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Come join our Gaming Group at the Grahamsville Town Hall - ALL ARE WELCOME



Are you tired of watching the same old soap operas on TV or want a bit more socializing than your dog, cat or birdwatching can give you? If so, you may be ready to join our gaming group at the Grahamsville Town Hall. You probably didn't know this, but for almost the last 20 years different groups of folks over the years have been meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesdays and

Fridays from 12:30pm to 4:30pm to play cards, a variety of other games and work puzzles. We meet on the second floor of the Town Hall and have a beautiful room that we decorate according to the season or holiday. We mostly play cards - a game called Samba, which uses 7 decks of cards and is a take on Canasta, but we can play other card games, and also have lots of board games like Scrabble, Yahtzee, Boggle, Dominoes, and many more. Each time we meet, we bring snacks and have coffee or tea, and once a month on Fridays, we have a luncheon where each member of the group brings in a dish.

Most of our current attendees are senior gals and include Barbara Barkley, Josie Dubas, Esta Jacob, Ann Krom, Connie Lenox, Pat Menje, Dot Muthig, and Claire Rennison. Not

every member can attend each session, so it is very flexible. Years ago, I hear that there were many more attendees, but our group is now fairly small, and we welcome new members to come and play with us. (Contd. Pg. 4)



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Behold, I am against thee, O thou most proud, saith the Lord God of hosts; for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee. Jeremiah 50:31

OBITUARY

Jeffrey L. Wood, of Hurleyville, NY, passed away peacefully at the Kaplan Family Residence on Thursday, June 27, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 67.

He was the son of the late Clarence Wood and Viola Bonnell, born on June 14, 1957. In Liberty, NY.

Jeffrey was a dedicated mechanic employed by Miller Automatic for 3 years. He then moved to Las Vegas and worked on slot machines. He enjoyed Pin Ball Machines, Evel Knievel Pin Ball, record player many 45's. He enjoyed meeting people, showing them how the mechanics worked in pinball machines and record players. After 20 years of living in Las Vegas he came back home. He worked for the Town of Fallsburg Water Department for 20 years before he retired. He liked Nascar, mowing lawns, weed wacking, playing darts, visits with friends and neighbors. He loved cars and refurbished a 1957 Chevy Wagon, it was his pride and joy.

He is survived by his brother, Ernest W. Wood and his wife Annette, his niece Denise and brother-in-law Larry Pope, many cousins and a host of friends. He was predeceased by his sister Alinda Pope, niece Teresa Call and aunts, uncles, nephews and his beloved dog Poncho.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at Hurleyville Cemetery, at 1:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donations in his name can be made to Ride 2 Survive, PO Box 282 Youngsville NY 12791 or Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties 800 Stony Brook Ct, Newburgh, NY 12550.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit:

www.colonialfamilyfuneralhome.com

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

August 18, 1954

On Tuesday, August 17th, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hill celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at a dinner party given at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huntsberger. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Zopher Aldrich of Poughkeepsie.

Andrew George of Sundown died at his home on Wednesday morning of a heart ailment. He was 77. Born November 23, 1876 at Red Hill, he was the son of Halwick and Anna Catrina Hazel George. He was married September 3, 1896 in Grahamsville to the former Julia Hanford. Mr. George was a member of the Grahamsville Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, four daughters: Esther George of Sundown, Mrs. Linda Smith, Mrs. Inez Gridley, both of Grahamsville and Mrs. Dorothy Grey of Olcutt, N.Y.

Miss Eleanor Cook of Woodbourne was married on Saturday, August 14th to Mr. Melvin Ackerley of Curry, son of the Ivan Ackerleys. The marriage took place in Livingston Manor. They plan to make their home in one of the Art Ackerley bungalows.

July 29, 1964
Harold and Frances Wellington of New York City and Claryville, who have recently purchased the Blue Hill Lodge adjoining their estate on the East Branch of the Neversink River at Claryville, are considering additional facilities for the lodge. These include the possibility of a novice ski slope. Other ideas under consideration are a trout pond for youngsters and a small pitch and putt golf course.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Saraceno of New York City announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Marie, to Ronald James McGinnity, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis McGinnity of New York City and Grahamsville. An October wedding is planned.

August 7, 1974
Life Scout Scott Grey, Senior Patrol Leader of Grahamsville Troop 187, passed his Eagle Scout Review Board at Beech Mountain Scout Camp and was approved for the highest rank in scouting, Eagle Scout. Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Grey of Sundown. He is 15 years old and has been in scouting for seven years.

Congratulations to David S. Bertholf who has been promoted to Airman First Class, U.S. Air Force. He is serving at Dyess AFB, Texas as a transportation specialist. David is a 1973 TVCS graduate and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bertholf, Sr. of Woodbourne.

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DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

(From Pg. 2)

August 9, 1984

Catherine Elflein of Grahamsville, a long time area resident, died Tuesday, July 31st at Walnut Mountain Care Center, Liberty after a long illness. She was 93. The daughter of the late George and Ernestine Klein Kohler, she was born April 3, 1891 in Brooklyn. Mrs. Elflein was the widow of John Elflein. Survivors include two sons: John Elflein of Patona and George Elflein of Long Eddy; three daughters: Eleanora Northrop of Manorville, L.I., Octavia Sipple of Stamford, Ct., and Clarice Herrmann of Grahamsville. 15 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley

Published June 16, 1998

Does anyone remember the friendly organ grinder and his friendly little monkey? "I do." In the early 1900's we kids looked forward to his visit every summer up there in Grooville about this time of year. When the boarding houses were open for business, he would make his rounds. We would be outside playing, and we would hear the special music of his arrival as it was carried on the warm summer air before they turned the corner to come up our hill. I still recall rushing into the house to tell my parents, "The organ grinder is coming", and being told to wait until he got to our house and then dad would pass out the pennies.

The monkey's owner always had a wide grin on his face as he walked into our yard, cranking away on his magical box and people appeared like magic! The music box hung from his shoulder by a leather strap and on the bottom was a wooden pail which enable him to stand the organ on the ground. He would then play his music and use one hand to hold the monkey's leash which was attached to a harness. That bright eyed little creature was dressed in a little red coat trimmed in shiny black braid with gold buttons and big pockets. A tiny pill-box hat completed the outfit. When his master was walking, the monkey was swung up by his leash to sit on top of the organ. Then his master would take him from the music box and place him on the ground and he looked so cute with that little coat hanging to his knees.

Somebody would hold out a penny and the monkey would take the coin, doff his hat and place the penny in his pocket. Then he would start looking around for more. When our supply of pennies was exhausted, the organ grinder would swing the monkey up on the pail and go up the road to stop at the boarding houses where man and monkey would again do their routine, more music and more pennies.

Household Hint:

Have extra parsley or basil and want to keep it?

This trick might just be the reason to purchase some new Dollar Store colorful ice trays. Chop up leftover fresh herbs that you might want for future recipes. Put them in an ice tray and cover with water and freeze. When frozen, pop them in a freezer bag. Make sure you write on the bag what each herb is. Freeze until needed again.

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

A Bumper Crop of Blackberries!

It looks like we are going to have a bumper crop of wild Blackberries! Blackberries are a family favorites—but there is always competition with the birds when it comes to picking and who gets there first!

The blackberry is an edible fruit produced by many species in the *Rubus* genus in the Rosaceae family. The usually black fruit is not a true berry. Botanically it is termed an aggregate fruit, which means the berry is really made up of lots of tiny, round, shiny berries stuck together. Each tiny berry in the cluster has its own seed, so one animal eating one fruit spreads many seeds.

It is a widespread and well-known group of over 375 species.

Blackberries are perennial plants which typically bear biennial stems

("canes") from the perennial root system. In its first year, a new stem, the primocane, grows vigorously to its full length which can be as tall as 9 feet or more, sometimes arching or trailing along the ground and bearing large palmately compound leaves with five or seven leaflets. During the first year it does not produce any flowers. In its second year, the cane becomes a florican and the stem does not grow longer, but the lateral buds break to produce flowering laterals (side shoots), which have smaller leaves with three or five leaflets. First- and second-year shoots usually have numerous short-curved, very sharp prickles that are often called thorns.

The fertilized flowers mature into the fruit, which ripens from mid-summer to early fall, changing from green to red then to a dark purple that is almost black.

Unmanaged mature plants form a tangle of dense arching stems, the branches rooting from the node tip on many species when they reach the ground. Vigorous and growing rapidly in woods, scrub, hillsides, and hedgerows, blackberry shrubs tolerate poor soils, readily colonizing wasteland, ditches, and vacant lots, thus today the wild blackberry can be considered an invasive species. Blackberries grow wild throughout all parts of the Catskills.

There is evidence from the Iron Age Haraldskær Woman that she consumed blackberries some 2500 years ago. It is reasonable to conclude that blackberries have been eaten by humans over thousands of years!

The Native Americans revered the blackberry for its many medicinal properties, and they also made fiber from the stems that was used to make a strong twine. Another use was as a huge barricade around the village made of piles of the thorny canes, for protection from 4 and 2 legged predators. The fruit was also used for purple and blue dyes.

A little bit of folklore tells that you never eat blackberries that are picked after Old Michaelmas Day (11 October). Here's why: When the Devil was kicked out of Heaven on October 11, he landed, cursing and screaming, on a thorny blackberry bush. He avenges himself on the same day every year by spitting on the berries, which makes them inedible. There is some value behind this legend as wetter and cooler weather often allows the fruit to become infected by various molds such as *Botryotinia* which give the fruit an unpleasant look and may be toxic.

Now is the time if you get a chance, roll down your sleeves (to avoid the thorns) and start picking! Blackberries are very common on state land, along the roadside. Just make sure that you have permission to pick the berries if they are on someone's property.

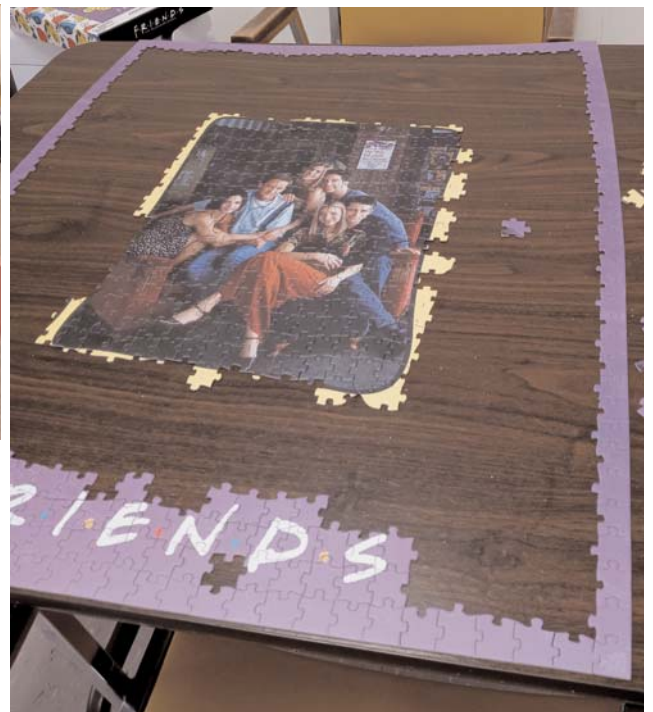


Come join our Gaming Group at the Grahamsville Town Hall - ALL ARE WELCOME

(From Pg. 1) come to bring your own games, puzzles, or other ideas as we are open to new card games and other games you enjoy. For newcomers who do not how to play Samba, we would be very pleased to teach you this fun card game.



Members of the gaming group a few years back



If you are interested in joining us, we encourage you to stop in and visit us on the second floor of the Town Hall on Tuesday or Friday at 12:30pm so you can check us out and see if you would be interested in joining us. If you have any questions, you can ask any member listed on page one, or phone Barbara Barkley at 845-985-7150, Josie Dubas at 845-985-2588, or text or phone Patricia Menje at 917-783-6253 and we can field any questions you may have.

Celebrating Success: Rubin Pollack Education Center's Outstanding Graduates



LIBERTY - Sullivan BOCES held its commencement ceremony for the Rubin Pollack Education Center at the Clubhouse at Villa Roma on Tuesday, June 25, 2024. Family, teachers, and school administrators honored the fourteen graduates for their educational achievements.

Susan Schmidt, Deputy Superintendent at Sullivan BOCES, welcomed guests and opened the ceremony with an inspirational speech for the graduates. "You have faced challenges over the years, but you turned those obstacles into opportunities. You have experienced tremendous growth and celebrated various successes during your high school journey. Your dedication, perseverance, and sup-

port network have helped you reach this milestone. To the class of 2024, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. Cherish the memories you have made, the lessons learned and the friendships you have forged at Sullivan BOCES. As you embark on this next chapter, embrace the opportunities ahead with the same determination and passion you brought to this moment."

Brian Conaty, Sullivan County District Attorney, was the keynote speaker for the graduation. Mr. Conaty expressed his honor in addressing the students on this momentous occasion. "Today, we celebrate all you have accomplished and the beginning of a new chapter. As you move on to the next phase, some of you will travel the world, while others will stay here to utilize the skills you have learned in school to make a positive change. There will also be some who leave the county for a while to continue their education but will return home to help enhance our community."

He spoke of the future, emphasizing that your next decision and the one after that shape it. As Vietnamese peace advocate Thích Nhất Hạnh once said, 'The present moment contains both past and future. The secret in transformation is how you handle this moment.' Mr. Conaty ended by challenging the graduates to craft their futures with passion and purpose. "Dream big and dare greatly, as nothing is beyond your reach. Every choice you make from here on has the potential to craft a brighter future for all of us. Congratulations, graduates!" said Conaty.

The ceremony's student speaker was Jesse Guara, a Livingston Manor CSD graduate. During his speech, he spoke of his school experience before BOCES and never thought he would get to where he stands tonight. "I was always the odd one out. I never did homework and constructed mediocre answers for schoolwork. In the end, poor self-management and low interest drove me to do the bare minimum."

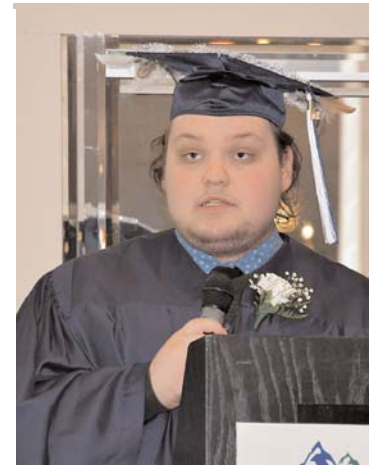
In 2020, he had the chance to enroll in the alternative education program at BOCES. Guara said, "When this option presented itself, I took it, seeing it as an opportunity to work toward an end goal of success during a time of difficulty. I became something new from this experience and grew with major thanks to the multiple perspectives of my teachers and what they thought could help me best. I went on a journey of self-discovery and became something beyond what I could even fathom four years ago." He ended his speech with the statement, "As we come to the close of this ceremony, we look forward to the future for our graduating class, who will pursue great careers and fulfillment in many facets of their lives. May we hold our heads high onto the new horizon of endless possibilities."

Dr. Robert M. Dufour, District Superintendent at Sullivan BOCES, closed the ceremony with the following remarks: "Congratulations, graduates. You have worked hard and overcome numerous obstacles over the years. Your hard work, determination, and perseverance have brought you to this significant milestone." He left the students with a poem from Frederick Amizing to remember when things get tough. The Journey of Life - 'Remember that every step you take, every move you make, leads you closer to your dreams. Embrace the future with courage and confidence, knowing that life is a journey, not a destination.'

"We are incredibly proud of all you've accomplished and excited to see where your journey takes you next. Keep striving, keep believing, and keep shining," said Dufour.

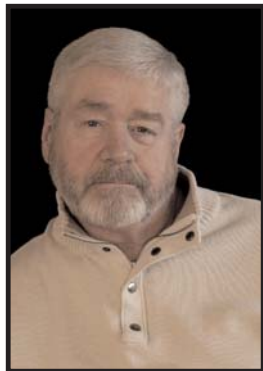
Congratulations, Class of 2024!

