Youth Deer Hunt Pilot Program Youth Hunters Record Another Safe Year With More than 1,800 Deer Harvests Reported

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced results of the second year of a pilot program allowing mentored 12- and 13-year-old hunters to harvest deer with a firearm or cross-bow. The results show youth big game hunters enjoyed another safe, successful, and well-attended season afield.

"Once again, DEC is hearing from families across the state who were thrilled to share their traditions of hunting and wildlife conservation with younger family members," Commissioner Seggos said. "DEC's review of data collected also shows youth hunters followed safety guidelines and showed both respect for wildlife and their fellow hunters while afield. I'm proud to see that New York's environment is in good hands with this next generation of environmental stewards."

Last fall, more than 9,400 12- and 13-year-old hunters, representing nearly 9,200 families, were eligible to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow and youth hunters submitted more than 1,800 deer harvest reports.

DEC conducted a post-hunting survey that found 82 percent of youth hunters and 87 percent of their adult mentors were moderately or greatly satisfied with their youth big game hunting experience. Additionally, no hunting-related shooting incidents, violations, or license revocations involving 12- and 13-year-old hunters occurred during the first two years of the pilot program.

In 2021, legislation authorized 12- and 13-year-olds to hunt deer with an experienced adult mentor in eligible areas of the state under a three-year pilot program. The law required DEC to analyze results of the pilot program each year and report its findings back to the State Legislature. DEC tracked participation, satisfaction, deer harvest, and safety compliance in the pilot program, and submitted a report to the New York State Legislature (PDF) sharing its findings from the 2022/23 hunting season and recommendations for future actions.

Visit DEC's website for more information on youth hunting opportunities in New York.

## DEC to Host Virtual Public Information Session for Round 16 of Urban and Community Forestry Grants

March 29 Meeting Includes Review of Grant and Application  
Process and Requirements

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Urban and Community Forestry Program will host an informational webinar on March 29 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in advance of the release of the Round 16 Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Program Grant Request for Applications (RFA). The information session will include changes since the last round of the grant, disadvantaged community criteria, local partnership requirements, application requirements, and time dedicated for questions for prospective grant applicants.

"Trees and community forests provide myriad environmental and public health benefits including cooling during high temperatures, carbon sequestration and storage, storm water retention, improved mental and physical health, and much more," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "A community forest requires planning and care to provide the highest level of benefits and DEC's grant program can help New Yorkers best coordinate that planning and care."

The UCF Round 16 RFA will be available in late Spring 2023. Project categories include planting, maintenance, tree inventories, and community forest management plans.

DEC's Urban and Community Forestry Program works with communities to manage their community forests and develop self-sustaining local community forestry programs.

Registration is required for this free information session.

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# Governor Hochul Announces Expansion of Statewide Program to Help High-Skilled Immigrants Find Jobs \$4.38 Million in Grant Funding Will Support Professional Training and Job Placements for High-Skilled Immigrants in New York

*Expansion of Professional Pathways for High-Skilled Immigrants Program Builds on Governor Hochul's Commitment to Strengthening Workforce Development Programming for Immigrants*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the expansion of the New York State Professional Pathways for High-Skilled Immigrants Program to help new Americans find jobs that match their skills and experience. As part of the program's expansion, a total of \$4.38 million in state-funded grants will be awarded to community-based providers to support professional training and job placement efforts for an increased number of high-skilled immigrants in New York. The grants will be awarded over three years and are administered by the New York State Office for New Americans. The expansion of the Professional Pathways program builds on Governor Hochul's commitment to strengthening the state's workforce development programming for immigrants, which was first highlighted in the 2022 State of the State.

"For generations, the hard work and determination of immigrants who have come to New York to build a better life for themselves and their families has shaped our state into what it is today," Governor Hochul said. "By expanding the Professional Pathways for High-Skilled Immigrants program, we're strengthening our support for new Americans in our state and connecting immigrants with the tools they need to enter the workforce and pursue the New York Dream."

First launched in 2021, the NYS Professional Pathways program helps high-skilled immigrants overcome barriers to professional development by screening, training and/or re-credentialing candidates and identifying job placement opportunities for low-income immigrants in high-need regions across the state. The program is tailored specifically for fields that are currently in need of highly skilled workers in New York State, including architecture, engineering, information technology, education, social work, economics, business management and journalism.

The Professional Pathways program has already brought great success to many immigrants in New York State in its first year. As of January 31, 2023, according to the Professional Pathways Lead Agency Upwardly Global, 282 job seekers were accepted into the program and received U.S. job readiness training and coaching, and 88 job seekers had been placed in professional-level positions, with

placements ongoing. Participants for this program must be work authorized in the United States.

Under these new, expanded grants administered by the Office for New Americans (ONA), Upwardly Global will be funded to continue serving as the Professional Pathways Lead Agency, providing program direction and statewide technical assistance to a network of ONA Job Coaches. In addition, other not-for-profit organizations will be funded to serve as ONA Job Coach agencies in different regions of the state, with Long Island added as a new region under this program expansion.

The Professional Pathways partners are as follows:

- o Statewide Lead Agency: Upwardly Global
- o ONA Job Coach - Brooklyn/Queens: Upwardly Global
- o ONA Job Coach - Bronx, Manhattan, Staten Island: Upwardly Global
- o ONA Job Coach - Capital Region: U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
- o ONA Job Coach - Central NY: InterFaith Works
- o ONA Job Coach - Long Island: Central American Refugee Center (CARECEN)
- o ONA Job Coach - Mohawk Valley: The Center
- o ONA Job Coach - Western NY: International Institute of Buffalo (Contd. Pg. 34)

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## **Governor Hochul Announces Expansion of Statewide Program to Help High-Skilled Immigrants Find Jobs \$4.38 Million in Grant Funding Will Support Professional Training and Job Placements for High-Skilled Immigrants in New York**

(From Pg. 33) New York State Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez said, "In New York, we recognize the importance of immigrants and everything they contribute to our state and country. Still, too many new Americans face countless obstacles that make it harder to build better lives for themselves and their families. Through the expansion of the Office for New Americans' Professional Pathways program, we are empowering and uplifting New York's immigrants and giving them the skills and resources they need to succeed and thrive in today's job market."

