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Tri-Valley Lions June 3, 2024, Dinner Meeting at Casa Mia in Hurleyville



*Installation of Officers, back row & left to right: Gene Froehlich, Hugh Delaney, Patricia Menje, Stephen Miller, Stacey Wizwer, Tom Roberts, and Stu Wizwer
Front row & left to right: Bill Brenner, Terry Delaney, Claire Rennison, Esta Jacob, Maryann Cosentino, and Fran Fuller.*

On Monday, June 3, 2024, the Tri-Valley Lions had their monthly dinner meeting at Casa Mia in Hurleyville. Our special guests were incoming 1st Vice District Governor Tom Roberts and his wife Betsy.

At the dinner, incoming 1st Vice District Governor Tom Roberts, who is also a member of the Middletown Lions Club, installed Tri-Valley Lions Officers for the 2024/2025 year as follows: President Stephen Miller, 1st VP Hugh Delaney, 2nd VP William Brenner, Secretary Stacey Wizwer, Treasurer Terry Delaney, Corresponding Secretary Fran Fuller, Lion Tamer MaryAnn Cosentino, Tail Twisters Paula and Mike Ryan, Director Gene Froehlich, Director Stuart Wizwer, Director Claire Rennison, Director Esta Jacob, and Membership Chair Patricia Menje.

1st Vice District Governor Tom Roberts also installed our newest member, Merri White of Neversink, into our Club. Welcome Merri, and we are so very happy that you joined The Tri-Valley Lions Club and will assist with our ongoing missions.

Also of note is our upcoming Tri-Valley Rabies Clinic to be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 2pm to 3:30pm at the Pavilion in the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Dogs and cats are welcome but must be leashed or crated. Also, please bring proof of prior rabies documentation with you if you have it. The rabies vaccination is free. Donations are welcome.

The Tri-Valley Lions Award Committee chaired by Lion Leah Exner with Lion members Claire Rennison, Stu Wizwer, Bonnie Lewis, Pat Menje, and Lauree Novogrodsky approved 5 Tri-Valley High School graduates to receive our Tri-Valley School Community Service and Achievement Awards in the amount of \$500 each. Students receiving these awards will be recognized at a Senior Celebration Ceremony at the School on June 13, 2024. The 5 students will receive their awards once they submit proof of college enrollment to our Treasurer, Terry Delaney. Student names will be announced by The Tri-Valley Lions after the June 13th ceremony. Congrats in advance to those very deserving students who submitted powerful essays and applications detailing their academic achievements and community service.

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

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Isaiah 41:10

OBITUARY

Andrew (Andy) Yonker passed



away at Grace Davis Hall House in Ocala FL on June 7th, 2024. He was 85 years old. He was predeceased by his brother Edward Yonker and

sister Mary Coniker. Andy is survived by his son John and his wife Maggie of Hurleyville NY, grandson John Jr., and granddaughters Madison and Johanna. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Sally Yonker, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Andy was born in Ellenville NY on January 7th, 1939, in an ice storm to parents Edward and Agnes Yonker. He was raised on the family farm in Ulster Heights on land his family had worked for many years with two work horses and no tractors. Andy went to a one-room elementary school in Ulster Heights and went on to attend and graduate from Ellenville High School in 1956.

Andy served for years as a corrections officer at the state prison in Napanoch, and went on to manage the CETA program for the Town of Wawarsing, where he was proud to have helped more than 70 people find jobs. He did weekly payroll for all, without the help of computers. Andy was also a basketball official and was a referee at hundreds of high school games all over the area. He later joined the Town of Wawarsing Highway Dept. where he worked for many years until his retirement in 1994, when he moved to the Ocala FL area.

In his younger years, Andy enjoyed gardening, boating, fishing, the NY Yankees and the Dallas Cowboys. He loved a cold beer and a cigar.

Many thanks to Alecia, Daisy, Crystal and Dustin of Villages Rehab where he was made to feel safe and comfortable for many months.

A visitation was held from on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. A mass of Christian burial was celebrated at 10am on Wednesday, June 12th at

Immaculate Conception Church, 6317 State Route 42, Woodbourne, NY 12788. Burial to follow at St. Michael's Cemetery, Ulster Heights, NY.