Emily Walter, Eldred CSD - Antonia Keesler Award, Presidential Award for Academic Achievement, and Perseverance Award; **Farris Abu-Alghann, Liberty CSD** - Presidential Award for Academic Achievement, Rotary Award, and Perseverance Award; **Daniel Ellington, Liberty CSD** - Perseverance Award; **Joshua Lutz, Liberty CSD** - Presidential Award for Academic Achievement, American Citizenship Award, Perseverance Award; **Shayla Boyles, Livingston Manor CSD** - BOCES Board Award, Perseverance Award, and Liberty Elks Award; **Thomas Gale, Livingston Manor CSD** - Presidential Award for Academic Achievement, Perseverance Award, and CTE Award; **Semaj Daily, Monticello CSD** - Theresa Panny Award and Perseverance Award; **Jesse Guara, Livingston Manor CSD** - Outstanding Graduate Award, CTE Award, and Perseverance Award; **Lewis Hollister, Monticello CSD** - Thelma Newman Award and Perseverance Award; **Carlton Oney, Monticello CSD** - Presidential Award for Academic Achievement, American Citizenship Award, and Perseverance Award; **Olivia Tagliamonti, Monticello CSD** - Gene Smith School to Work Award and Perseverance Award; **Elizabeth Totten-Mitchell, Monticello CSD** - American Citizenship Award, Rotary Award, and Perseverance Award; **Michael Weiss, Port Jervis CSD** - Presidential Award for Academic Achievement, Theresa Panny Award, and Perseverance Award; **Ryan Whitted, Tri-Valley CSD** - Presidential Award for Academic Achievement, Liberty Elks Award, and Perseverance Award



Jesse Guara

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by John Dwaine McKenna

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Are you aware that there are now more than 120,000 patients-folks just like you and me who are on waiting lists for organ transplants in America . . . or that there are three-hundred thousand more on kidney dialysis, but not yet on transplant lists . . . and shamefully, that here in America, twenty people are dying every day from renal (kidney) failure because of a lack of organ donors? The average wait for a donated organ, eighty-five percent of which are kidneys, is **Seven Years**. People are dying before they make it to the top of the list for a replacement. This fact, and it is indeed a tragic fact-and wait, it gets worse-has given rise to a modern phenomenon known as transplant tourism. Simply put, those who can afford to pay are going to foreign transplant specialists where they get a healthy, life-saving new organ. "Well isn't that just dandy," you say . . . but then, after a moment's reflection you ask, "So, where, exactly, does this life-saving and healthy new donor organ come from?" Well Mr. and Mrs. Peabody, that's where the rub comes in. The transplant specialists are located in countries with large and growing populations of poor people. Human beings whose yearly income can be stated in hundreds of dollars.

The Organ Broker, (Arcade Publishing, \$24.99, 280 pages, ISBN 978-1-62872-523-0) by Stu Strumwasser, is an outstanding new novel by a debut author whose voice speaks loud and clear about a critical issue of our times - one with important legal, ethical and moral overtones that could very well affect every one of us at some point in our lives. Best of all, he's fitted his information into a beautifully-written crime novel that's full of intrigue, action, suspense and treachery. Just what we enthusiasts love in summertime reading!

The protagonist, a shady character known as 'New York Jack,' is the organ broker. He's living large, enjoying life on a lavish scale, traveling first-class, dining in exclusive restaurants and staying in five-star hotels. He tells himself that he's saving lives by procuring human organs for those who are wealthy enough to buy them. Jack gets \$150,000 for a kidney, which he splits with a cohort, a man who goes by the name Wallace, he's the one who obtains the clients-those sick enough and rich enough to buy whatever they wish, no matter what the price. Kidneys are called "eighty-fives," because they're 85 percent of the pairs transplant business, and they've done thousands of them over the years. "Fifteens" are livers. They go for half-a-million a pop. And hey, great news for the organ donors, fifteens regenerate. Eventually. But the big money, the really big money . . . the kind that will buy a whole Caribbean Island and a lifetime of anonymity . . . that only comes with specials. Those are hearts. A healthy one only comes one way, with death. Excluding accidents and executions, the only other way to get one creates a moral barrier that only a sociopath is willing to cross . . . Don't miss *The Organ Broker* by Stu Strumwasser. It might be the most talked about book of the summer of 2020. It's certainly one of the best!

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Things I Like

Things I like:

Try writing a list of things you like. You will realize how many items are free or inexpensive (except Chanel No. 5). You will, without being a millionaire, feel rich inside.



Bing cherries
Crisp bacon
Sunrises and sunsets
Puppies and kittens
Dogs, cats and all animals
Packages in the mail
Wild flowers
Pistachio nut ice cream
Chanel No 5
The song "Hallelujah"
Kind and considerable people
Books
Frogs and toads
Swimming
Letters and cards in the mail
Hamburgers with catsup and mustard
Lit candles

And, of course, my friends and family.

The best thing about this list is that I have them all in my life now. No need to shop, to store, or to dust and maintain another thing.

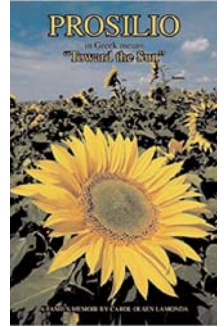
Barefoot in the Park

Auditions for the radio play, "Barefoot in the Park" will be held at the Boiceville Inn on August 16 and 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. and on August 18 from 3 to 5 p.m.

"Barefoot in the Park" by Neil Simon will be a dinner theater planned for August 23, 24, and 25. The director will be Linda Burkhardt.

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



“Sunshine and Good Times with Ron” kicks off DPL Summer Programs!

Register early to save a seat for our awesome programs

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Our library is so much more than a collection of books-though we have an impressive assortment-it's a place of connection, collaboration and community...the three big C's! One thing we pride ourselves on is the programming we make available to our patrons; from 'Boujee' Bingo to “Baaa-ventures with Goats.” It's a lot of hard work, but happy patrons make for a happy library and so we give it our all.

The only way we can keep offering programs is if our patrons register and attend them. We post up-to-date information on all of our social media pages and through our website. Email blasts go out to those patrons who have signed up for them (to sign up for email blasts regarding programs, events and other pertinent information come to or call the library and we can sign you up or visit our website and sign up through the link at the bottom right of our home page.) Flyers are hung throughout the area and programs are discussed through this paper and word of mouth. We're a really small community so everyone-by definition of a small community-should already know what everyone else is doing.

But then we had to cancel a program because of low registration numbers and people called upset and said they would have signed up if they only knew. That stings! So, with that, we are jump starting our summer programs with the “Sunshine and Good Times Show” with Cool Dude Ron Albanese. This program is for children 0 to 5 years old (open to Tri-Valley residents) on Tuesday, July 9 at 6PM. It's going to be a great time of cool, interactive, high-energy fun for our youngest patrons. We are encouraging all who attend to wear Hawaiian shirts and/or tropical to up the summer-time vibe. Please register online on our website if you are interested in attending! Then, throughout the summer we have a plethora of other programs for children through adults. It is best to register to attend as early as possible and not wait until a day or two before said program so we can have an accurate head count and be better prepared. There is truly something for everyone!

Another gentle reminder-

Please don't stuff the book tent with castoffs! We utilize a meticulous system when it comes to donations.



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The better the condition of the donated book, the more likely it will actually end up being processed into our collection and circulated amongst thousands of people, saving us a good chunk of change that we can then put towards other things like programs. If we can't use it in our collection, it then goes to our GPP-Giant Pumpkin Party-book tent, where we utilize all the funds generated from sales for library purposes, or to our summer book tent where hopefully it's scooped up by an excited shopper. What doesn't help is if we have to cart off boxes of VHS's someone stuffed into the end of the tent-that costs us time and money (neither which we have a ton of) to bring to the dump. So, please, if you are interested in donating gently used books, CD's, DVD's, puzzles or games to us, call the library and Michelle will gladly go over our donation guidelines and set up a good time for drop off.

Okay, I'm getting off my soap box.

Stop in before the Fourth of July to stock up on summer reads. We're closed the fourth, but are open on Friday so make sure you come in, enjoy the AC and pick up our summer reading logs/bingo game boards! On another note, starting in July, we've rearranged our hours and will now be open to 2PM on Mondays and 7PM on Wednesdays, but closed Saturdays-the rest of the days and times will remain the same.



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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison
No column this week.

Liberty Museum to Host First Invitational Art Show

The Liberty Museum & Arts Center will host its first Invitational Art Show, opening Saturday, June 29th and running until September 1st. The Liberty Museum will be filled with a dazzling array of artwork from pre-eminent artists both from the region and beyond.

Much of the artwork is rarely seen in our area. New watercolors by Laverne Black and Jacqueline Herman, whimsical multimedia creations of James Karpowicz and Matthew Sherman, the rarely seen, museum-quality still-lives of Phillip Gabrielli, the large lyrical abstract work, some dating from the 1960s of Tony Canger, the oil and acrylic paintings of Rosie Feder, evocative photographs of Jackie Chiger and Jean Rhodes, oil paintings from the butterfly series by Barnaby Frumess, colorful geometric abstracts of Julie Gross, seminal art deco works of the late Gustav Kaitz, varied oil paintings by Alison Luci and the always popular paintings by the late Dorothy Langseder, varied textural frottage and abstract paintings of Marjorie Morrow, wildlife art of Sara Munoz, and stylized city-scapes of Ed Ziff will be included in the show.

Curator Naomi Frumess says "I have invited each artist to bring special works, representing each one's interests to entice visitors into their world. It has been quite a challenge to get all these incredibly talented people under one roof."

Most of the exhibited artwork will be for sale. The Liberty Museum is located at 46 South Main Street in the village of Liberty. The Museum is open from noon to 4PM, Saturdays and Sundays. Call (845) 807-6055 or email nfrumessfnp396@gmail.com.

Dietz Art Exhibit at The Old Stone House –Dietz Art

Paintings by Kenneth Allen Dietz
The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck
July 7 - 28, 2024

Opening Reception: Sunday, July 7th, 4-7 PM
Kenneth Allen Dietz

At the age of four I told my mother I wanted to build houses when I grew up. What I meant was to draw houses...what I really meant was I wanted to be an Architect. I also liked drawing and painting and performing magic for friends. I eventually studied Architecture at the University of Illinois. There I also studied art history and began using oil paints.

As a painter, I am self-taught. While I was interested in many artists, art periods and techniques, I gravitated towards Vermeer, Marcel Duchamp and Picasso. As contemporary artists I follow Jeffrey T. Larson, Daniel Sprick and Juliette Aristides among others.

During the past few years I was able to produce a collection of paintings that vary widely in subject matter, style and technique. The collection is a mix of original work and versions of works by known artists in the interest of understanding a range of painting methods and points of view. My motivation lies in the desire to create paintings that I would love to look at and display on my own walls. Art works of museum quality and genuine interest.

I was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey. I studied and interned as an Architect and received my New York license to practice in the

early 1980s. I have practiced architecture for more than four decades and continue to be involved in the profession.

While, perhaps, too old to be considered an emerging artist, I have only recently become interested in exhibiting some of my work and have exhibited at the American Artists Professional League and the Catskill Art Space.

Memberships include Associate Member of the American Artists Professional League; Member of the Catskill Art Space; The Art Renewal Center; and The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck.

The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck is located at 282 Hasbrouck Road, Woodbourne, New York, 12788. Show hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 3-6 PM, or by appointment at: kad2251@gmail.com

Old Stone House Art Stew Series

We are delighted to announce this class to be given at the Old Stone house as a part of our Art Stew Series.

This is a Landscape Sketch Workshop given by Plein Air artist, Karen Meneghin Weds July 10th 9:30-11:30 and Saturday July 13th 9:30-11:30

It is a two part course based on landscape sketches by Camille Corot.(French 1796-1875) an important figure in the "Plein Air" movement in the 1880's. A trained neo-classist, Corot's field sketches on paper presaged "impressionism" by working outdoors.

In a brief presentation, we look at Corot's stylistic sketch variations used in studies of singular objects in a landscape, (rocks, trees, mountains) and the more complex, multi object compositions suggesting distance and atmosphere with the use of line, mass and tone.

Amateur or accomplished artists alike will have something to learn from this workshop.

Made possible by a grant from the NY State Council of the Arts and distributed by the Delaware valley Arts Alliance
<http://www.oldstonehouse.org> to register

Farm Arts presents Family Farm Day Saturday, July 13 from 1-4 PM – FREE

Damascus, PA- Farm Arts Collective will host its annual Family Farm Day on Saturday July 13 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This FREE event will take place at the new Agri-Cultural Center on Willow Wisp Organic Farm.

Bring the whole family and learn about organic farming, food production, and flower-growing on the 25 acre solar-powered vegetable farm. Join a led-tour of 15 greenhouses, vegetable and flower fields and see how Willow Wisp Organic Farm is contributing to the agricultural tradition in a region rich in farming heritage.

Group tours will take place at 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm.

The day will also include face painting with Fox-Glow Face Painting, seed-starting workshops & demos, kids games, arts and crafts, and other fun activities for the whole family.

Remember to wear your boots and a sunhat!

Farm Arts Collective is located at 38 Hickory Lane, Damascus, PA 18415 Phone: 570-798-9530 online at www.farmartscollective.org

"DEC Does What?!" Podcast Episode 7 Now Available: Hooked on Hatcheries

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released the latest episode of "DEC Does What?!", the bi-weekly podcast that features conversations with DEC experts about the agency's wide-ranging efforts to protect New Yorkers and the environment. Episode Seven—"Hooked on Hatcheries"—highlights the work of DEC's fish hatcheries and how these facilities support species restoration and opportunities for anglers in New York's freshwater streams.

Anglers can find world-class fishing across New York State, thanks in large part to a network of 12 DEC-operated fish hatcheries—each specializing in raising and stocking various species of trout, walleye, salmon, muskellunge, and more. On this episode, hosts Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar and Chief of Staff Erica Ringewald explore the importance of these facilities with Michelle Poprawski, DEC's Catskill State Fish Hatchery Manager. Dive in and learn how Michelle and her team raise over 600,000 brown trout each year and stock them into more than 115 waterbodies throughout the Hudson Valley and Long Island to enhance recreational fishing opportunities.

All episodes of "DEC Does What?!" are available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, YouTube, Amazon Music, and all major podcast platforms.

For more information on "DEC Does What?!", visit DEC's website <https://dec.ny.gov/news/podcast>

College Scholarships Available for Volunteer Efforts Volunteer with a Sullivan 180 Project to be Eligible

[Liberty, NY] - The 2024 Sullivan 180 Scholarship application is now available. The scholarship program recognizes volunteer efforts in projects that support the Sullivan 180 mission to build a healthy community through people, places, and policy; with an intentional focus on prevention and empowering a healthier generation. Communities and organizations participating in the 2024 Sullivan 180 grant program welcome volunteer assistance in gardening, beautification, caring for public spaces, project documentation, outreach or fundraising.

The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, through a donor-advised fund established by Sullivan 180, offers a limited number of scholarships to Sullivan County residents who volunteer in a significant way with a Sullivan 180 project. Scholarships are announced in September and are applied toward the 2025 spring semester at an undergraduate college of one's choice.

Applications are due by August 19, 2024, and must be completed electronically via the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan's Online Portal. Applicants should submit a personal essay explaining the volunteer experience and how it impacted them personally, a letter of recommendation from the Sullivan 180 project leader, a letter of recommendation from a member of the community or other non-relative and photos from the volunteer experience. Visit Sullivan180.org for directions and links for applying.

For more information on the scholarship program or how to get involved in a Sullivan 180 project, contact Anne-Louise Scandariato, Director of Community Engagement at 845-295-2405 or Anne-Louise@Sullivan180.org.



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Catskill Center Releases Guide to Solar Facility Development for Local Governments in the Catskills

Arkville, NY, July 1, 2024 - The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development is pleased to announce the release of its Guide to Solar Facility Development for Local Governments in the Catskills. This comprehensive document aims to support local governments in navigating the complexities of solar facility development while preserving the region's unique environmental, cultural, and economic resources.

Guided by the Catskill Center's Advocacy & Policy Committee, and prepared by Community Planning & Environmental Associates, the guide addresses the dual imperative of advancing renewable energy goals while maintaining the integrity of the Catskills. It provides in-depth information, strategies, and best practices to help local governments balance these priorities.

"Moving toward solar and other forms of alternative energy is essential and inevitable. Preserving the character of our local towns and scenic vistas is equally important. Navigating these imperatives is no easy task for local officials. We hope that this guide will help them with this difficult assignment," said Claude Shostal, Chair of the Catskill Center Board of Director's Advocacy & Policy Committee.

The guide includes an overview of the current solar development landscape, driven by New York State's clean energy goals and the Catskills' potential for solar energy generation. It examines the economic and environmental benefits of solar development alongside potential challenges such as land use and habitat disruption. Guidance is offered on navigating solar energy regulations and zoning considerations, with practical recommendations for sustainable siting and environmental protection. The guide also provides strategies for involving communities in the planning process, ensuring transparency, and aligning projects with local values and conservation goals.