Upwardly Global President and CEO Jina Krause-Vilmar said, "It is an honor to lead the charge in New York State's efforts to support immigrants and refugees restarting their lives and careers in the U.S. Newcomers often bring extensive education and experience from their countries of origin but find their skills overlooked by the U.S. job market. The Professional Pathways program's expansion serves as an exceptional model for uplifting the potential of immigrant and refugee communities, a pillar of our work at Upwardly Global."

International Institute of Buffalo Executive Director Jennifer Rizzo-Choi said, "The International Institute of Buffalo is pleased to be continuing as an ONA Job Coach partner with the Professional Pathways program. This program has had great success in the Western New York Region. Since 2021, 45 participants have been accepted into the program and 13 have found jobs in their original fields of work, including in the areas of medical, IT, finance, and social work. We value our partnership with the Office for New Americans and are excited for the continued growth of this vital program."

New York State Professional Pathways Program Participant Juan Beltran Carranza said, "Upwardly Global was my best ally when I found my first job in America; I feel very grateful to everyone in this company but especially to my job coach, who guided me along the way and knew how to solve all my doubts. I am really grateful, and I know that I will always recommend Upwardly Global to all my immigrant friends because this journey is not so easy for us. Thanks to you, we can fulfill our dreams and goals."

New York Immigration Coalition Executive Director Murad Awawdeh said, "We thank Governor Hochul for recognizing the crucial contributions of immigrants in shaping New York State throughout history. By investing in our newcomer community, she is ensuring that more New Yorkers have the skills needed to enter the workforce and grow our economy now and into the future. Finding the right job is an essential part of building a quality life, stabilizing families and communities, while ensuring the health of New York businesses and our economy."

The New York State Office for New Americans, founded in 2012, is the nation's first statutorily created immigrant services office. ONA assists all new Americans with accessing and navigating a variety of free services and support through its statewide network of community-based providers.

For any immigrant in need of assistance, or to connect with ONA's programs, call the New Americans Hotline at 1-800-566-

7636 9:00am to 8:00pm, Monday through Friday. All calls are confidential. Assistance is available in over 200 languages. For more information, visit <https://dos.ny.gov/office-new-americans> or follow ONA on Twitter at @NYSNewAmericans or Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NYSNewAmericans>.

## **Governor Hochul Announces \$658 Million to Strengthen Access to High Quality Health Care**

- *Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program to Provide Funding for 127 Projects and Initiatives*
- *Grants will Support Essential Health Care Services Throughout New York State*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced more than \$658 million in state funding to support 127 projects that will protect and transform New York State's health care delivery system. Administered by the State Department of Health and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, the Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program will help to improve patient care by supporting high-quality facilities serving the inpatient, primary care, mental health, substance use disorder and long-term care needs of communities throughout the state.

"New Yorkers deserve access to quality health care and a strong, stable, and equitable health care system," Governor Hochul said. "These grants will provide critical funding for improvements at hospitals and other facilities throughout our state to ensure they deliver the top rate care New Yorkers deserve."

The awards will help fund 127 projects throughout the state. View a list and description of the projects by region.

Acting State Health Commissioner James McDonald said, "These funds will enable our health care providers and facilities to further modernize and integrate health care services to ensure that New Yorkers receive access to the medical care they require now and for future generations. New York is a national leader in providing first-rate health care thanks to Governor Hochul's dedication to making sure our health care systems have the resources necessary to deliver the best care possible for all New Yorkers."

The Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program is aimed at supporting efforts to reduce health care costs and improve the health outcomes of New Yorkers by expanding access to inpatient, primary, preventative, and other ambulatory care services as part of regionally integrated health care delivery systems. These awards are also focused on projects which will help ensure the financial sustainability of safety net health care providers, and the preservation or expansion of essential health care services.

The funding announced today was awarded under the second phase of the Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program III and the first phase of Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program IV. In total, New York State has awarded nearly \$1.68 billion in total funding through the program.

The State will award an additional \$1.15 billion through additional phases of Statewide IV. Additionally, Governor Hochul's FY 2024 Executive Budget includes \$1 billion in additional funding to establish Statewide V.



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This session is hosted by Chloé Vital, Director and founder of Mid-Hudson Chocolate Milk.



Julia Richter, Director of Choose Love Cares, will focus on implementing the Choose Love formula in the classroom and other forms of practice.



Leslie Priscilla, founder of Latinx Parenting, will speak about individual and collective practices of nonviolence and reparenting, intergenerational and ancestral healing, cultural sustenance, and the active decolonization of oppressive practices in families.