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

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Jeanne M. DePuy, of Woodbourne, NY, passed away on Sunday, June 9, 2024 at home. She was 79.

She was the daughter of the late George and Anna (Wagner) Dill, born on May 12, 1945 in Liberty, NY.

Jeanne worked in the Personnel Department for Sullivan County until her retirement. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary Woodbourne Fire Department. She was a phenomenal baker, especially her sheet cakes, which everyone wanted for their birthday. She truly loved her family, in particular her grandchildren, whom she helped raise. She was a loving mother, grandmother and friend to all who knew her, she will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years Douglas “Doug” DePuy; children Scott DePuy his wife Lisa and Tamara “Tammy” DePuy; grandchildren Samantha Shaddock and Alex DePuy; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. She is predeceased by her siblings Marilyn Chan and William “Billy” Dill.

In lieu of flowers donations in Jeanne's name can be made to Woodbourne Fire Department, P.O. Box 45, Woodbourne, NY 12788 or to National Breast Cancer Foundation PO Box 676910 Dallas, TX 75267-6910.

A visitation was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. A firematic service was held on Wednesday at 7pm at the funeral home. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10am on Thursday, June 13th at Immaculate Conception Church, 6317 State Route 42, Woodbourne, NY 12788. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery, Parsonage Rd., Woodbourne, NY 12788.

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Days of Yore...Today's History

July 14, 1954

Descendants of the late Henry Gockel of Sundown, later of Ossining, met last Sunday for a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown in Ellenville. There were forty-seven relatives representing three generations, some of whom had not met for the past twenty years.

June 24, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cross have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Jane, to James Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Armstrong of Wayne, Michigan. Nancy is a Tri Valley Central School graduate. Her fiancé is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School in Michigan. He is now serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Rigel stationed off Norfolk, Virginia. A July wedding is planned.

The Reverends, Mr. and Mrs. John McCoomb of Croton-on-Hudson, filled the pulpit in the Methodist Church on Sunday morning. Three infants were baptized: Robert Mickelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mickelson of Big Hollow Road; Lisa Ann Krom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Krom; and Jerry Hadden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hadden of Neversink.

July 3, 1974

Myers S. Groo, 90, of Grahamsville, a retired dairy farmer and a lifetime area resident, died June 21st in Ellenville Community Hospital. He was born April 9, 1884 to Jonathan H. and Elva Scott Groo in Woodbourne. He had been married to the late Rachel Thornton and the late Jessica Eidel. Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Ruth Morse of Hempstead, L.I.

Jean Marie Demetry was born June 5th to Robert and Nancy Demetry of Walden at the Benedictine Hospital in Kingston. Jean Marie weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. Her brother, Daniel is now two years old. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Demetry of Neversink. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cypert of Frost Valley. Jean Marie's father is chief photographer for the Newburgh Evening News.

July 3, 1984

Douglas and Jona Hamilton of Grahamsville are the parents of a daughter, Bethany Ann, born on June 22, 1984 at Community General Hospital, Harris. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Welter of New York Mills, Minn. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Barbara Slater of Grahamsville and Mr. John H. Hamilton, Sr. of Inverness Florida.

Sgt. and Mrs. Richard Schmitz are the proud parents of a daughter, Bridgett Elise, born June 29, 1984 at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. She was a birthday present for her grandmother, June Schmitz, having been born on her birthday. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mack Robinson of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. and Herbert George celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on May 22nd. Her sisters, Inez Gridley, Linda Smith and Dorothy Grey visited Esther and Herbert on June 25th to help them celebrate.

Household Hint:

Unstick a Zipper

Rub lip gloss directly on the zipper. Or, if you have a pencil handy, rub the zipper with the lead from the pencil. You can also use a bar of soap to keep a zipper sliding nicely. Rub the end of the bar lightly across the zipper.

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.

Simply Sophisticated Daisy

Right now blooming throughout the Catskills is the Oxeye Daisy, a wildflower of fields, roadsides and other open areas. Known to botanists as *Leucanthemum vulgare*, daisies are a familiar and attractive grassland perennial that is often considered a weed. They are not Native to North America. They were introduced here long ago from Eurasia where they were used medicinally and grown in gardens for over 4,000 years.



A Daisy is a perennial whose evergreen leaves form a basal tuft or a rosette. The Oxeye Daisy prefers sun but can survive in part-shade.