The guide provides local governments with practical steps to conduct comprehensive solar capacity assessments, develop or refine zoning laws and permitting processes tailored to solar development, implement best management practices to mitigate potential adverse environmental impacts, and leverage state initiatives and resources to support solar energy adoption.

"We're grateful to be able to provide this guide to local governments across the Catskills to help them navigate what is often a challenging landscape of competing priorities," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. "Solar energy adoption is key to a carbon free future, but just as important is the thoughtful siting and review of these projects within the unique mix of natural, cultural, and economic resources here in the Catskills."

By utilizing this guide, local governments can more effectively manage solar energy projects in a way that balances renewable energy development with the preservation of the Catskills' distinctive character.

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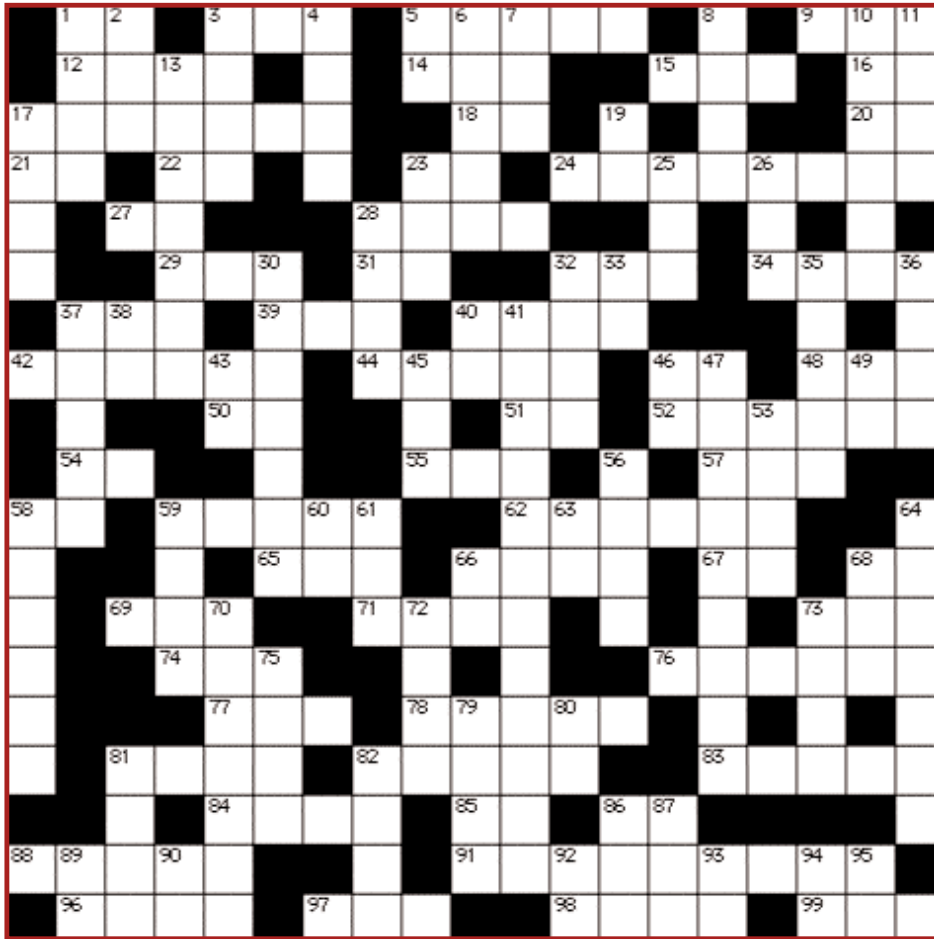
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- 1 Morning
- 3 Tank
- 5 Loft
- 9 Light knock
- 12 Small flute
- 14 Female deer
- 15 Direct
- 16 Colorado
- 17 Nationalist
- 18 Chem element
- 20 Centilitre
- 21 Links alternatives
- 22 Half an em
- 23 Person speaking
- 24 Food cooked on a grill
- 27 Exist
- 28 Place to pitch a tent
- 29 Not bright
- 31 Associated Press
- 32 Large

- coffee pot with a tap
- 34 So be it
- 37 Relating to live (comb. form)
- 39 Not at work
- 40 High quality
- 42 Ordinary
- 44 Happening
- 46 Provided that
- 48 Feline
- 50 Street
- 51 Perform
- 52 Authority to publish
- 54 At the time
- 55 Night before an event
- 57 Fish eggs
- 58 Store at a military base
- 59 Movies
- 62 Fine powdery plant substance that carries the male

- gamete
- 65 Past
- 66 Lease
- 67 "The People"
- 68 Long Island
- 69 Talk
- 71 Cowshed
- 73 Camorra
- 74 An edible kernel
- 76 Bring something into existence
- 77 Rapid Eye Movement
- 78 Split
- 81 Long story
- 82 Where most of our fireworks come from
- 83 Bed linen
- 84 As a result
- 85 North Carolina
- 86 Father
- 88 Stream
- 91 Representative government
- 96 Their construction changed for all time, the

- face of Tri-Valley
- 97 Utilize
- 98 Between twelve and twenty
- 99 Male adults

DOWN

- 1 At a distance
- 2 Mass. Institute of Technology
- 3 Blood vessel
- 4 Very young children
- 5 Advertisement
- 6 Natural object believed to have spiritual significance
- 7 Cleared space on a golf course
- 8 Branch
- 10 Charge with
- 11 Post
- 13 Liberation
- 17 Flesh of a pig

- 19 Each
- 23 Chart
- 25 Sprint
- 26 Age
- 28 Coffeehouse
- 30 One of the lost Tri-Valley towns
- 32 Archaic 'until'
- 33 Regarding
- 35 Corn salad
- 36 Obtain as a clear profit
- 37 White mineral used in making glass
- 38 I am
- 40 Chem. element
- 41 Sovereignty
- 43 Computer operating system
- 45 Compete
- 46 Chem. Iridium
- 47 Fourth of July event
- 49 Location in a particular place
- 53 Departed
- 56 Lowest female singing voice

- 58 Public procession held on the 4th of July
- 59 A baked dessert
- 60 Auto named for Morris's Garage
- 61 Cry
- 63 Supported by
- 64 Independence
- 66 Railroad
- 68 Great quantity
- 70 What might be on the 4th of

- July menu
- 72 Curved structure
- 73 Life partner
- 75 Droplet
- 79 "The Swedish Nightingale"
- 80 Fourth note of the major scale
- 81 Indian god, husband of Parvati
- 82 Center of

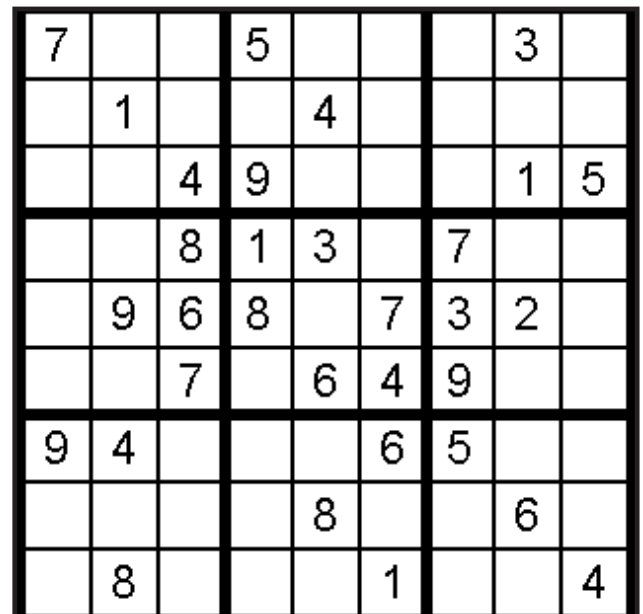
- ears of corn
- 86 Author of "The Raven"
- 87 Champion
- 89 Part of the human psyche
- 90 Printer's measure
- 92 Mountain
- 93 Registered nurse
- 94 Centimeter
- 95 "___ Olde Tri-Valley Townsman"

4th of July Blueberry Scones with Red Raspberry Jam

- 1/4 teaspoon salt • 2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup sugar • 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda • 1/3 cup cold butter
- 1/2 cup Sour Cream • 1 large egg
- 3/4 cup blueberries

Mix the salt, flour, sugar, cream of tartar, and baking soda together in a large bowl. Cut in the butter, until the mixture resembles coarse gravel. Mix the sour cream and egg together in a small bowl. Make a well in the flour mixture and pour the sour cream mixture. Mix until most of the mixture is moistened. Gently fold in the blueberries. Turn the mixture out onto a floured work surface and gently incorporate berries. Take care not to over mix. Make 2 balls of dough, and flatten each into 6 inch circles on lightly sprayed cookie sheet, about 3 inches apart. Cut each circle into 4 wedges; do not separate. Bake the scones at 375 degrees for 10-15 minutes or until the scones are lightly golden brown. Serve the scones warm with red raspberry jam for a **Happy July 4th** breakfast!

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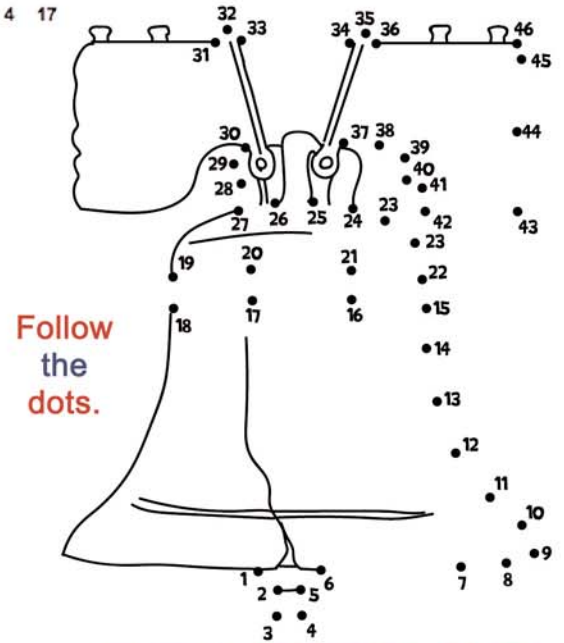
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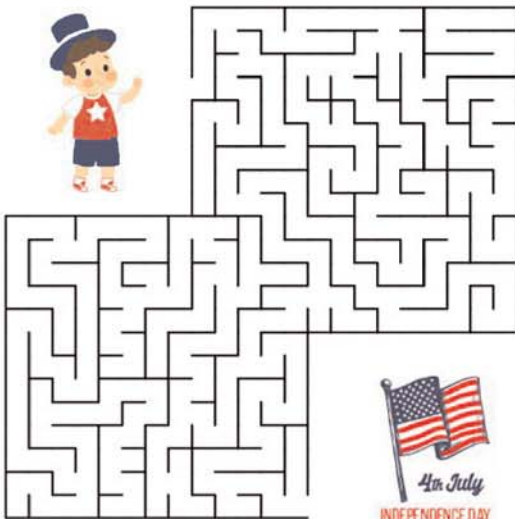
4TH OF JULY



Can you find 6 differences between the two pictures?

4TH OF JULY MAZE

Can you help Jayce through the maze?



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- CONGRESS
- DECLARATION
- EQUALITY
- FIREWORKS
- FOURTH
- FREEDOM
- HOTDOGS
- INDEPENDENCE
- JEFFERSON
- JULY
- LIBERTY
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- PARADE
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SWIMMING LESSONS SIGNUP

Swimming Lessons Registration has begun and is ongoing at the Town of Neversink Town Hall in Grahamsville. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Documents section of the Town of Neversink's website or picked up at the Neversink Town Hall located in Grahamsville from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

Any child who lives in the Tri-Valley School District and/or the Town of Neversink is eligible to participate in the Swimming Lessons Program. There is no fee. For more information please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262 x300 or 307.

www.townofneversink.org

Pool Passes on Sale

2024 Pool passes for the Town of Neversink Pool located at the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville will go on sale at the **Town of Neversink Town Hall in Grahamsville on June 25, 2024.** The cost of a pass is \$15.00 per person ages 3 and up. Children 2 and under free. Forms are available in the Lobby and also on the Town of Neversink's web site under documents. The Town Hall is open daily from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Town of Neversink residency is required. **The Pool is projected to open on July 3rd.** For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262 x300 or 307.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section §274b of the New York State Town Law, the Town of Denning Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing regarding Proposed Short-Term Rental Special Use Permit application by Owner: Tomina LLC / Frank Nicoletti
Address: 16 Kawlija Road, Claryville, NY 12725 SBL: 43.3-2-24

The Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 pm prior to the regularly scheduled Planning Board Meeting on Thursday, July 18th, 2024 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

At SAID Public Hearing any and all interested person(s) will be heard either for or against.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING PLANNING BOARD
Chairman Joseph Sibiga

July 2, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section §274b of the New York State Town Law, the Town of Denning Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing regarding Proposed Short-Term Rental Special Use Permit application by Owner: Samim Yaquby
Address: 4 Woodfield Road, Claryville, NY 12725 SBL: 50.-1-6.200

The Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 pm prior to the regularly scheduled Planning Board Meeting on Thursday, July 18th, 2024 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned, the Assessor for the Town of Denning, County of Ulster, New York has completed the Assessment Roll for SAID Town, for the year 2024. A certified copy thereof has been filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Denning on the 1st day of July, 2024.

Patricia Masterson
Sole Assessor
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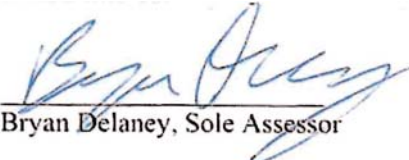
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NOTICE OF FILING COMPLETED ASSESSMENT ROLL WITH CLERK

Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment Roll for the Town of Neversink in the County of Sullivan for the year 2024 has been completed by the undersigned Sole Assessor, and a certified copy thereof was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on the 1st day of July in the year 2024 where the same shall remain open to public inspection until the 1st day of October in the year 2024.

Dated this 1st day of July in the year 2024


Bryan Delaney, Sole Assessor


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WHAT ARE CRITICS SAYING ABOUT DEAR JACK, DEAR LOUISE?

Featuring: Alexandra Fortin & Michael Liebhauser

Photos by: Jeff Knapp

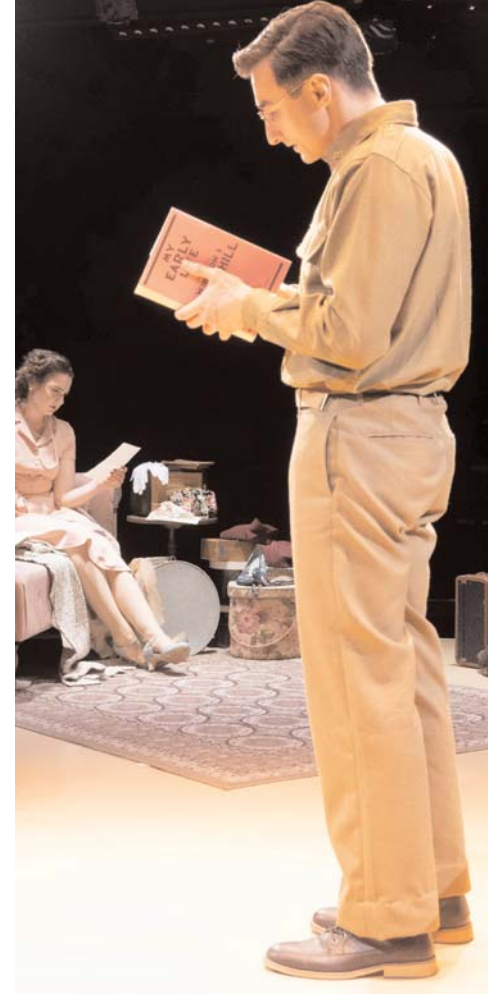
'Dear Jack, Dear Louise is a hit. It's heartwarming, funny, nostalgic, thought-provoking and quite possibly one of my favorite shows I've ever seen.'
-Margaret Bruetsch, *Sullivan County Democrat*

'The two actors have tremendous chemistry together... You can feel the attention to the relationship that must have been built into every rehearsal - not an easy feat.'
-Lori Schneider, *Aisle Seat*

'It's the type of show that makes you believe in happy endings, but it puts you through the wringer to get there. You will laugh. You will



Alexandra Fortin



Michael Liebhauser

cry. And hopefully you will leave the theater like me, thinking about those young lovers of the 40s. The ones with happy endings, and the ones with sad ones.'