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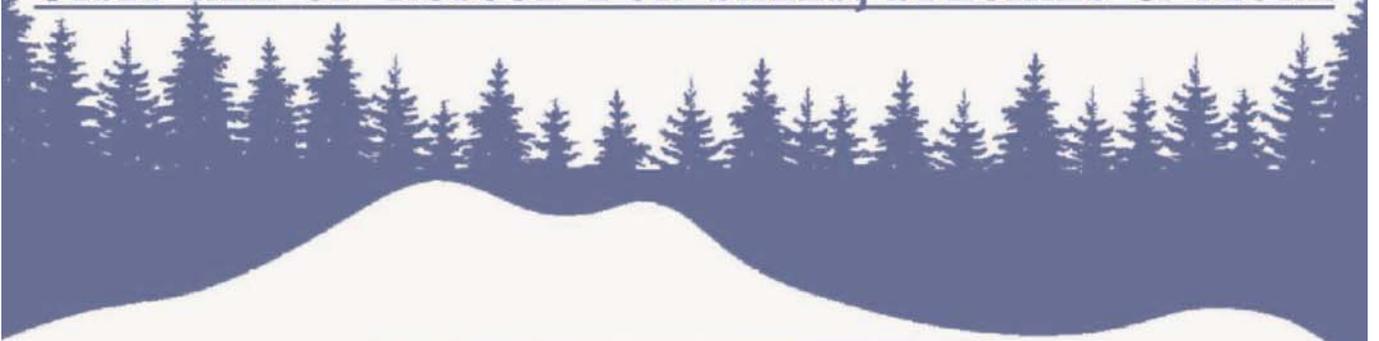
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## DEC Announces Annual 'Buffer in a Bag' Program Free Seedlings Available to Qualified Landowners for Streamside Plantings

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that the application period for the Trees for Tribes "Buffer in a Bag" program is now open. Qualifying private and public landowners may apply for a free bag of 25 tree and shrub seedlings for planting near streams, rivers, or lakes to help stabilize banks, protect water quality, combat climate change, and improve wildlife habitat.

"Small-scale streamside plantings help decrease erosion, slow floodwaters, sequester carbon, and protect fish and wildlife habitat," said Commissioner Seggos. "I encourage New York landowners with waterside properties to participate in DEC's 'Buffer in a Bag' program to bolster the State's efforts to protect water quality and help safeguard communities from flooding."

To qualify, landowners must have property in New York State with at least 50 feet bordering a stream, river, or lake, and provide photos or a map of the planting location. Previous recipients are encouraged to reapply to continue to build riparian buffers. Applicants are eligible for one bag of 25 seedlings and recipients are chosen on a first-come, first-served basis. A total of 350 bags will be available statewide for this round of applications.

Landowners in the Hudson River Estuary watershed (PDF) may be eligible for additional assistance with streamside planting projects. For details, visit the Hudson River Estuary Program's webpage.

Seedlings are provided by DEC's Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery. The Trees for Tribes program is managed by DEC's Division of Lands and Forests and supported by the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). Governor Hochul's 2023-24 Executive Budget sustains the EPF at a historic \$400 million. The EPF provides funding for critical environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, enhanced recreational access, water quality improvement, and an aggressive environmen-

tal justice agenda.

Visit DEC's website for more information about the Buffer in a Bag application process and requirements. Applications are due by 3 p.m. on April 7, 2023. Contact [treesfortribs@dec.ny.gov](mailto:treesfortribs@dec.ny.gov) with questions and visit DEC's Trees for Tribes webpage to learn more.

## SC Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Spring Tree & Shrub Program

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.

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Saturday & Sunday  
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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

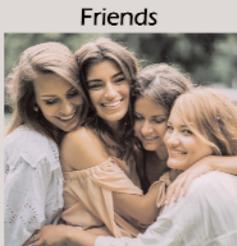


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Alyssa Wowk  
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New participants are enrolling every day at [www.sul.sunyattain.org](http://www.sul.sunyattain.org) and training right in the Computer Lab on their own schedule in Excel, PowerPoint, Rosetta Stone, QuickBooks, Aztec Learning Software for GED, Mavis Beacon Typing, and more.

*Please E-mail [lori.boyd@attain.suny.edu](mailto:lori.boyd@attain.suny.edu) so that we can begin writing the first chapter of your Success Story.*



- 2020 – Rose to the Covid-19 challenge – quickly and remotely!
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- 2023 – Still on the **cutting edge, Sullivan County ATTAIN**

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**Saturday, March 11, 2023**

*Snow Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023*

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Please join us and naturalist Pam Golben, Director of the Mamakating Environmental Center to learn about the natural history of snakes found in Hudson Valley and how to identify them.



Meet a live snake!  
Recommended for  
adults and Children  
12 and older.

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



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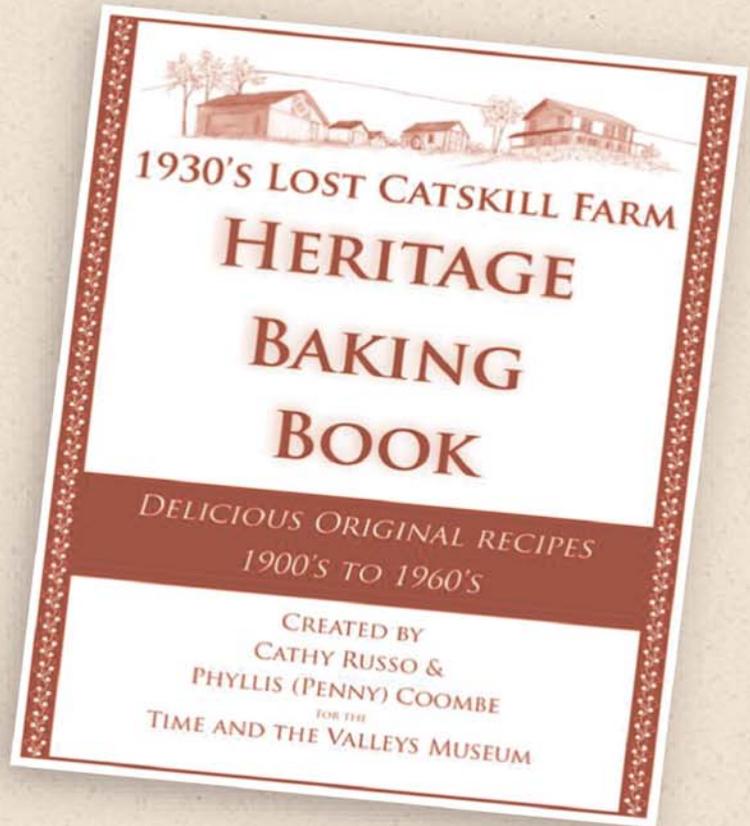
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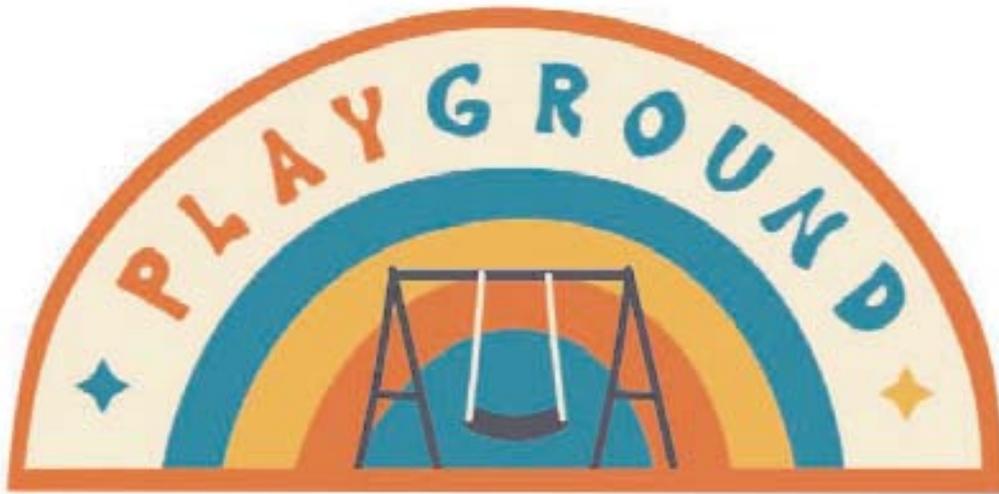
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## **WE ARE BUILDING A PLAYGROUND!!!**

**WHERE? At the Route 42 Community  
Park in Grahamsville**

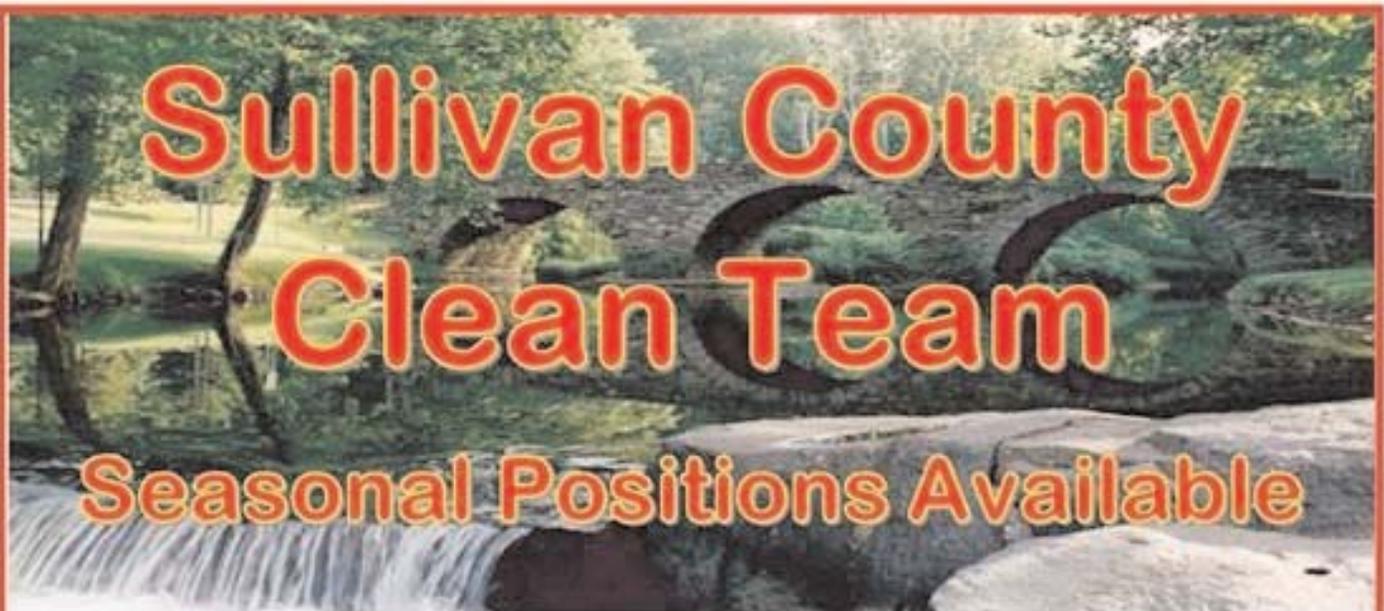
TV Bears PTO, Tri-Valley Little League and Community have joined together along with Town support to place a play structure at the Town park. Fund raisers are ongoing.

**DONATIONS Can be made out to:**

**TV Bears PTO**

**PO Box 43 Grahamsville, NY 12740**

Check out our Facebook page [Route 42 Community Playground Project](#) for more information.