-Margaret Bruetsch, *Sullivan County Democrat*

Read Margaret Bruetsch's *Sullivan County Democrat* Review Here

https://www.scdemocratonline.com/stories/a-love-letter-to-dear-jack-dear-louise,141823?mc_cid=a2d7286e97&mc_eid=138a9b9d06

'With loving attention to detail, Director, Stephen Nachamie has sculpted a performance that brings out the warmth and joy, humor and poignancy of the budding relationship.'

-Lori Schneider, *Aisle Seat*

Read Lori Schneider's *Aisle Seat* Review Here

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DIRECTED BY STEPHEN NACHAMIE
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 Photos by: Jeff Knapp



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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

**Thrift Sale
July 6th
9 am to 12 noon**

**Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches
House Worship Plan
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Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R21JYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>
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The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.
If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the
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3	7	2	4	8	5	1	6	9
6	8	5	3	9	1	2	7	4

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 grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com
Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

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

PRAYER TO
THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. (Make request)

There are none that can withstand your power. Oh show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3x).

Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3x).

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7/4/24	Town of Neversink Holiday - INDEPENDENCE DAY
7/6/24	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon
7/6/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
7/9/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
7/10/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
7/18/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
7/18/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
7/21/24	Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon
8/6/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
8/7/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting

Save the Date!

The Matthew Bertholf Annual Horseshoe Tournament will be Sunday, July 14, 2024

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

July 1 - July 5, 2024

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

Monday, July 1

- o 4:00 PM - Housing Subcommittee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 5:00 PM - Health, Human Services & Housing Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o CANCELLED: Ulster County Traffic Safety Board
- o 6:30 PM (Or Immediately Following Health, Human Services & Housing Committee) - Housing Policy Oversight Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, July 2

- o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 4:30 PM - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o 6:00 PM (Or Immediately Following Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee) - Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Wednesday, July 3

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

Thursday, July 4

- o Independence Day - County Offices Closed

Friday, July 5

- o No Meetings



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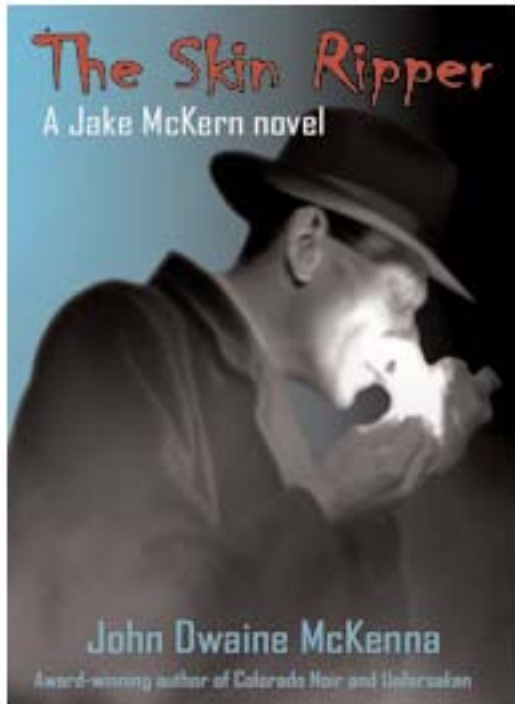
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Catskill Center Releases Guide to Solar Facility Development for Local Governments in the Catskills

Arkville, NY, July 1, 2024 - The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development is pleased to announce the release of its Guide to Solar Facility Development for Local Governments in the Catskills. This comprehensive document aims to support local governments in navigating the complexities of solar facility development while preserving the region's unique environmental, cultural, and economic resources.

Guided by the Catskill Center's Advocacy & Policy Committee, and prepared by Community Planning & Environmental Associates, the guide addresses the dual imperative of advancing renewable energy goals while maintaining the integrity of the Catskills. It provides in-depth information, strategies, and best practices to help local governments balance these priorities.

"Moving toward solar and other forms of alternative energy is essential and inevitable. Preserving the character of our local towns and scenic vistas is equally important. Navigating these imperatives is no easy task for local officials. We hope that this guide will help them with this difficult assignment," said Claude Shostal, Chair of the Catskill Center Board of Director's Advocacy & Policy Committee.

The guide includes an overview of the current solar development landscape, driven by New York State's clean energy goals and the Catskills' potential for solar energy generation. It examines the economic and environmental benefits of solar development alongside potential challenges such as land use and habitat disruption. Guidance is offered on navigating solar energy regulations and zoning considerations, with practical recommendations for sustainable siting and environmental protection. The guide also provides strategies for involving communities in the planning process, ensuring transparency, and aligning projects with local values and conservation goals.

The guide provides local governments with practical steps to conduct comprehensive solar capacity assessments, develop or refine zoning laws and permitting processes tailored to solar development, implement best management practices to mitigate potential adverse environmental impacts, and leverage state initiatives and resources to support solar energy adoption.

"We're grateful to be able to provide this guide to local governments across the Catskills to help them navigate what is often a challenging landscape of competing priorities," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. "Solar energy adoption is key to a carbon free future, but just as important is the thoughtful siting and review of these projects within the unique mix of natural, cultural, and economic resources here in the Catskills."

By utilizing this guide, local governments can more effectively manage solar energy projects in a way that balances renewable energy development with the preservation of the Catskills' distinctive character.

Learn more about how local governments can implement solar facility development.

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This month's exhibit...

"Woodland Gardens"

by Susan Dollard



Opening Reception will be held on
Saturday, June 15th,
from 1:00pm – 3:00pm

*Please join us as we welcome Susan
 and her beautiful artwork.
 Refreshments will be provided.*

Exhibit Viewing from
Saturday, June 15th – Saturday, July 13th

*For viewing availability, please call the front desk
 before planning your visit.*

Susan Dollard is a multimedia artist whose work ranges from impressionistic pastel renderings to gelatin prints and monoprints. She has lived in Smallwood, NY for close to 50 years. As an avid gardener, many of her works reflect her love of nature, woodlands and simple country living.

She graduated with a MS in Art Education and Elementary Education from SUNY New Paltz and taught elementary school for 30 years. Susan often collaborates with her husband Tim, a rustic woodworker. Susan has exhibited her work locally in Sullivan and Orange Counties, and won a Delaware Valley Arts Alliance Regrant in 2009, 2010 and 2011.



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UC Executive Metzger Signs Resolution Committing Annual Occupancy Tax Revenues to Housing & Transportation

KINGSTON, NY - County Executive Jen Metzger yesterday signed a resolution requiring that 25% of annual occupancy tax revenues be allocated to the County's Housing Action Fund and another 25% to public transportation initiatives. The resolution was proposed by County Executive Metzger and sponsored by Majority Leader Abe Uchitelle, Chair of the Health, Human Services, and Housing Committee. It was later amended to dedicate another 10% of annual revenues to the Ulster County Department of Tourism, and passed easily in the June legislative session by a vote of 16 to 6.

At current occupancy tax collection rates, the new policy would add \$1.5 million in 2025 to support the development of new housing. Last year, the Legislature approved the County Executive's proposal to create a \$15 million Housing Action Fund to support housing projects that are affordable and meet energy and sustainability standards, and the first round of awards is expected to be announced next month.

Dedicating a portion of annual revenues to the Housing Action Fund ensures a sustained investment in the coming years to help relieve the housing affordability crisis. In addition to housing, the new policy would commit, at current tax collection rates, approximately \$1.5 million of occupancy tax revenues to public transportation and another \$630,000 for tourism.

SCDW Presents *The Ripple Effect*

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is particularly excited that THE RIPPLE EFFECT by Arianna Rose will have its first community theatre production at the Rivoli Theatre. Splendidly directed by Harold Tighe, this show is a call back to the classic Broadway comedies.

Will pregnancy elude Amy and Jeff again? Amy tries to get Jeff on board with some unorthodox fertilization rituals. When the going gets tough, they each retreat to their respective corners of science and spirituality. THE RIPPLE EFFECT adds a quirky vibe, modern day twists and one very nosy neighbor.

The roles of the married couple, Amy and Jeff, are skillfully played by Amber Schmidt and Cristobal Isler, while the extremely nosy neighbor, Mrs. Teitelbaum, is portrayed by Mariah Kravitz. Rounding out the production team, with great expertise, is the producer, Mekayla Rayne, the set designer, Harold Tighe, the set decorators, Jean Eifert and Jenny Silverman and the costumer, Jean Eifert

Performances are at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg on Friday and Saturday, July 12, 13, 19 & 20 at 8:00pm and Sunday, July 14 & 21 at 2:00pm.

On Sunday, July 14 at 7:00pm, there will be a benefit performance of THE RIPPLE EFFECT aiding The Sullivan County Literacy Society. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for Seniors, Students and Military and can be purchased. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for Seniors, Students and Military and can be purchased at the Rivoli Theatre box office and on-line at www.scdw.net.

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Primetimers Trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlets



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The bus leaves at 9:00 AM from Temple Shalom Parking Lot at 5 East Dillon Road, Monticello, NY.

Enjoy an exciting day of gaming, dining and shopping.

Cost is \$55 including tip and \$30 free slot play.

Deadline is July 1st.

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9:00 am
to
1:00 pm

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SATURDAY, JULY 6 2:30 P.M.



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Flower Power Painting Class

Friday, July 12 10:30-1:30
Ages 16+ space limited please register!

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International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil

A Time to Remember. A Time to Act.



Join us as we raise awareness about overdoses and reduce the stigma surrounding drug-related deaths.

Hear stories and local leaders talk about what it's like to be a survivor, build the opioid crisis in our community. Mourn your heartache families share their stories of loved ones who lost their battle with substance use. Remember those who have passed and celebrate those in recovery. Hear organizations and learn about resources created to face this crisis head on.

Local live reggae, music and dance performances. We'll gather in front of the Sullivan County Courthouse, which will be illuminated in purple to symbolize worldwide awareness.

Thursday - August 29, 2024
6 PM at the Sullivan County Courthouse Lawn,
414 Broadway, Monticello

More info: Friday, Aug 30
For more information, contact
Judy Wheat, Sullivan BC
Outreach Program Manager at
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This event is brought to you by a community of organizations working together to end the opioid epidemic in Sullivan County.

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Sunday July 21st

HURBLEYVILLE

A HAPPENING IN HURLEYVILLE

with The Borscht Belt Historical Marker Project

Join the Borscht Belt Historical Marker Project on July 21 for **A HAPPENING IN HURLEYVILLE** – a literary and arts expo celebrating the Borscht Belt!

The day begins at **1:00 pm** with a historic marker dedication **historic marker dedication** at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre (HPAC). Among other Hurleyville histories, this historic marker pays tribute to **Mel Brooks**, who began his comedic career in Hurleyville at age the age of 14!

Afterwards shop the **small businesses** on Main Street. Be sure to stop by **"Author Row"** at Morgan Outdoors to browse books and illustrations about the Catskills. **CatskillLand: Billboards of the Borscht Belt!** at the Homestead Collaborative College High School is a slideshow not to be missed!

The happening continues at **HPAC** with a ticketed performance of Sam Sadigursky's **Solomon Diaries** at **3:00 pm**. Sam is a member of the **Philip Glass Ensemble**, has released eleven albums and has toured and recorded with numerous musicians including **David Byrne**, **Bruce Hornsby** and **Tom Jones**. The immersive performance is from a series of albums by Sadigursky inspired by the Borscht Belt. The music blends klezmer, jazz, American folk, and Middle Eastern rhythms in a "compelling musical remembrance of a bygone era."

DATE: Sunday, July 21

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

1:00 pm: Historic Marker Dedication at HPAC

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm: Town stroll, Author Row (at Morgan Outdoors)

and *Catskilland: Billboards of the Borscht Belt* slideshow at the Collaborative College High School

3:00 pm: Solomon Diaries at Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre (HPAC)

*This event is free and open to all, except for the performance, which is a ticketed event. **Purchase tickets at the QR code.**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

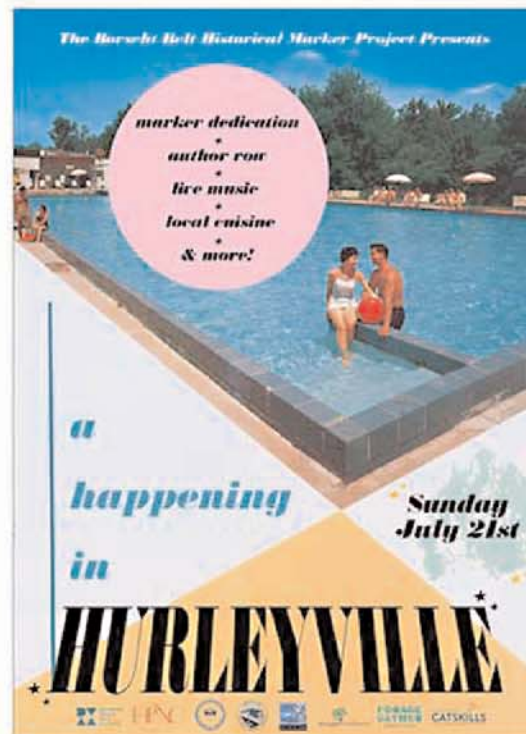
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ABOUT THE BORSCHT BELT HISTORICAL MARKER PROJECT:

We are a group of locals, artists & historians dedicated to commemorating the history of the Borscht Belt, a celebrated era in American Jewish life, American culture and Catskill history. Our mission is the creation of a large-scale historic marker trail that leads audiences on an educational and adventurous tour through history. The 20-marker trail aspires to permanently cement the Borscht Belt in its physical place and pays tribute to its legacy. Enhanced by photographs and QR codes, when complete the trail will be united by a self-guided audio driving tour.

This project is made possible with funding from a Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grant from the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and Purchase College. Additional partners include the Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation, Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre, Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association, the Sullivan County Historical Society and the hamlet of Hurleyville.



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Catskill Center Releases Guide to Solar Facility Development for Local Governments in the Catskills

Arkville, NY, July 1, 2024 - The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development is pleased to announce the release of its **Guide to Solar Facility Development for Local Governments in the Catskills**. This comprehensive document aims to support local governments in navigating the complexities of solar facility development while preserving the region's unique environmental, cultural, and economic resources.



Guided by the Catskill Center's Advocacy & Policy Committee, and prepared by Community Planning & Environmental Associates, the guide addresses the dual imperative of advancing renewable energy goals while maintaining the integrity of the Catskills. It provides in-depth information, strategies, and best practices to help local governments balance these priorities.

"Moving toward solar and other forms of alternative energy is essential and inevitable. Preserving the character of our local towns and scenic vistas is equally important. Navigating these imperatives is no easy task for local officials. We hope that this guide will help them with this difficult assignment," said Claude Shostal, Chair of the Catskill Center Board of Director's Advocacy & Policy Committee.

The guide includes an overview of the current solar development landscape, driven by New York State's clean energy goals and the Catskills' potential for solar energy generation. It examines the economic and environmental benefits of solar development alongside potential challenges such as land use and habitat disruption. Guidance is offered on navigating solar energy regulations and zoning considerations, with practical recommendations for sustainable siting and environmental protection. The guide also provides strategies for involving communities in the planning process, ensuring transparency, and aligning projects with local values and conservation goals.

The guide provides local governments with practical steps to conduct comprehensive solar capacity assessments, develop or refine zoning laws and permitting processes tailored to solar development, implement best management practices to mitigate potential adverse environmental impacts, and leverage state initiatives and resources to support solar energy adoption.

"We're grateful to be able to provide this guide to local governments across the Catskills to help them navigate what is often a challenging landscape of competing priorities," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. "Solar energy adoption is key to a carbon free future, but just as important is the thoughtful siting and review of these projects within the unique mix of natural, cultural, and economic resources here in the Catskills."

By utilizing this guide, local governments can more effectively manage solar energy projects in a way that balances renewable energy development with the preservation of the Catskills' distinctive character.

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Governor Hochul Announces More than \$11 Million Available to Enhance Resiliency in the Face of Extreme Weather

*Funding Through FEMA's Hazard
Mitigation Grant Available to Local
Governments and Certain Non-Profits for
Projects Aimed at Reducing Impacts of
Future Extreme Weather Events*

*Eligible Entities Can Now Apply through
September 13, 2024*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced more than \$11 million in federal funding is now available to local governments and certain non-profits statewide to support projects aimed at enhancing resiliency and reducing the impact of extreme weather events. The funding, made available through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, was reserved for New York following President Biden's Major Disaster Declaration following September 2023's extreme weather event during which more than eight inches of rain fell in parts of Brooklyn and more than six inches of rain fell in parts of Nassau and Westchester counties in a 24-hour period. Since 2012, New York has received nearly \$2 billion in Hazard Mitigation Grant funding to support more than 220 projects statewide.