## **Clean Team Leader**

**Starting pay: \$16.50 p/h**

**Duties include: Supervising staff and participating in plucking litter from along the shoulders of County Roads. Completes beautification and maintenance projects within the County Parks.**

**Minimum Qualifications: Must be at least 18 years of age.  
Must possess a valid NYS Driver's License.**

## **Student Workers**

**Starting pay: \$15.50 p/h**

**Duties include: Plucking litter from along the shoulders of County Roads. Completes beautification projects and general maintenance within County Parks.**

**Minimum Qualifications: Must be enrolled in a junior high school, high school, or college.  
Minimum age contingent on equipment operation requirements.**

**Seasonal Positions June - Labor Day**

**Apply Online: [www.sullivanny.us](http://www.sullivanny.us)  Find Jobs tab**

**For further information, contact Sullivan County Parks & Recreation Department  
Phone: 845-807-0287 Email: [scparks@sullivanny.us](mailto:scparks@sullivanny.us)**

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## ICE RINK HOURS

revised 2/19

<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	<b>7pm-9pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1pm-3pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1pm-5pm</b>

**NOTE:** ICE RINK IS NO LONGER OPEN ON SATURDAY NITES  
Hours may change during the season based on weather,  
volunteer availability or usage.

*If you don't have skates or helmets, no worries we have them for you to use!*

*If you have never been to ice rink now is the time to check it out.*

**Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation**

# 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
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- 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



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<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Gold	<del>\$500</del> <b>\$450</b>	

Thank you for supporting local history and the Museum.



## BONUS - Free Art Catalogue!

VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP



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**  
 @ 6:30PM

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**

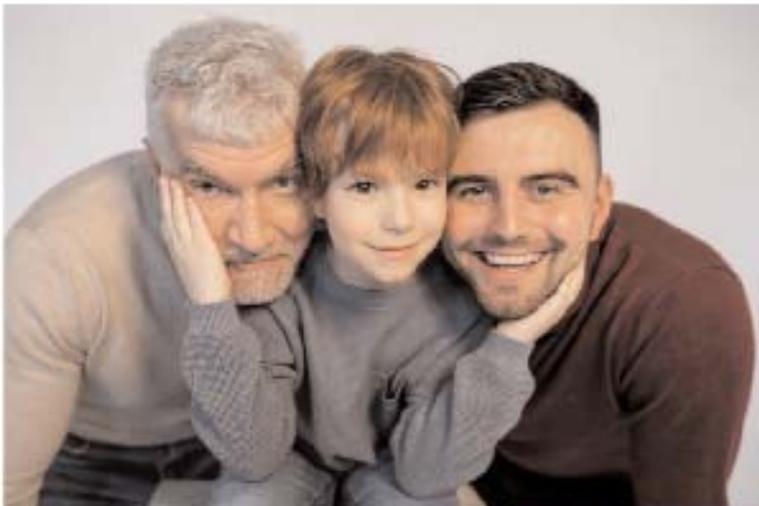
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[www.atitoday.org](http://www.atitoday.org)



## News from Representative Ryan

What a great week it's been back in the Hudson Valley! Here's the latest on what I've been up to around the district and what I've been working on down in DC.

### CONTINUING TO HOLD CENTRAL HUDSON ACCOUNTABLE

Two weeks ago, I took to the House Floor and called on Central Hudson's CEO to resign.



Last Monday, he did just that .

Now, they must take urgent action to fix their broken systems and repay customers who were wronged.

I will continue to fight on behalf of Hudson Valley families until all customer complaints are resolved and those who have been harmed are made whole.

### DELIVERING FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILIES

Our servicemembers and their families make tremendous sacrifices for our country, and I'm committed to honoring those sacrifices with action and ensuring they receive the benefits they earned.

This week, I introduced my first bill of the 118th Congress, to improve health care coverage for the children of those who serve our country.

I'm looking forward to seeing this bill across the finish line and continuing to alleviate the burdens our military families face.

### VALENTINES FOR VETS

On Valentine's Day, I was honored to hand deliver some of the over 9,000 homemade cards and notes that you sent for our inaugural Valentines for Vets Program to the veterans at the Castle Point VA Hospital and Vassar Brothers Medical Center .

Thank you for your resounding display of support for our heroes here in the Hudson Valley

And thank you to all of our local veterans. Your selfless service, sacrifices, and love for our country do not go unnoticed.

### THANKING OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

I had a great time with the new Vassar Brothers Medical Center CEO Susan Browning as we toured the cardiac wing in honor of American Heart Month and handed out a few valentines along the way!

Our healthcare workers have been on the frontlines these past few years -- thank you for all that you do.

### VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thank you to the veterans, servicemembers, caregivers, and advocates on my Veterans and Military Families Advisory Council for our first discussion this week. We discussed how to address the veteran's mental health crisis, PACT Act enrollment, and the best ways to get more resources to our local VAs.

I'm looking forward to bringing their voices to Washington with me and for many more productive meetings to come.

### BLACK KNIGHTS VISIT WASHINGTON

West Point's women's basketball team warmed up for its thrilling 66 to 64 victory against Navy with a visit to DC.

I thanked them for stepping up to serve and appreciated being able to tell the team in person: Go Army! Beat Navy!

### CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

As we continue to celebrate Black History Month, I wanted to highlight one of the most important abolitionists in US history: Ulster County resident Sojourner Truth. In 1828, she marched to the Ulster County Courthouse, arguing for and eventually winning freedom for her enslaved son.

You can walk in her historic footsteps in Ulster County by following the 4 mile route mapped here .

### VALENTINE'S DAY WITH SOME SPECIAL GUESTS

We were certainly feeling the love this Valentine's Day with a visit from some surprise friends.

Thank you to the Ulster County SPCA for sending the Puppy Grams to our Kingston Office!

### MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK FOR YOU THIS TAX SEASON

The Inflation Reduction Act created new credits and resources to guide you through your tax filing. As new expansions of the Energy Efficiency Home Improvement Tax Credits and Incentives roll out, you can stay updated on them here .

With these new resources, it's now easier than ever for hard-working Americans to receive the credit they are due. Check here to see if you are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit and other credits.

### GRANTS CORNER

NEW! Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP) grants with USDA support the development, coordination, and expansion of direct producer-to-consumer marketing; local and regional food markets and enterprises; and value-added agricultural products. Due May 2.

REMINDER! Grant applications are currently open for: Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Due March 31.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) Competitive Grants Program will support the development of urban agriculture and innovative production. Due March 27.

Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program provides grants up to \$125,000 per year for five years to community coalitions to strengthen the infrastructure among local partners to create and sustain a reduction in local youth substance use.

Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations.

The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Program will provide \$30 million in funding directly to community-based nonprofit organizations. Due April 10.

The Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program will provide \$70 million in funding to state and local governments to partner with community-based nonprofit organizations. Due April 10.

Contact our district office for assistance applying for these grants and learning more about other funding opportunities.

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!





## Setting the Record Straight

### Governor Hochul's FY24 Budget is Irresponsible and Reckless

Governor Kathy Hochul recently released her budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Needless to say, this budget is a fiscal nightmare for small businesses, family farms, and every New York taxpayer across the state.

Kathy Hochul's budget proposal fails to ease the tax burden on small businesses, continues to advance a radical, unrealistic, and costly climate agenda, and forces our county governments to pick up even more of the tab for Albany's wasteful spending. This budget is a disaster for New York taxpayers, and as part of my commitment to transparent and accountable government, I released a factsheet highlighting some of its most egregious provisions.

Among the myths we debunk is the talking point that Kathy Hochul's Executive Budget provides relief to hardworking small businesses. That's false! The truth is, Hochul's budget would pass an additional tax burden of \$8 billion along to small business owners, who are already struggling to survive in New York. This \$8 billion in unpaid unemployment insurance costs is being passed along to small businesses that were forced, through no fault of their own, to shutter their doors during the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of cutting wasteful spending to address this debt, Hochul is shamelessly passing the costs on to small businesses.

Click here to read the complete factsheet!

[https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/setting-the-record\\_kathy-hochuls-budget.pdf](https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/setting-the-record_kathy-hochuls-budget.pdf)

### Committee Update: Appointed to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

I was recently appointed to serve on the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee for the 118th Congress. This committee is vitally important for maintaining our technological edge over adversaries like China. We simply cannot let our enemies out-compete and out-innovate us, and this committee will ensure that we are investing in the right research and development.

Additionally, with the Biden administration's war on energy doing serious damage to our nation's prosperity, I am especially honored to be serving on the Energy Subcommittee. New York's three remaining nuclear power plants are in New York's 24th Congressional District. Safe and reliable nuclear power continues to hold great promise for our nation. As a member of the Energy Subcommittee, I will continue to oppose the Biden administration's dangerous Green New Deal policies and support targeted investments in energy technologies like nuclear that are clean, affordable, and reliable while protecting our energy independence.

READ MORE: Rep. Claudia Tenney adds to CNY's presence on House committee at: [https://auburnpub.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/rep-claudia-tenney-adds-to-cnys-presence-on-house-committee/article\\_77ea18d3-ab05-53a9-aae3-6d6410480df7.html](https://auburnpub.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/rep-claudia-tenney-adds-to-cnys-presence-on-house-committee/article_77ea18d3-ab05-53a9-aae3-6d6410480df7.html)

### Calling out the Biden Administration for its Failure to Comply with Legally Required Reporting Requirements on Iran

Iran poses a serious threat to our national security and the security of our allies like Israel. In 2021, I successfully included a provision in the Fiscal Year 2022 National Defense Authorization Act requiring the Biden administration to produce a report on Iran's military capabilities. This bill was signed into law on December 27, 2021, and the report was required within 180 days.

The report is now more than 230 days late! This week I sent a letter to the Biden administration calling on it to comply with this legally-mandated reporting requirement immediately. The letter was addressed to Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines.

At a time when the Islamic Republic of Iran continues to escalate tensions in the Middle East and threaten our allies like Israel, the administration's failure to comply with this reporting requirement from Congress is unacceptable. Not only is the failure to send this report a clear violation of law, but it is also detrimental to our national security. I look forward to promptly receiving this report from Director Haines, as well as an explanation for the delay of more than 200 days.

READ MORE: Biden Admin Violating Law by Withholding Report on Iran's Military, Lawmaker Alleges at: <https://freebeacon.com/biden-administration/biden-admin-violating-law-by-withholding-report-on-irans-military-lawmaker-alleges/>

### Joined Balance of Power to Discuss the State of our Economy

This week, I was on Bloomberg's Balance of Power to discuss the state of our nation's economy. We can all agree: there's plenty of fraud, waste, and abuse that needs to be cut in order to get our economy back on track.

The American people sent a House Republican majority to Congress, and it is President Biden's responsibility to now come to the negotiating table in good faith to chart a fiscally sustainable path forward for our nation.

You can watch the full video of my interview here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_x6eyBmXOnw&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_x6eyBmXOnw&feature=youtu.be)

### Thank you to the brave men and women serving our nation at Fort Drum



This week, alongside Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (NY-21), I had the great honor of visiting Fort Drum, which is home to the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division. (Contd. PG. 57)

## This Week with Claudia

(From Pg. 56) Fort Drum has a total base population of more than 30,000 servicemembers and families, and a direct economic impact of \$1.4 billion to the region. During the visit this week, we met with the installation's senior leadership, including Fort Drum Commander Maj. Gen. Gregory K. Anderson, and received updates on a range of critical issues, including force readiness and deployments, base infrastructure, and family services.