"From heat waves to historic flooding, we are living in a time of record-breaking weather events which have left many regions across New York State in need of repair," Governor Hochul said. "This funding will help to fortify our infrastructure and communities, making them more resilient in the face of climate change."

Following a Presidential disaster declaration, FEMA provides funding via its Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for states to administer grant programs to support local hazard mitigation planning and long-term hazard mitigation measures to reduce the loss of life and to improve property damaged by natural disasters. Local governments and certain non-profits that perform government-like functions are eligible to apply for these grants.

Under this program, eligible entities statewide can apply to receive funding to cover up to 75 percent of costs for projects that enhance resiliency and reduce the impacts of future extreme weather. Projects in the three counties impacted by the flooding - Kings, Nassau and Westchester - will be prioritized using criteria such as direct risk reduction to vulnerable populations, projects which address climate change and resiliency in consideration of future impacts, projects that mitigate risk to critical infrastructure and repetitive loss structure and projects which support utilities or critical facilities.

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The State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services will review applications and provide technical assistance to applicants upon request. The application period is currently open until September 13, 2024. More information on how to apply for funding and the HMGP process is available on the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services website.

This announcement builds on Governor Hochul's comprehensive resiliency plan announced in her 2024 State of the State, \$5.5 billion in water quality infrastructure funding since 2017, the \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022, and another year of record funding of \$400 million for the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). In addition, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and NYSERDA are leading the development of an Extreme Heat Action Plan that will focus on addressing extreme heat impacts in disadvantaged communities, areas of employment, and recreational zones across the State.

Governor Hochul Announces Annual July 4th Fireworks Spectacular Set for Jones Beach

Display Lights Up the Sky Over Long Island's Popular Oceanfront Destination

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the fireworks display at Jones Beach State Park will again take place on Independence Day, July 4, illuminating the sky at Long Island's popular oceanfront park. The Jovia Financial Credit Union Fireworks Spectacular at Jones Beach is a 25-minute celebration in colors that will dazzle and delight all ages.

"To celebrate our nation's 248th birthday, our State Parks' Centennial, and the 95th birthday of Jones Beach, we hope you'll join us to make memories under the fireworks on the Fourth of July," Governor Hochul said. "Our fireworks show over Jones Beach is a great summer tradition and I encourage New Yorkers to go see what this show and all our state parks have to offer."

The colorful crackers, displayed and performed by Garden State Fireworks, will take place Thursday, July 4, beginning at 9:30 p.m. The fireworks show will be accompanied with simulcast music from WALK 97.5 FM and KJOY-98.3 FM. There is no additional charge for the fireworks show. Regular park admission is \$10 per vehicle.

New York State Parks Commissioner Pro Tempore Randy Simons said, "This year is so special for us, 100 years as a park system. What better way to celebrate our Centennial and Independence Day than with fireworks on the beach. We thank Jovia Financial Credit Union and all of our sponsors for supporting this summer tradition on Long Island that brings together so many families and friends at Jones Beach State Park."

This year's program, with lead sponsorship by Jovia Financial Credit Union, is also made possible with support from the Natural Heritage Trust, Foundation for Long Island State Parks Inc., Newsday, Connoisseur Media Long Island and J & B Restaurant Partners.

Jovia Financial Credit Union's Chief Marketing Officer Renu said, "At Jovia, being a part of our community isn't just about living and working here on Long Island, it's about making contributions and celebrating unity. It's an honor to be the title sponsor of the Jovia Financial Credit Union Fireworks Spectacular at Jones Beach for the fourth consecutive year, which is the ultimate symbol of national pride and patriotism. It's our way of lighting up the skies and hearts of everyone who attends, and we value the opportunity to be part of this historical day and annual tradition."

Connoisseur Media COO David Bevins said, "There is no better way to spend our nation's birthday than at the Jovia Financial Credit Union Fireworks Spectacular at Jones Beach. We know the show will illuminate the sky and hearts of everyone who sees it. We hope the simulcast of the show's soundtrack on WALK 97.5 and KJOY 98.3 will continue to serve as a tradition to bring together families, friends, and neighbors in a shared experience of joy and celebration. It's an honor to be part of it."

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

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Now, we don't do anything halfway in our Sullivan Catskills- well, except on Wednesday. That's when The Arnold House offers half-off drinks and appetizers from 5 to 9 pm, as well as live music with BJ Hendrickson. Over at Annie's Ruff Cut, every Wednesday is Burger Day with half-pound burgers and fries. At 8 pm, enjoy Cab'raoke Wednesday at Cabernet Frank's, or you can try the BBQ Night at Seminary Hill between 4 and 9 pm. The Pavilion season is now in full swing at Bethel Woods. Hootie and the Blowfish play on Thursday at 7 pm. And on Friday, it's James Taylor at 8 pm. The season's second show is now on at Forestburgh Playhouse. Grab your tickets now (performances run through June 30) for How I Learned to Drive, the wildly funny, surprising, and impactful tale of a woman who learns the rules of the road and life from behind the wheel. Other fun outings on Thursday include the June Sip and Paint at HPAC at 6 pm... the Bethel Lakeside Music Series at Gazebo Park from 6 to 8 pm, with Joanna M Gass with the Search and Rescue Orchestra... Trivia Night at 6:30 pm at Rafter's Tavern ... and Brian Dougherty Duo at Wurtsboro's Music in the Park series at 6:30 pm.

Friday ... Comedy Night is back at HPAC when Patrick Holbert and Friends perform at 7 pm. starts the weekend, It's Karaoke Night at Hector's Inn in Bethel at 8 pm hosted by Adam Owens. Nearby, Forage and Gather hosts their Friday Open Mic Night from 5 to 8 pm. Happy Hour Friday at Seminary Hill Orchard and Cidery from 3 to 6 pm. At 5 pm, pianist John Bernstein plays. At 8 pm, Captain Magic takes the Cabernet Frank's stage.

Start your Saturday at The Yoga Space in Hurleyville with a 10:30 am De-Armouring Workshop to rid yourself of negative patterns. The Callicoon Depot is holding a Community Arts & Crafts Day from 10 am to 4 pm. Do Good Garage Bar & Eats in Roscoe has music on tap from 2 to 5 pm, featuring Albi Beluli. On Sunday, BJ Hendrickson plays from 1 to 4 pm. Over in Livingston Manor, Catskill Art Space presents Mary Lucier's opening reception, artist talk, and book launch on June 29 at 4 pm. At 5 pm, Burn Brae Mansion hosts the Murder Mystery Dinner: Open Mic, Closed Case. Also at 5 pm, Russian Mule Brewery features music by BJ Hendrickson and Spotlight On SUNY Sullivan in the Seelig Theatre at SUNY Sullivan in Loch Sheldrake. Riverside Sessions continues this week at The Smoke Joint. Chow down on BBQ and hear tunes by Andre Turan from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. At 6 pm, The Black Library celebrates its independence and success over the last two years with an evening of music, food, dance, and more.

It's Sunday, Funday! Fuel up with brunch, and then head out and enjoy the day. Join farmer Greg Swartz of Willow

Wisp Organic Farm for a farm tour and lively conversation surrounding cover crops. Food and refreshments will be provided. Organic World U.S. will host a Grand Opening Paella Fiesta Farm-to-Table Cooking Class at noon. At 3 pm, Catskill Art Space will present a free storytelling event, 'Queer Love' told by Heather Carlucci of Callicoon, John Roynan of Livingston Manor, and Teresa Tulipano of Roscoe. Other fun ways to explore our Sullivan Catskills include river trips, hiking, watersports, wellness, family fun, and more. Along the Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail, you can enjoy plenty of good sips of beer, wine, spirits, and cider. The Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail is a great way to see our beautiful summer countryside. It's our tribute to the 1969 Woodstock festival. Hungry? Let our inventive chefs and bakers fill you up with their Catskill-icious goodness!

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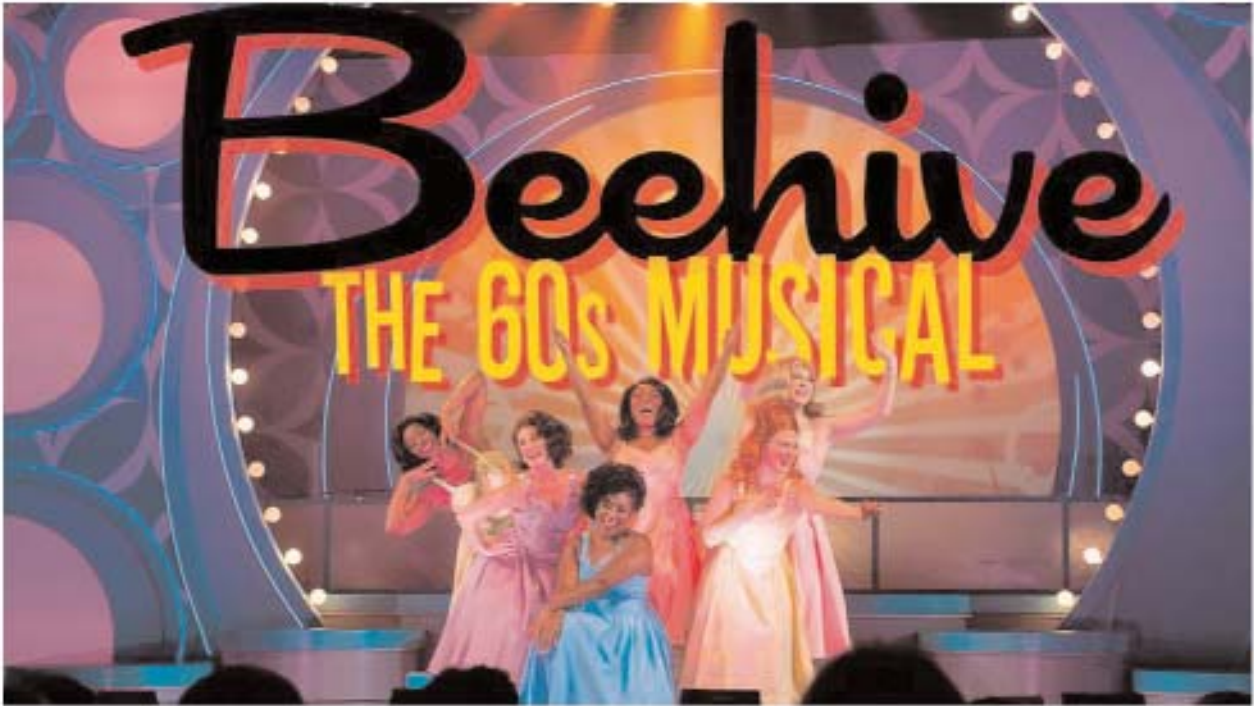
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Participants will meet and learn from Anna Zabirowa, owner and operator of Unbroken Acres, as well as Victor Ziminsky, owner of Let It Grow Landscapes. Anna and Victor will accompany participants on a guided farm tour at Unbroken Acres and expand on real life examples of water management techniques. Additionally, Anna and Victor will overview the use of land grade and swales on contour to focus on water movement over farm property. A question-and-answer session on the topics covered will close out the workshop.

There is no fee, but preregistration is required to participate. Participants can register online at sullivancee.org/events. Those with related questions can email Taylor Adam at beginnerfarmer@cornell.edu, or call 845-292-6180 ext. 130.

This program is supported by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture award #2022-06508, through the American Rescue Plan Technical Assistance Investment Program.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. The public can contact the office to request accommodations.

UC Department of the Environment Launches Community Climate Action Plan

Survey Seeks Public Input To Guide the Plan; Public Info Session/Webinar July 10

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County is pleased to announce the development of a Countywide Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP). The plan will be under development throughout the summer and fall, with a final plan expected by the end of 2024. A Climate Action Plan - which is in line with New York's Climate Law - is a strategy document that inventories climate-damaging greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and sets forth actions that can be taken to reduce these emissions.

Public participation is an important element of the planning process. Input from a community survey, as well as focus groups and community forums this summer, will guide prioritization of impactful programs and investments.

Members of the public can engage with this project, share ideas online and complete the public CCAP Survey through an interactive Participate Ulster page, here: <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/community-climate-action-plan>.

A public presentation on the CCAP will be held on Wednesday, July 10, at 7-8 p.m. via Zoom (pre-registration is required). Attendees at the public webinar, which will include an interactive polling session, will learn about the purpose of the Community Climate Action Plan, the current status of the project, and next steps. To register for the webinar, visit: bit.ly/4bxs8IM.

"Many of the solutions to climate change also have other benefits for our communities, like improving public health,

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reducing energy costs, and expanding access to public transportation, to name a few, and we want to hear from our residents about the climate solutions they would like to see the County government prioritize," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "This is a community-driven plan, and I invite our residents to participate by attending public meetings, taking the Climate Action Plan survey, and sharing your ideas with us."

The County completed a Government Operations Climate Action Plan in 2019 that inventories emissions from government facilities and operations and recommends actions for reducing those emissions. In January 2023, County Executive Metzger issued an Executive Order that builds on that plan, with 13 directives to reduce climate-damaging emissions and align County climate goals with New York's Climate Act. The County has since strengthened its Green Fleet Policy, adopted a more stringent Sustainable Purchasing Policy, and created the first County Decarbonization Fund in the state - an \$18 million reserve to improve energy efficiency and reduce fossil fuel use in government buildings, among other actions.

The County is now embarking on the next step to assess community-level emissions across different sectors, including transportation, residential energy, agriculture, and solid waste. To learn more about this project, visit: participate.ulstercountyny.gov/community-climate-action-plan.

The Ulster County CCAP has been funded in part by the Climate Smart Communities Grant Program, Title 15 of the Environmental Protection Fund, through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



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

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

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

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

“Whether they are leading complex search and rescue incidents, suppressing wildfires, enforcing laws on State lands and easements, inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards, or encouraging responsible recreation, Forest Rangers stand ready to help when called,” DEC Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar said. “Forest Rangers’ wide-ranging expertise and collaboration with local, State, and federal partners are instrumental in protecting New York’s public lands and the many visitors who use them.”

City of Albany Albany County



Prescribed Fires: On June 28, Forest Ranger Lieutenant Mitchell along with staff and volunteers from DEC’s Division of Lands and Forests, Albany Pine Bush, and State Office of

Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation conducted a prescribed fire on eight acres in the Albany Pine Bush Preserve. Prescribed fire is an important land management tool used to improve habitat for lands and wildlife. These burns are regulated by law and regulation and require technical expertise to conduct safely. Controlled burns help prevent the spread of invasive species, and in some areas, prescribed fire is also used to reduce the buildup of wood, timber litter, and other fuel to reduce the potential for wildfires that threaten public safety and critical infrastructure. DEC carefully and responsibly implements prescribed fires only when conditions are favorable to meet land management goals.

Village of Tivoli Dutchess County



Tree Removal: On June 30, four people were unable to move their vehicles in Tivoli Bays Wildlife Management Area after a storm knocked down multiple trees. Forest Ranger Lieutenant Mitchell and Ranger Pries cut and removed three trees from the access road off of Kidd Road. Rangers joined Tivoli Bays Fire Department, Bard College Security, and Redhook Police to remove three more trees from Cruger Island Road.



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2024 SHOW DATES

THURSDAY 7/4/24: LIBERTY RISING STREET FAIR

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT, NORTH MAIN STREET, LIBERTY, NY 12754

SHOW TIME 9:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 3:00 PM
PARADE LINE UP 11:30 AM.

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

SATURDAY 7/13/24 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, MAIN STREET WURTSBORO, NEW YORK 12790

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 3:30 PM

PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 30; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE;
BOARD OF TRADE CHOICE; CLUB PICK AND BEST OF SHOW.

SUNDAY 8/11/24 MONTICELLO BAGEL FEST

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, BROADWAY MONTICELLO, NY 12701

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 3:30 PM

PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 40; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE;
CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW

SATURDAY 9/21/24 OUTPOST BBQ SHOW

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, 6611 ROUTE 209 KERHONKSON, NY 12446

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 4:00 PM

PRICE PER VEHICLE \$15.00 TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 25; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE;
CLUB PICK; OUTPOST BBQ CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW.



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Hayrides, Pedal Tractors, Timmy the Train, Tractor Bingo & more

TRACTOR PARADE @ 1 PM

Trophies awarded for

Best Featured Tractor (John Deere), Best Restored Tractor, Best Original Condition

Tractor, Best Garden Tractor, Best Young Adult (13-21) Tractor,

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ALL TRACTORS MUST REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN SHOW

Want more info? **Contact: Paul Kelly @ 845-985-0081 or Cher Woehl @ 845-985-2401**

(if no answer leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as possible)

Check out our NRAMA Facebook Page for additional info on the show and the raffle.