The brave men and women of Fort Drum's 10th Mountain Division are at the forefront of protecting our nation from threats around the world. It was an honor to visit Fort Drum with Congresswoman Stefanik, who has been a tireless advocate for Fort Drum. I will continue to work closely with her and community leaders to strengthen our nation's investments in Fort Drum and to support our servicemembers and their families.

READ MORE: Congresswomen discuss energy resiliency at Fort Drum at: <https://www.wnnytv.com/2023/02/15/congresswomen-discuss-energy-resiliency-fort-drum/>

### ICYMI: I Introduced a Resolution to Reassure Americans that the GOP will Protect Social Security

Earlier this month, I introduced a resolution expressing that the House of Representatives believes that Social Security should be preserved and protected for current beneficiaries, and for future generations to come.

I have been paying into Social Security since I was 16 and recently just became eligible to reap the benefits. House Republicans will always fight to preserve and strengthen them for seniors, retirees, and future beneficiaries!

READ MORE: Rep. Tenney introduces resolution to reassure Americans the GOP will protect social security

## Statement from Rep. Molinaro on the Ohio Train Derailment

Washington, DC -U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) released the following statement on the Ohio train derailment:

"A train carrying hazardous chemicals derailed in East Palestine, Ohio earlier this week. To prevent a likely explosion, emergency officials oversaw a controlled chemical burn off that released harmful and potentially deadly fumes into the air, leading to an emergency evacuation within a one mile radius.

"I am in communication with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and seeking answers to questions, including: What is the EPA's capacity to monitor air and water quality for residents in Ohio and beyond the evacuation zone in states like New York? What steps are being taken to monitor air and water quality there and in neighboring states? How will threats to air and water quality be communicated to and mitigated in communities in Ohio and neighboring states like New York?

"It is imperative we understand the full environmental impact of this disaster, prioritize a timely cleanup effort, monitor long-term effects and prevent a major disaster like this from happening again.

## Reps. Molinaro & Langworthy Lead Effort to Protect Vital Services From Cuts in Gov. Hochul's Budget

Washington, DC - U.S. Reps. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) and Nick Langworthy (NY-23) this week led Republicans in New York's Congressional Delegation in pushing back against Governor Kathy Hochul's 2024 state budget proposal, which steals enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) funds from local governments and jeopardizes programs that vulnerable New Yorkers rely on.

Congress delivers federal funds directly to states to cover a share of their Medicaid programs. These federal funds, known as eFMAP, are intended to be shared with counties. Under Governor Hochul's budget, the Governor absorbs eFMAP funds into the state, putting county administered Medicaid services on the chopping block.

In a letter to Governor Hochul, Reps. Molinaro and Langworthy write, "Your decision to divert the necessary local support from eFMAP will force our state's local governments to shoulder the shortfall. This will lead to a reduction in access for the very services that eFMAP is intended to support, leading to harm for the most vulnerable. Other localities could be forced to raise property taxes. It is ironic that-following a State of the State Address where you pledged to make New York state more affordable -you are now pursuing a policy that could ultimately leave New Yorkers with higher taxes, higher costs, and fewer services."

The full letter can be found here.

<https://langworthy.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/langworthy.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/ny-del-letter-efmap.pdf>

According to the New York Association of Counties, counties in New York's 19th Congressional District are estimated to lose the following eFMAP funds under Governor Hochul's budget:

Broome: \$4.9 million  
 Chenango: \$1.2 million  
 Columbia: \$1.4 million  
 Cortland: \$1.3 million  
 Delaware: \$1.1 million  
 Greene: \$1.2 million  
 Otsego: \$1.3 million  
 Sullivan: \$2.6 million  
 Tioga: \$1 million  
 Tompkins: \$1.5 million  
 Ulster: \$4.6 million

## Rep. Molinaro Blasts Gov. Hochul's Budget on House Floor for Stealing Federal Funds From Programs Vulnerable New Yorkers Rely On

The budget steals a billion dollars in Congressionally-appropriated Medicaid funds from local programs that vulnerable New Yorkers rely on.

Rep. Molinaro's remarks, blasting New York State Governor Kathy Hochul's budget on the Floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, as prepared for delivery, on February 9, 2023 can be viewed at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6thOU\\_UKFpY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6thOU_UKFpY&feature=youtu.be)

Daniel Pierce Library

# WINTER READING CHALLENGE

JAN 9- MARCH 20

Read for 12 hours or 48 books. Audiobooks count too! Pick up a log at either circulation desk and start coloring in the circles...each quarter of a circle equals 15 minutes or 1 book. Fill in as you read and list your read books on the log on the back. Bring the completed log to the library and pick up your prize!



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## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



# Sunday, March 19th

**Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon**

**Adults: \$11**

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

**Under 5 Yrs. Free**

The Easter Bunny will make an appearance during breakfast so bring your cameras to take some pictures!



**Take-outs are available 985-7270**

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

# TRIVIA FOR A CAUSE

*presented by the  
Kiwanis of Woodridge, NY Foundation, Inc.*

**Saturday, March 4, 2023  
1:00 – 3:30 P.M.  
CASA MIA RESTAURANT  
205 Main St., Hurleyville, NY 12747**

**Come enjoy a fun afternoon of trivia, laughter, fun,  
delicious finger foods, desserts, & beverages.**



**Seating is Limited! Advanced Reservations Required!  
\$25.00 per person includes food, dessert, beverages and  
entry for Door Prize. Raffles and 50/50 tickets extra.**



**Proceeds will benefit children throughout the  
Fallsburg Central School District.**

**Checks must be received no later than February 24, 2023  
Payable to: Kiwanis of Woodridge  
PO Box 722, Woodridge, NY 12789**

**For questions or further info please contact:  
Deb Jacobsen at 845-798-8795 or Diane Garritt at 845-866-3204.**

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK:**

**Names attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$25.00 Each** **TOTAL DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Vendors Wanted!!