INSIDE INSIGHTS

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MANAGER



CRITICAL EMS SUPPORT

BY JOSHUA POTOSEK, COUNTY MANAGER

When you call 911 needing an ambulance, you imagine a crew is being dispatched immediately. But that's not always the case. True, our dispatchers are at that moment sending out the radio tones which alert first-responders of an emergency. But a full crew - or any crew at all - cannot always be mustered quickly. That's not anyone's fault. Dwindling volunteers and limited resources have taken a severe toll on our local corps. They are doing their absolute best with what they have, and much of the time, with the help of mutual aid, they arrive within minutes. But they'll also be the first to tell you that this crisis in our emergency medical services (EMS) system is growing worse, with life-threatening consequences as a result.

So after requesting proposals from all interested companies, in June legislators unanimously approved inking a contract with SeniorCare EMS to station four "fly cars" around Sullivan. Capable of providing most anything an ambulance can - except transport of patients - these cars will stand ready 24/7 to assist our local corps in getting to a scene quickly. Driven by paid EMTs, they will support, not compete with, our volunteers. We'll spend the next two years analyzing the effectiveness of these vehicles. Our hope is that they will offer reassurance and stabilization to those needing emergency aid, along with support to our existing agencies.

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WAITING FOR YOU IN
SULLIVAN COUNTY - 4



One of SeniorCare EMS' fly cars, a modified Ford SUV

WHAT WILL WE DO WITH OUR GARBAGE?

Every year, we truck 100,000 tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) 200 miles away to Seneca Meadows Landfill in the Finger Lakes. It costs us \$95 a ton, so taxpayers and local waste haulers are collectively paying nearly \$10 million a year to remove our garbage.

The State permit for that landfill, by the way, may or may not be renewed in the coming years, so for these reasons alone, we need to explore alternatives.

One of those options is waste-to-energy, creating electricity by the clean burning of trash. We recently took a tour of one such plant, called Reworld, in the middle of densely-populated Long Island, and it opened our eyes to the possibilities.



Clockwise from top right: Reworld sorts 1M tons of trash a year; waste is reduced by 90%, creating these ash bricks; temps in the three boilers can reach 2,000 degrees F; Legislator Matt McPhillips peers into one!



BUILDING A STRONG, CAPABLE WORKFORCE



BOCES Auto Tech instructor Andy Hessinger (right) adjusts Jordy Najera's certificate of completion during June's graduation ceremony. All grads also receive a stocked toolbox. With them is Center for Workforce Development Director Loren Gebelein.

Thanks to a supportive Legislature, Sullivan County continues to expand the local labor pool, creating desperately-needed, skilled professionals for our community.

In June, we celebrated the graduation of 11 new automotive technicians, trained (at the County's expense, not theirs) in BOCES' automotive garages. These were all adults who we selected from more than 60 candidates - chosen by our Center for Workforce Development because they evidenced a sincere desire to better themselves and share their newfound skills locally.

This is the third such class for which we've paid students' expenses (welding and construction trades were offered last year, and may be again). We plan to continue this successful and popular offering, so expect to see an invitation for applications later this year.



CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2024!

The Legislature in May honored the valedictorians of Sullivan County's eight public high schools, but it was as much a celebration of all the new graduates! Front row from the left: Liberty Valedictorian Benjamin Visconti, Sullivan West Valedictorian Elizabeth Reeves, Tri-Valley Valedictorian Abbigail Mentnech, Eldred Valedictorian Madison Bonnell, Roscoe Valedictorian Sarah Gorr, Monticello Valedictorian Kritika Talukder & Livingston

Manor Valedictorian Jillian Carlsen (missing: Fallsburg Valedictorian Angelina Levner). Back row from the left: District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, District 5 Legislator Cat Scott, District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward and District 4 Legislator Nick Salomone.

THIS SUMMER, GO PARK YOURSELF



These pics show just a little of what all of our parks have to offer - each worth a visit! Clockwise from the top: Lake Superior in Bethel; D&H Canal Interpretive Center in Summitville; Fort Delaware in Narrowsburg; Minisink Battleground in Barryville; and the Livingston Manor Covered Bridge. In the center is Stone Arch Bridge in Kenoza Lake.



For more about each of these parks, call 845-807-0287 or visit <https://sullivan.us/Departments/ParksRecreation>



After a busy last week with visits from the U.S. Department of Education Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Transportation, I've been hard at work fighting for Hudson Valley families.

SUPPORTING OUR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Our volunteer firefighters are absolute heroes - undertaking huge risks to keep our families safe around the clock.

I was honored to speak with them at the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention about how I can best represent them - like cutting through red tape and cumbersome rules by calling on OSHA to exempt volunteer firefighters from the The Emergency Response Standard or fighting for increased grant funding available for volunteer departments.

I will keep pushing every day to make sure they have the resources they need and deserve.

WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR TEACHERS AND EDUCATION SECRETARY CARDONA

Our NY-18 teachers' dedication to uplifting our students is always inspiring.

I was grateful for the opportunity to meet with our local teachers' union leaders and U.S. Department of Education Secretary Miguel Cardona to discuss working together to ensure our teachers have the resources and support they need to thrive.

CELEBRATING INSPIRING SAN MIGUEL ACADEMY TRIPLETS

A huge congratulations to triplets Christopher, Christian, and Jonathan Recinos, who I nominated and have been accepted to the United States Naval Academy.

Being accepted to a Service Academy is no small feat; to have all three accepted to the USNA speaks volumes of their character, integrity, and moral fortitude.

Their dedication to the values and work ethic instilled in them in the Hudson Valley, from their loving parents, and at San Miguel Academy in Newburgh, is admirable, and sets them up to be the future leaders our country so desperately needs. The entire Hudson Valley is proud of them.

I'll forever be 'Go Army, Beat Navy,' but there's definitely three new Midshipmen I'm rooting for!

HONORING A TRUE NEW PALTZ HERO

In his over 30 years with the New Paltz Police, Chief Robert Lucchesi has been everything a community could want in a leader. It was a privilege this week to recognize his extraordinary service on the House floor - watch here.

He's more than earned a relaxing retirement after all that he's given to the Hudson Valley, but that's not who Chief Lucchesi is. He sits on the New Paltz Zoning Board of Appeals, is a volunteer firefighter, and in the spare time he somehow still has, coaches youth sports.

Chief Lucchesi, thank you for your decades of service past, and for the many more the future holds.

APPLAUDING A LAW ENFORCEMENT LEGEND

From starting off as a U.S. Army Military Police Officer to rising in the ranks at the U.S. Mint Police and now being the only woman in the nation serving as a Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Firearms Instructor, Inspector Lizabeth Perez's career of service to the Hudson Valley is nothing short of inspiring.

I was honored that Brandon from my team could join in celebrating her retirement from the U.S. Mint Police force and present her with a Congressional Record honoring her remarkable achievements.

Congratulations, Lizabeth - I wish you the best in retirement!

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

From assisting with passports, Social Security, VA benefits, Medicare, and more, my team is having a great time bringing assistance with federal agencies to community events across the Hudson Valley this summer with the C.A.R.E.S. Van.

The next stop is at the Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market this Tuesday - hope you'll join!

MARKING TWO YEARS SINCE THE DEVASTATING DOBBS DECISION

This week marked two years since the Supreme Court's devastating decision in the Dobbs case to overturn Roe v. Wade and rip away the right to abortion care.

Amidst relentless continued assaults on women's right to choose, the anniversary serves as a stark reminder that the far-right will stop at nothing to ban abortion nationwide. They've been laying the groundwork to strip away women's foundational freedom for over 50 years.

As long as these extremists continue their campaign to rip away reproductive rights, we'll continue our fight to protect them.

CONGRATULATING OUR ART COMPETITION WINNER

I want to wish a big congratulations to Tabitha Koren, a rising-senior at Spackenkill High School, for being named NY-18's winner for the 2024 Congressional Art Competition! Tabitha joined me in Washington, D.C. on Thursday for the annual Congressional Art Competition Awards Ceremony.

The Hudson Valley is home to immense artistic talent and a rich history in the arts. I'm proud that Tabitha's artwork will be displayed in the Capitol for the next year so visitors from around the world can see that the arts are alive and thriving in the Hudson Valley.

I can't wait to see a piece of the Hudson Valley, the Vassar campus depicted in her artwork, each day as I walk through the hallway on my way to vote.

FIGHTING FOR HUDSON VALLEY PRIORITIES

From safeguarding access to Mifepristone with my Protecting Reproductive Freedom Act, to delivering direct economic relief to Orange County families impacted from last July's flood to continuing the fight to get PCB pollution out of the Hudson River, there was a lot to cover on this week's WAMC Congressional Corner.

PUSHING TO END THE GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC

Far too many lives have been cut short, families torn apart, and communities left reeling from the tragic toll of the gun violence epidemic.

This Gun Violence Awareness Month, the U.S. Surgeon General declared the gun violence epidemic a public health crisis. We must all come together to end these tragedies once and for all.

I will keep pushing every day for the common sense gun reform to keep our kids, communities, and law enforcement officers safe.

BRINGING AWARENESS TO PTSD

During this PTSD Awareness Month, I want to make sure that everyone knows:

You are not alone and help is always here:

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Pat Ryan

(From Pg. 59) **CUTTING THE RIBBON ON NY-18'S NEWEST BAKERY**

Pastry chef Rakesh Nayak is a shining example of what dedication and pursuing your passion leads to. After growing up learning to cook and bake with his mother in India, he worked his way up through the pastry world, adding creative flair to his mastery of techniques.

I was honored to join the ribbon cutting for his new bakery, Mister Croissant, in Middletown and can't wait to be back soon.

Chef Nayak, NY-18 is lucky to have you and the Mister Croissant bakery!

**GRANTS CORNER
NEW!**

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is collaborating with the Cornell Cooperative and community organizations from across the Hudson Valley to develop an all-in-one Mid-Hudson Regional Clean Energy Hub. The Hub will help residents, businesses and communities navigate the abundance of new opportunities to save on energy costs and reap the benefits from the green economy. From tax credits for energy efficient appliances for households to grants for infrastructure repairs and upgrades for businesses.

New York is now offering U.S. Department of Energy Home Energy Rebate Funding through its EmPower+ Program to help low- and moderate-income households save on energy costs and make home improvements that will build the value of their home. The program includes:

- No-cost comprehensive home energy assessments to pinpoint where energy and dollars are being wasted and receive a customized plan to lower energy usage.
- No-cost direct install improvements identified during the assessment can be installed by participating program contractors.
- Funding toward the cost of energy efficiency improvements, including air sealing, insulation, heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, and electrical service and wiring upgrades.

The program is open to income-eligible owners and renters of one- to four-family households!

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

The new Green Resiliency Grant (GRG) Program makes \$60 million available for flood-prone communities for them to undertake innovative green infrastructure projects such as green roofs, green streets, and permeable pavement. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on August 16.

The Small Business Administration holds regular online trainings for both new and experienced small business owners.

Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts' creative placemaking grants program, using arts, culture, and design to strengthen communities and advance local priorities such as health, community development, environment/climate, and public safety, among other community issues and aspirations. Learn more here! Application deadline is August 1, 2024.

The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation is now accepting applications for the inaugural round of the new Green Resiliency Grant (GRG) program. Governor Kathy Hochul has made at least \$60 million available for green infrastructure projects such as green roofs, green streets, and permeable pavement. The new program will prioritize grants to flood-prone communities for projects that help protect New Yorkers from extreme weather events.

The 2024 Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program will support the adoption and deployment of eligible Class 6 and 7 zero-emission vehicles while also funding zero-emission vehicle fueling infrastructure and workforce development and training.

Across the nation, over 3 million Class 6 and Class 7 vehicles are currently in use, spanning a wide variety of vehicle types. The program is divided into two, separate, sub-competitions: The School Bus Sub-Program for applicants replacing school buses and the Vocational Vehicles Sub-Program for applicants replacing non-school bus Class 6 and 7 vehicles, including box trucks, dump trucks, street sweepers, delivery trucks utility trucks and more.

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

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

1. Making college more affordable

The Federal Pell Grant Program offers low-income students - including nearly 370,000 in New York - grants to help make college more affordable. But as the cost of college skyrockets, federal financial aid programs can't keep up.

Kirsten is fighting to make college more affordable for working families. This week, she announced the introduction of the Pell Grant Preservation and Expansion Act, a bill that would double the maximum Pell Grant to \$14,000 per academic year. The legislation would also expand eligibility for the program to more students so a college education is accessible to all those who choose to pursue one, regardless of background.

Read more. <https://www.wbng.com/2024/06/25/sen-gillibrand-announces-legislation-double-pell-grant/>

2. 2,700+ illegal guns off our streets

Two years after President Biden signed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act into law, over 2,700 illegal guns have been taken off our streets thanks to Kirsten's provision that made gun trafficking a federal crime.

3. Stonewall Day

This year marks the 55th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, a pivotal event and turning point in the LGBTQIA+ civil rights movement and fight for full equality.

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Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

(From Pg. 60)

This week, Kirsten introduced a resolution to designate June 28th as “Stonewall Day” to honor the brave protesters who used their voices to fight for equality during the Stonewall Uprising in 1969, as well as to commemorate the grand opening of the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center.

Read more. <https://www.silive.com/news/2024/06/ny-officials-propose-stonewall-day-ahead-of-stonewall-inn-rebellions-55th-anniversary.html>

4. \$4.6 million to boost job growth

Kirsten is dedicated to bringing federal dollars home to New York.

Just this week, she helped deliver \$4.6 million for water infrastructure upgrades in Watkins Glen needed to support local businesses and boost job growth.

Read more. <https://www.eda.gov/news/press-release/2024/06/25/us-department-commerce-invests-46-million-water-infrastructure>

5. Helping constituents with passports

When a certified addiction recovery specialist needed help to secure a new passport or risk missing a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to present their story at an international film festival, they contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team worked with the agency to secure an appointment, and the constituent was able to get their passport in time to travel and present at the festival.

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

6. Play ball!



Each year, women members of Congress play a charity softball game against the women of the D.C. press corps to raise money for the Young Survival Coalition, a breast cancer non-profit. Here's Kirsten playing for the congressional team.

Voting to Strengthen Our National Security and Secure Our Borders



This week, House Republicans passed three appropriations bills to combat the Biden Administration's failed policies that have left our borders wide open, weakened America's standing on the world stage, and abandoned our troops. These comprehensive and commonsense bills aim to restore fiscal responsibility in Washington, counter the China-supplied fentanyl crisis, support Israel and our allies, secure our borders, and address the migrant crisis plaguing our communities. While these bills were not perfect, and I am particularly disappointed that the Department of Defense Appropriations Act did not reverse President Biden's cuts to the Virginia Class Submarine program, I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate to improve these bills before they become law.

These spending bills address the growing threats facing America from all angles-domestically, at our borders, and overseas-while protecting our hard-earned tax dollars. I will continue advocating for fiscally responsible funding bills like these while in Congress. I look forward to passing all 12 Appropriations bills individually this year and ending the annual omnibus cycle.

My Priorities included in the FY25 Defense Appropriations Bill:

\$4.5 million increase for Civil Air Patrol

Language included in the bill prohibiting funding for the transfer of National Guard personnel and functions to the Space Force without consent of the relevant governors.

Fully funds the request for the Navy's Columbia Class Submarine.

Fully funds the request for Advance Procurement for the Navy's Columbia Class Submarine.

\$70 million total increase for Impact Aid and Impact Aid for children with disabilities.

Defunds Biden's unconstitutional Executive Order 14019
Defunds “Federal Acquisition Regulation: Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate-Related Financial Risk” rule

Eliminates the salary of Secretary Lloyd Austin

My Priorities included in the FY25 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill:

\$360 million for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program.

\$360 million for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program.

Report language in support of the Coast Guard's acquisition of a Great Lakes Icebreaker.

Eliminates the salary of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas

Prevents CBP from reducing hours at the Port of Buffalo station

My Priorities included in the FY25 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill:

\$50 million included for the Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC).

Bill language prohibits funds for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). (Contd. Pg. 62)

This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 61)

No funds provided for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Bill language prohibits funds for labs in adversarial nations, including the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

Defunds Biden's unconstitutional Executive Order 14019

Prevents funding to pay the salary of, reinstate, or reemploy Robert Malley

Introducing More Opportunities for Moms to Succeed Act

The right to life is one of the most fundamental principles outlined in our Constitution. It is critical that we provide pregnant women with the vital resources and critical support they need to choose life. On the second anniversary of the monumental Dobbs Decision, I introduced the MOMS Act, which ensures that mothers receive the physical, emotional, and financial support necessary to carry their pregnancies to term. We must empower expecting mothers to choose life and support pregnant women, new mothers, and both their unborn and born babies.

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

The Mark Our Place Act: Authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish or replace a headstone, marker, or medallion for the grave of an eligible Medal of Honor recipient regardless of the recipient's dates of service in the Armed Forces.

Revitalizing Downtowns and Main Streets Act: Provide tax incentives to facilitate the conversion of older, underutilized office and other commercial buildings into residential housing. The credit amount for any taxable year would be equal to 20% of the qualified conversion expenditures with respect to a qualified converted building. For historic preservation conversions in rural areas, such as those in Upstate New York, the amount is increased to 35% for up to \$2 million of the conversion expenditures.

The Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act: Addresses the drop in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding in recent years, which resulted in a \$33.8 million cut (43%) in VOCA funds for New York this year. This bill redirects funds collected through the False Claims Act (FCA) into the Crime Victims Fund through FY2029.

H.J.Res. 163, the Clean Power Plan 2.0 CRA: Disapproving of the EPA's Clean Power Plan 2.0. This reckless rule will create strict regulatory impediments to new natural gas power plants. Ultimately, the Clean Power Plan 2.0 will lead to even further increases in energy prices across the board for Americans, more blackouts and brownouts, and uncertainty for small businesses.

There is Nothing "Forgiving" About Biden's Student Loan Scheme

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5N0uZR0H3Q>

President Biden's plan to 'cancel' student loan debt is a slap in the face to those who have saved to pay their debts and those who chose not to go to college.

This past Monday, two federal judges in Kansas and Missouri challenged this by blocking significant parts of President Joe Biden's SAVE student loan repayment plan. Biden's SAVE Plan is set to cost US taxpayers \$475 billion over the next ten years and contribute to the skyrocketing budget deficit already facing our nation. This unprecedented and illegal handout will primarily benefit wealthy elites with advanced degrees over hard-working American families.

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

To read more about my votes and see the full list with explanations of all the legislation considered this week by the House,

please click here.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8774, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2025. H.R. 8774 will make sure that all military servicemembers are supported, including being fully equipped, receiving the familial support they require, and terminating the radical political agenda being pushed by the Biden administration and the Pentagon. In addition, the bill puts DOD back on a path towards sanity and ensures the agency's only focus is on keeping our nation safe and deterring adversarial aggression. Importantly, this bill includes huge wins for Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station and Fort Drum and will support all our NY-24 servicemembers. I was also pleased the legislation included my amendments to defund Executive Order 14019 and the Biden administration's radical "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate-Related Financial Risk" rule. Furthermore, the bill addresses the threat posed by China by providing robust funding for INDOPACOM, the Pacific Deterrence Initiative, and supporting our allies in the region. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate to get this bill across the finish line to provide for the needs of our servicemembers and protect our country. This bill passed the House by a vote of 217-198.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8771, the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2025. This bill supports U.S. national security interests abroad while cutting wasteful spending, countering adversaries, supporting our allies, and strengthening oversight. House Republicans have fully funded aid to Israel, prohibited funding for a new nuclear agreement with Iran, and defunded the anti-Semitic UN Human Rights Council and the pro-Hamas United Nations Relief and Works Agency. Furthermore, H.R. 8771 prohibits funding for China and strongly supports Taiwan. Finally, this bill included two of my amendments, which prohibits any funds to pay the salary of, reinstate, or reemploy U.S. Special Representative for Iran Robert Malley, and stops the Biden administration from wasting money on its radical Executive Order 14019. This bill passed the House by a vote of 212-200.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8752, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2025. Our nation's border crisis is a direct result of the Biden administration's refusal to enforce our immigration laws. Since President Biden took office, human trafficking, illicit drugs, and suspected terrorists have flooded our country and turned every community into a border community. H.R. 8752 builds on the historic border security legislation House Republicans passed last year, H.R. 2, and provides \$600 million for building the wall along the Southern Border. Furthermore, this bill funds a record 22,000 border patrol agents, restores "Remain in Mexico" policies, and stops the federal government from shipping migrants from the Southern Border to New York. I strongly support this legislation and urge my Senate colleagues to do their constitutional duty and pass this bill immediately, along with H.R. 2, so we can finally secure our borders. This bill passed the House by a vote of 212-203.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 901, Expressing support for democracy and human rights in Pakistan. This resolution expresses support for Pakistan's democracy and encourages stronger ties between the United States and Pakistan. Building strong ties in Asia helps combat China and the Chinese Communist Party's growing influence in the region, and Pakistan can be a strong partner in combatting the Chinese. H.Res. 901 passed the House by a vote of 368-7.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7152, the Korean American Divided Families National Registry Act. This bill would require the State Department to make efforts to facilitate reunions of Korean American families who wish to be reunited with family members living in North Korea. This includes creating a national registry of applicable individuals, facilitating in-person and video reunions, and working to promote permanent family reunions.

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This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 62)

Many Korean American families continue to be split as a result of the Korean War, and this bill will help work towards reuniting these American families with their loved ones. H.R. 7152 passed the House by a vote of 375-8.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2789, the American Cooperation with Our Neighbors Act. This bill would require the Secretary of State and USAID Administrator to submit a strategy to Congress regarding cooperation between the United States and Mexico, specifically addressing drug and human trafficking and other issues faced by local communities. Due to President Biden's border crisis, every state is now a border state and fentanyl has been destroying many of our communities. We must do more to cooperate with our neighbors to stem the invasion of migrants into our country and end drug trafficking. H.R. 2789 passed the House by a vote of 368-44.



MOLINARO MEMO

Welcome to the Molinaro Memo: catching you up on my latest moves and work for Upstate New York!
Happy Independence Day!

I hope you and your loved ones have a safe and happy Independence Day! It is the honor of a lifetime to serve you and this great nation. As we celebrate those first American patriots and the experiment of self governing they set in motion, we thank all those who have fought for and defended our inherent rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness! We are still a great nation and good people - enjoy celebrating this fourth of July!

Launched Broome County's Next Chapter

I'm excited to announce I've launched a new initiative, Broome's Next Chapter! This initiative will bring Republicans, Democrats, employers, educators, and people from every walk of life to the table. We will take a hard look at Broome County to identify our strengths & weaknesses and develop a plan that will bring this community into a new chapter. The community is gritty and resilient. We just need a chance and a plan.

Demanding Governor Hochul Approve Opvee To Fight Overdoses

New York's 19th Congressional District is the epicenter of the opioid crisis, and we must use every tool to fight overdoses. I'm calling on Governor Hochul to approve the statewide use of Opvee, a federally approved reversal agent proven to quickly counter fentanyl overdoses. In Broome County, Sheriff Fred Akshar has already successfully deployed Opvee through the 'Fentanyl Fighter' pilot program, which trains deputies and corrections officers to administer this lifesaving medication alongside Naloxone, also known as Narcan. It's time we make Opvee widely available.

Incentivizing Clean Energy Practices for Dairy Farmers Across Upstate NY

I introduced the Enteric Methane Innovation Tools for Lower Emissions and Sustainable Stock (EMIT LESS) Act to create voluntary incentives for Upstate NY dairy farmers to implement clean and efficient energy practices to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. I'm a conservationist and I'm proud to deliver for the dairy industry and protect our environment with my EMIT Less Act.
Bipartisan Bill With Conservation & Flood Protections Advances To House Floor

I voted to advance the Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (WRDA) to the House Floor, which includes big wins for Upstate New Yorkers. WRDA authorizes water development projects and protections across our nation. I'm proud to have fought for effective bipartisan measures in this bill that protect our ecosystems, improve climate resiliency, and prevent costly flooding. I'm happy to see such a crucial bill for our environment and drinking water advance to the House Floor with immense bipartisan support.

Celebrating NYS Court Ruling To Protect Sullivan Duck & Goose Farmers

The New York State Supreme Court just ruled against New York City's ban on foie gras. A ban would devastate those who can least afford it in Sullivan County - where duck and goose farming account for millions of dollars in economic output. I've been fighting alongside our farming community in hopes that the court would see New York City's ban as it is: government overreach. Today's decision marks another victory in our fight.

Investments in Upstate New York

I was joined by local officials to announce the \$4.2 million I secured to ensure access to clean drinking water in Oneonta. I'm proud to deliver such crucial federal funds for Oneonta residents and improve water infrastructure across our community.

Around New York

I joined a listening session with the Broome County Food Council on combating food insecurity across our communities. I discussed the 2024 Farm Bill and how it increases SNAP benefits for working families and delivers relief for farmers in Upstate NY.

Congratulations to the Matthews brothers for receiving the 2024 Broome County Distinguished Citizen Award for their outstanding work within the community. They've provided many jobs throughout the Southern Tier. Thanks for all your great work!

Stopped by French Woods, a performing arts camp in Hancock that has so much to offer to children of all ages. Great to see all the amazing opportunities for these kids!

Stopped by Custom Electronics in Oneonta, a specialized manufacturing company that delivers for our global commercial, medical and defense markets. I appreciated the tour and the outstanding work being done here.

Enjoyed my visit with LEAF Council on Alcoholism and Addictions in Oneonta. Grateful to have such an amazing staff and organization in our community to help educate and support those who struggle with alcohol and substance use.



The boys and I he enjoyed our visit with Equine Advocates Horse Farm in Valatie. They do great work to protect, rescue, and prevent abuse of horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules. Thank you for your lifesaving work.

It was great to join the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce to discuss my fight to address mental health, substance use, and affordable housing in Delaware County. Upstate NY communities often get overlooked by Washington & Albany but I'm fighting to ensure we have a seat at the table.

I stopped by the Red Barn Riders 6th annual Nathan's Ride to see them off! Everyone was riding to help a young Greene County boy, Nathan, cover all his medical care costs. What a great way to come together and raise funds for a good cause.

Don't forget to follow along for regular updates on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!

Advances Water Infrastructure Bill with Conservation & Flood Protections for Upstate NY

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced the Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (WRDA) was voted out of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with bipartisan support and will advance to the House Floor. Rep. Molinaro passed the WRDA and advocated for inclusion of strong conservation measures and flooding protections for Upstate New York.

WRDA authorizes water development projects and studies carried out by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) to address flood and storm control, ecosystem restoration, waterway navigation, water infrastructure, and improve our nation's ports and harbors.

Rep. Molinaro said, "WRDA delivers big wins for Upstate New Yorkers. I'm proud to have fought for effective bipartisan measures in this bill that protect our ecosystems, improve climate resiliency, and prevent costly flooding. I'm happy to see such a crucial bill for our environment and drinking water advance to the House Floor with immense bipartisan support."

Rep. Molinaro advocated for the following priorities:

Improve flood preparedness in Upstate NY by directing the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a review of Army Corps disaster preparedness and response plans.

Support workers in skilled trades by directing the Army Corps to partner with apprenticeship programs when implementing corrosion prevention projects.

Improves the response and prevention of coastal storm flooding in New York by expanding the NY-NJ Harbor and Tributaries Study.

Requires the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center to reduce microplastics in our environment.

Directs federal funding toward flood and storm infrastructure to prevent costly flooding.

Streamlines Army Corps infrastructure projects by giving more flexibility to local project sponsors.

Ahead of July 4th, Molinaro & Ryan Introduce Bipartisan Bill to Combat Grocery Prices

Binghamton, NY - As Upstate New Yorkers head to the grocery store for the most expensive Fourth of July in history, U.S. Reps. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) and Pat Ryan (D-NY-18) today introduced the Lower Grocery Prices Act. The bill is also supported by U.S. Reps. Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-6) and Don Davis (D-NC-1).

In 2021, the American Farm Bureau Federation found that the average cost of a Fourth of July cookout for ten people was \$59.50. This year's report found that the same cookout will cost \$71.22, a nearly 20% increase in just three years.

Rep. Molinaro's bill addresses skyrocketing grocery prices by requiring the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) to analyze the price of groceries over the last 20 years and provide effective solutions on how to lower costs. Putting a national plan in place will combat the high prices and ease the affordability crisis.

Rep. Molinaro said, "As Upstate New Yorkers are stocking up on groceries for July 4th, it's hard to ignore the skyrocketing

prices. We shop at Sam's Club or Hannaford every week and know we are all paying too much for too little. We're in an affordability crisis and Upstate New York families are struggling to survive. I'm fighting to bring costs down."

Rep. Ryan said, "'Hudson Valley families are spending way too much of their hard-earned income just to put food on the table - we can't allow this to continue. Ahead of July 4th, as we all gather for barbecues, beers, and parades, I'm taking direct action to bring down costs and deliver relief. I'm proud to join my Hudson Valley neighbor Congressman Molinaro in leading this legislation, and I'll use every tool at my disposal to get inflation in check. Whether it's taking on price gougers, or fighting back against corporate monopolies, I'll keep pushing relentlessly to ease the burden on Hudson Valley families."

NYS Senator Peter Oberacker: Keep Exit 114 Open Meets with Department of Transportation on Exit 114 Closure



BINGHAMTON, 6/27/24 - State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenectady) met with New York State Department of Transportation Regional Director Andy Stiles and project engineers to express concerns over the potential closure of exit 114, a key ramp along New York State Highway 17 providing access to hundreds of residential homes and business in the Villages of Wurtsboro and Bloomingburg in the Town of Mamakating.

"I am pleased to inform the residents of the Villages of Wurtsboro, Bloomingburg, and the Town of Mamakating, I have carried their message over the closing of Exit 114 to DOT officials and they have heard your concerns loud and clear." Senator Oberacker said. "I thank Regional Director Andy Stiles, project engineers, and the New York State Department of Transportation for taking the time to meet and being receptive to our position."

While Senator Oberacker was positive in regards to the outcome of the initial meeting, he did put out a call to local residents and elected officials to remain vigilant in the fight to keep Exit 114 open. "As we move into the later summer months, businesses, community residents, and local elected officials must speak out against closing exit 114. As we move ahead with further discussion and meetings, we must keep the pressure on."

NYS Senator Peter Oberacker Leads the Charge against OSHA *Sign the Petition to Save our Local Firehouses!*

WALTON, 6/24/24 - This week, New York State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C, Schenevus) discussed proposed rule changes to the Emergency Response Standard with the Walton Volunteer Fire Department. Specifically, OSHA Rule 1910.156.

"If approved in its current form, the face of fire and EMS services in New York will be drastically changed, shuttering our already-hurting volunteer departments," said Senator Peter Oberacker. "We can all agree that the safety of our first responders is a top priority, but I strongly oppose this six-hundred page plan and all of New York's fire and EMS services must be united against it."

In addition to the hasty rule changes, Senator Oberacker also commented on the important role the local firehouse(s) plays in the community, "Our local firehouses are the heartbeat of our communities and these drastic steps only serve to hurt member recruitment and retention," said Senator Oberacker. "I need your help. My office is circulating a petition directed to OSHA and your signature goes a long way in ensuring that this rule is not approved."

Petition link to:

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Governor Hochul and Congressman Pat Ryan Announce Completion of Project to Restore Historic Wurts Street Bridge in Ulster County

Complete Rehabilitation of 103-Year-Old Bridge Enhances Public Safety, Eases Travel and Improves Connectivity in the Hudson Valley **More than 700 Tons of American-Made Steel Utilized in Repairs**

View Bridge Restoration Photos

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2024-07/Wurts-Street-Bridge-Ulster-County.pdf>

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that work is complete on a project that rehabilitated the historic Kingston-Port Ewen Suspension Bridge - also known as the Wurts Street Bridge - re-establishing an important connector for travelers headed to and from the City of Kingston that had been closed since the fall of 2020. With funding support from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this project used more than 700 tons of U.S.-made steel to stabilize and strengthen the 103-year-old structure, enhancing public safety and fully restoring the bridge's stunning grandeur. New, wider sidewalks on the bridge will also make it easier for pedestrians to take in the scenic views of the Rondout Creek below, providing a peaceful respite from the stresses of daily life

and expanding recreational opportunities for hikers and bicyclists.

"Modernizing our infrastructure to meet the demands of the 21st century does not mean we have to abandon the iconic structures that are weaved into New York State's rich history," Governor Hochul said. "The rehabilitation of the Wurts Street Bridge not only preserves a beloved and historic landmark in the City of Kingston, but also makes it stronger and more resilient, enhancing safety for everyone who travels over it."