# HEALTHFEST 23!



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

**June 4, 2023**  
**11:00 AM—3:00 PM**  
**Hanofee Park**  
**129 Sunset Lake Rd**  
**Liberty, NY**



Would you like to be part of a **FREE** fun day promoting health and wellness in Sullivan County?

Do you have a health and wellness service or activity that you would like to promote?

Then we want you! Sullivan County Public Health and Action Toward Independence invite you to participate in our first annual HealthFest!

We are planning a fun filled day of information, refreshments and fun activities for all ages to encourage county residents and visitors to discover all the services and activities available in Sullivan County.

For more information, or to register your organization or group to be part of the fun, contact:

**Shawn Comfort**  
**ATI**  
[seomfort@atitoday.org](mailto:seomfort@atitoday.org)  
**845-794-4228**

or

**Jill Hubert-Simon**  
**SC Public Health**  
[Jill.hubert-simon@sullivanny.us](mailto:Jill.hubert-simon@sullivanny.us)  
**845-513-2243**



**Neversink – Rondout  
Antique Machinery Association  
P.O. Box 393 – Grahamsville – New York 12740**

Sullivan County High Schools Guidance Directors, please see attached \$500 Scholarship Application provided by the Neversink – Rondout Antique Machinery Association for your dissemination. Of Particular note is the submission deadline date of June 2, 2023. If I have sent this notice to the wrong department I request your assistance in directing it correctly.

- Eldred Central **School District**.
- Fallsburg Central **School District**.
- Liberty Central **School District**.
- Livingston Manor Central **School District**.
- Monticello Central **School District**.
- Roscoe Central **School District**.
- **Sullivan** West Central **School District**.
- Tri-Valley Central **School District**.
- Sullivan County Boces

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Fallsburg

Liberty High School -

Livingston Manor

Monticello

Roscoe

Sullivan West

Tri Valley -

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Thank you,

John McHugh

Chairperson – NRAMA Scholarship Committee

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[jmchugh4@hvc.rr.com](mailto:jmchugh4@hvc.rr.com)

(See next page for application)

NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 393, Grahamsville, NY 12740

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

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

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

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

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

Submit a completed application to the NRAMA by June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

What school(s) have you applied to? \_\_\_\_\_

What school(s) have you been accepted at? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the course of study? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**FOR SALE**

**2019 16" Macbook Pro**

Core i9 2.4ghz 8 core processor  
 64 GB Ram • 1TB Solid State Drive  
 Fingerprint ID • Backlit Keyboard  
 Comes with power cord, protective case, and cooling pad. Studio laptop that spent its life on a desk and is in like-new condition. Purchased in 2020. I also have like-new quality and condition equipment for pro-recording audiobooks. Text or call Thorn at 845 633 4196 to see. Price firm at \$1100. Pickup and Cash Only.

**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

**Blooming Green Lawn and Landscape Sevice**  
 Part time/Full time work. Salary based on experience. Call: 845-665-3348 or 945-985-0516

**WANTED**

**Wanted: 30 inch exterior door.**  
 Please call: 1-413-883-2533.



*“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE & TRIVIA”*  
 STREAMING  
 NOW ON NETFLIX & AMAZON PRIME

**INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL**  
 (2008)



The thing about high-grossing movies is that they are often disappointing sequels to greater films. No Indiana Jones fan in good conscience would recommend the 2008 installment, but here we are because it made a boatload of money.

Indy, a now sexagenarian Harrison Ford, takes on Soviet agents in search of a crystal skull with special powers, at the behest of a kid named Mutt (Shia LeBeouf).

The search leads to a reunion with old flame Marion (Karen Allen). And you if work out the math on that one, you will know who Mutt is!



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## KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II ON AMAZON, NETFLIX. IMOB

### CASABLANCA

(1942, 1H 42M, ADVENTURE-ROMANCE, TV-PG)



In the annals of great love affairs, Bergman and Bogie –Ilsa and Richard will endure in this adventurous tale of love, hate, and passion. Set against the background of World War two, Richard (Rick) Blaine, an American expatriate and owner of a nightclub, “Ricks,” in Casablanca, meets the unexpected. His old flame who he last saw in Paris, is in town with her husband, Victor Laszlo. Rick must choose between his love for Ilsa or helping her husband escape from the Vischy-Controlled Casablanca.



Directed by Michael Curtiz, and starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, Dooley Wilson, and Peter Lorre

## KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III ON AMAZON, NETFLIX. IMOB ADVENTURES OF DON JUAN

(1948, 1H 50M | ADVENTURE | TV-PG)  
THE LEGENDARY LOVER SAVES  
HIS QUEEN FROM TREASON



The story begins in the year 1620 when England and Spain are at odds, and heading toward war. Treason abounds in the highest ranks of the nobility. Fired by the presence of a weak king of France, and a strong, helpless, fair minded Queen (**Viveca Lindfors**), with no one to defend the Queen, or her Crown. Don Juan discovers Duke De Lorca's evil plan and rushes to defend his country and his beloved queen.



Directed by Vincent Sherman starring; Errol Flynn, Viveca Lindfors, Robert Douglas

*Stay safe, and stay well  
Knarf Odnamoc  
Gnome*