"The restoration of the Wurts Street Bridge will provide stronger transportation, improve resiliency and enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors for years to come," Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado said. "The re-opening of this historic bridge demonstrates our investment in our infrastructure that will support our local communities and help New Yorkers get where they need to go quickly and safely."

proudly stood here as County Executive to help break ground on the rehabilitation of the historic Wurts Street Bridge - today's grand opening is a testament to years of effort across every level of government, and proof of our commitment to restoring critical infrastructure across the region," Representative Pat Ryan said. "The Bridge is essential to our Kingston and Port Ewen communities, a vital artery connecting our families and businesses, and it will remain so for generations to come. Thank you to Governor Hochul for her support of this project, and to former Assemblymember Cahill; this would not have been possible without you both."

Originally built in 1921, the Wurts Street Bridge is a popular route for travel between the City of Kingston and the Hamlet of Port Ewen in the Town of Esopus, Ulster County. The bridge - one of the first suspension bridges built in the Hudson Valley - is unusual in that its two approaches and its towers rest at different elevations, with a vertical difference of 20 feet.

The rehabilitation project, which cost an estimated \$60 million, included the installation of a new, continuous bridge deck and supporting trusses that negate the need for deck joints and will reduce long-term maintenance costs. Additional deteriorated steel elements were replaced throughout the structure, improving stability and allowing the bridge to reclaim its original 20-ton weight limit. Guide rails, sidewalks, granite curbs and suspender ropes and cables were also repaired or replaced, and new paint was added to further lessen the need for annual maintenance.

State of the art climate control systems were installed inside the enclosed chambers where the main cables are anchored to control moisture and prevent corrosion; and a decorative lighting system that can be adapted to celebrate special events and holidays was installed on the bridge's exterior. Both systems will be monitored and controlled by NYSDOT operators at the nearby Hudson Valley Transportation Management Center.

A new time capsule featuring local art pieces, New York State Department of Transportation memorabilia and various other items indicative of the region was also placed within the structure, replacing one that was unearthed during construction. Unfortunately, the original capsule had been breached and its contents eroded beyond recognition by the elements.

State Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez said, "The restoration of the historic Wurts Street Bridge is another demonstration of Governor Hochul's commitment to invest in projects that enhance public safety, reconnect communities and promote the health and well-being of all New Yorkers. This iconic bridge has brought Kingston and Port Ewen together as a community for more than 100 years and with the completion of this project we are ensuring that it safely continues to do so for many, many years to come."

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Governor Hochul and Congressman Pat Ryan Announce Completion of Project to Restore Historic Wurts Street Bridge in Ulster County

(From Pg. 65)



State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, “As the first and oldest suspension bridge in the Hudson River Valley, the Wurts Street Bridge is a treasured historic landmark. Revitalizing it to its original glory will reopen a vital gateway between our Kingston and Port Ewan communities and restore the recreation and commerce that have connected our region for over 100 years. I’m grateful to Governor Hochul for supporting our efforts and former Assemblymember Kevin Cahill for helping secure the funding to rehabilitate this pioneering architectural landmark of our region.”

Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha said, “My constituents and I are relieved that the Wurts Street Bridge is reopening today. In addition to necessary safety improvements, the expanded sidewalks will create new opportunities for pedestrians and bikers to appreciate the Rondout Creek. I believe strongly in expanding pedestrian and bicyclist access on bridges, which is why I’ve co-sponsored a bill that directs our state entities that oversee bridges to improve access.”

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger said, “We are thrilled to see the reopening of the iconic Wurts Street Bridge, which has been painstakingly restored and improved. Now stronger and more resilient, the bridge will continue to serve as a vital connector and economic tie between the City of Kingston and Town of Esopus, supporting local businesses and easing congestion on the nearby State Route 9W. The majestic bridge is a historical landmark and destination in its own right, and with new wider sidewalks, residents and tourists can stroll across and enjoy the magnificent river views. I want to thank Governor Kathy Hochul and DOT Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez for recognizing the importance of this bridge to our communities and our shared history, and I also want to acknowledge former Assemblymember Kevin Cahill for his efforts to secure the funding to restore this historical suspension bridge to its former glory.”

City of Kingston Mayor Steve Noble said, “I would like to thank Governor Hochul and New York State DOT for bringing the resources together to make this major renovation project come to fruition. The specialized team of contractors worked diligently to ensure this structure was not only restored but completed in a way as to limit its impact on the neighbors and the Rondout Creek below. The historic Wurts Street Bridge is a vital connection between Esopus and Kingston for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. I am so pleased to see it fortified for the safety of all users, and look forward to the bridge re-opening, restoring this important connector.”

Supervisor Danielle Freer said, “As one of the main gateways to the Town of Esopus, this bridge has historically played an indispensable role in the daily lives of our residents and the economic vitality of local businesses. We thank all involved, especially the skilled contractors and engineers whose meticulous restoration will rejuvenate this part of our town, especially our beautiful waterfront hamlets, and improve connectivity with our neighbors in Kingston.”

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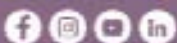
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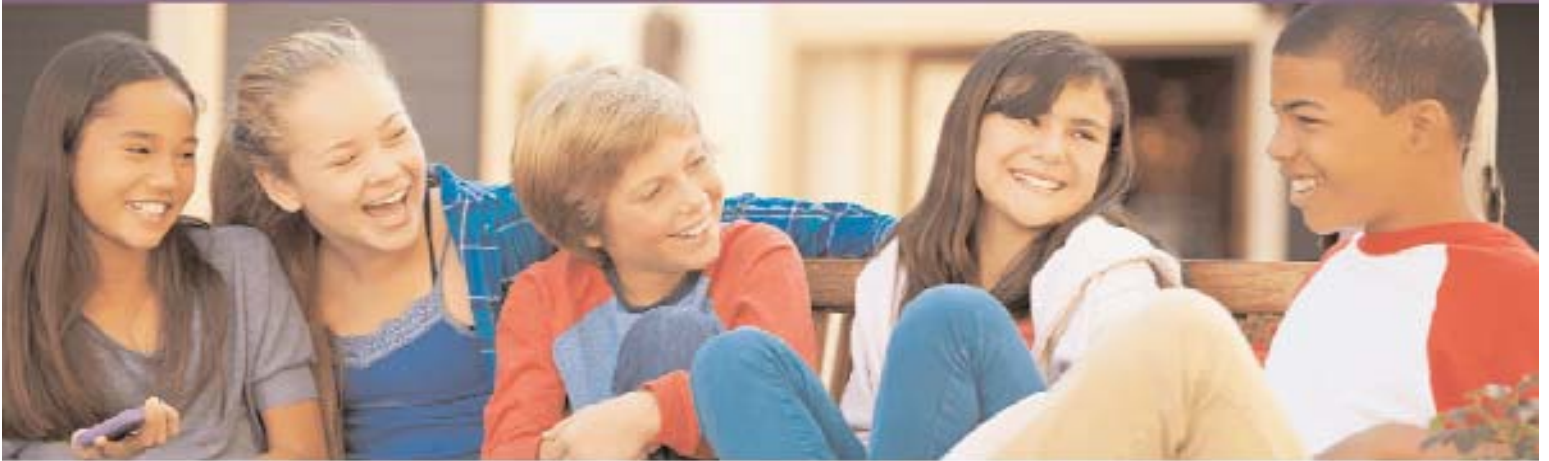
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—Diane Moss, Community Volunteer

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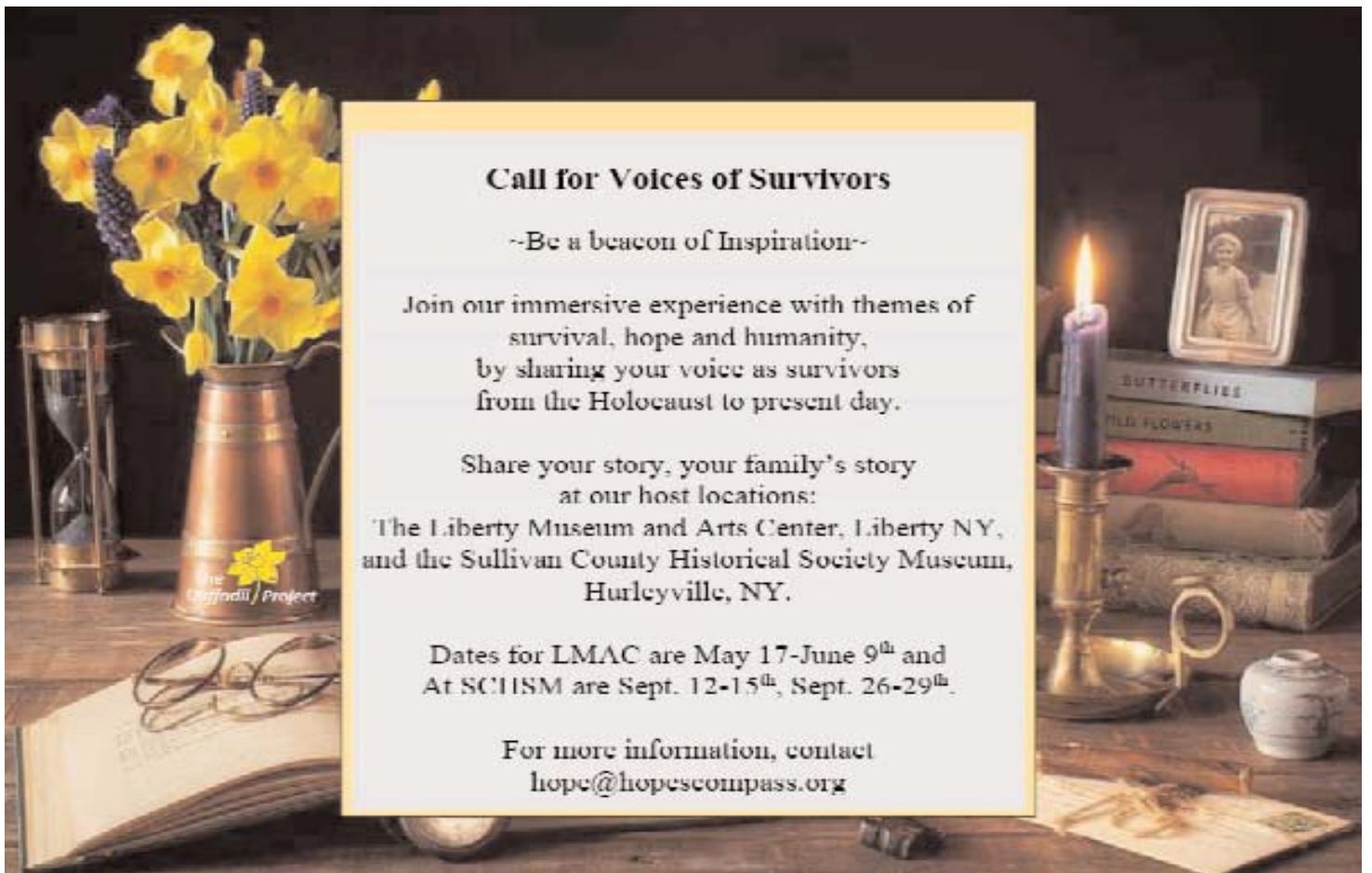
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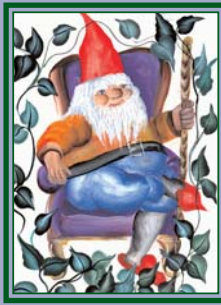
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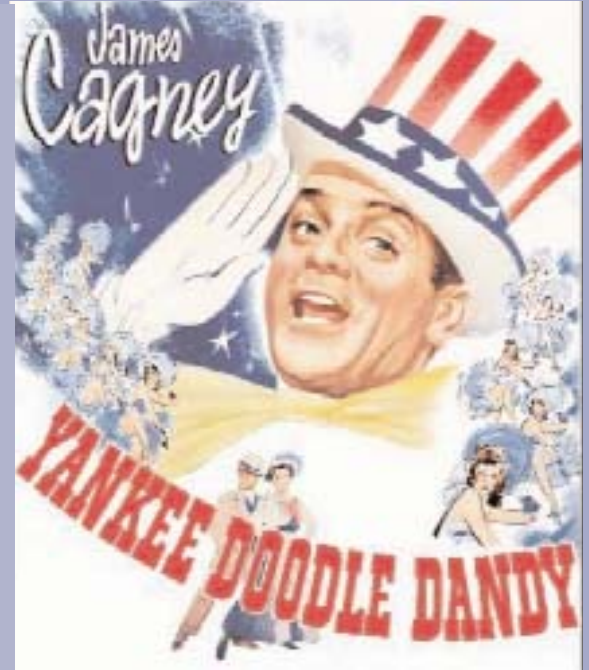
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ON AMAZON PRIME
YANKEE DOODLE DANDY
(2 h 5 min / 1942 Genres
Drama, Documentary, Arts,
Entertainment, and Culture)



(Continued from
last week)

Right from the
start, you will be
caught up in the
excitement of the
flag waving tribute
to a great artist.
"Yankee Doodle
Dandy" made to
boost morale after
the U.S. entered
the war.

The songs are
great, the acting
and the individual
dancing style of
James Cagney is
superb. The two
scenes featuring



"Over There" were very
moving. When you see a
film such as this some
80 plus years after its
release, and still really
enjoy it, it shows how
the Golden Years of
Hollywood were just
that.

In 1993, Yankee Doodle
Dandy was selected for
preservation in the
United States National

Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant", and in 1998, the film was included on the American Film Institute's 100 Years...100 Movies list, a compilation of the 100 greatest films in American cinema.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *The Seventh Calvry*

This weeks' Trivia question:

What singer moonlighted as one of *The Witches of Eastwick*?

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Military War Drama
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Born on the Fourth of July is a 1989 American biographical anti-war



drama film that is based on the 1976 autobiography of Ron Kovic, a Vietnam veteran, Ron Kovic, played by Tom Cruise – who goes from a patriotic soldier to para-

plegic antiwar activist.

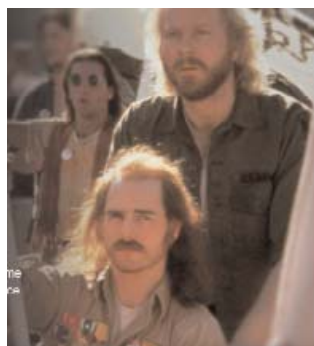


nomination for his writing.

.Starring Tom Cruise, Willem Dafoe and Kyra Sedgwick. Tom Cruise also earned a nomination for an Oscar for his role in this film.

Born on the Fourth of July asks what it really means to be an American, but it's also asking –with unexpected rawness and vulnerability, and what it means to be a man.

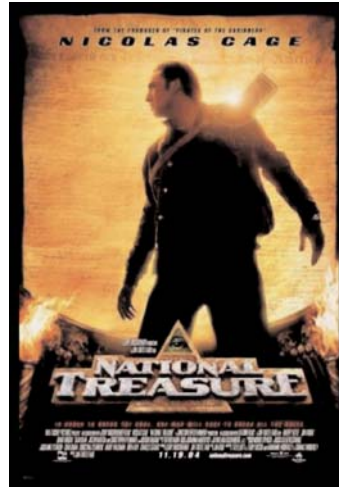
Directed by Oliver Stone who won an Oscar for this Vietnam War epic, and also received a fourth career



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A fun adventure film

National Treasure is a 2004 American action-adventure heist film[2] released by Walt Disney Pictures. It was written by Jim Kouf and the Wibberleys, produced by Jerry Bruckheimer, and directed by Jon Turteltaub.



It stars Nicolas Cage in the lead role – Benjamin Franklin Gates, Harvey Keitel, Jon Voight, Diane Kruger, Sean Bean, Justin Bartha and Christopher Plummer.

Benjamin Franklin Gates, a historian, along with Riley Poole, a computer expert search for a massive lost Freemason treasure, which includes a map hidden on the back of the United States Declaration of Independence. . The plot takes a twist when Ben's accomplice Ian decides to steal 'Declaration of Independence' for the next clue. When Ben tips FBI about the possible theft, they refused to believe him.

This led to Ben's determination to steal the 'Declaration of



Independence' in order to protect it from Ian. That was when he met Abigail Chase, an archivist. The adventure takes off as Ben, Riley and Abigail decrypt the clues that center around American history, and namely the founding fathers, in an effort to rescue the national treasure stopping it from getting to the hands of Ian.

A sequel, *National Treasure: Book of Secrets*, was released in 2007.

Stay safe, and stay well
Knarf Odnamoc
Gnome

Happy July 4th!