Did you know that daisies sleep at night and wake up in the morning? The Oxeye daisies that we are seeing in the fields, by the Eagle Watch, along the roadsides, and in many other places around Tri-Valley are also known as Moon Daisies because they open at dawn. In fact, the Daisy got its name from Old English "Day's Eye," describing how the petals close at night and open at daybreak, revealing the yellow center.

The flowerheads of daisies can be large, and measure up to 2 inches across. They usually begin to bloom in the middle of May and are at their peak until around the end of June. We will continue to see isolated specimens throughout the summer, especially in areas where they are undisturbed by the cutting of the hay or mowing, such as on railway banks, or along roadways where the plant flourishes well.

Daisies are not made of just one flower. A Daisy is made up of two types of flowers - disk florets and petal-like white ray florets. The disk florets are at the center and the ray florets are at the outer edge, but they are arranged to give the impression of being a single flower. This arrangement on Daisies is a type of inflorescence known as a capitulum - a compact head of a structure, in particular a dense, flat cluster of small flowers or florets.

Beneath each flower-head is a ring of green sheathing bracts, the involucre. These not only protect and support the bloom, but prevent insects from trying to bite their way to the honey from below. They, as well as the rest of the plant, are permeated with an acrid juice that is obnoxious to certain insects. The open flower heads of a daisy does attract a large range of pollinating insects particularly bees and butterflies.

A Daisy is a perennial whose evergreen leaves form a basal tuft or a rosette. The Oxeye Daisy prefers sun can survive in part-shade. The stems of Daisies are smooth and leafless and support a single flower. The leaf texture varies and may be smooth or hairy, narrow at the base and slightly lobed. The Daisy flower stalks are generally longer than the leaf stalks. The plant generally grows from 1 to 2 feet high. The perennial root is somewhat creeping. Daisies can be propagated by division in spring or through sowing seeds in spring or late autumn. Daisy seeds are a prime source of food for songbirds in winter.

These sunny springtime blooms have several positive meanings. The meaning of a daisy flower can be purity, innocence, new beginnings, joy and cheerfulness. During the Victorian Era, daisies symbolized innocence, loyalty and an ability to keep things secret. It was the Victorians who first chanted, 'he loves me, he loves me not' while plucking off individual Daisy petals.

Tri-Valley Lions June 3, 2024, Dinner Meeting at Casa Mia in Hurleyville



Incoming 1st Vice District Governor, Tom Roberts, Ilene Wizwer (sponsor for Merri White), Merri White (our newest member), and Stephen Miller (President).

(From Pg. 1) Our funding allows us to continue to provide monetary and service support to Local Food Pantries, Tri-Valley School Community Service and Achievement Awards, Children's Eye Screenings, support for Diabetes, Lymphoma and Leukemia organizations, childhood cancer, WSUL Heart-A-Thon, Guiding Eyes for The Blind, and so much more. If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com

LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley
Published June 19, 1997

Last night my bedroom seemed unusually hot and I switched my pillows to the foot of my bed near the open window. My world was equally nice and quiet. Neighborhood dogs would occasionally chat with one another but not for long. My most consistent companion was a hoot owl off in the distance and I couldn't help wondering why this mournful little guy lead such a lonely life. I couldn't hear even one answering with a "hoot".

The sweet, clean spring breeze blowing through my bedroom window brought in a whiff of lilac perfume from the beautiful lilac bushes growing just outside of our windows. This tranquillity was very rudely interrupted by a car driving past with a radio at full blast in order to let everyone share his taste in top 40 music selections.

My room faces east and I had one short snooze and was awakened by the sun. It was too early to climb out of bed and get dressed so I let my mind wander back to the days when you could awaken early in the morning with no rumble of trucks on the road. No hum of jet engines

overhead, no peace-shattering radios blaring from cars as they drive by. All during the day, the "yakking" of birds was the only racket with the exception of the noon whistle or the school bells ringing.

In the good old days, lawns were manicured with hand pushed mowers; more people walked than drove; and car radios had not been invented. Farm work was done with horses rather than giant tractors and the whole world was pretty much a sweet place.

To my way of thinking, great progress has been made in modernizing our world since the early 1900's and it seems that much of it seems to involve gadgets that make a horrible racket! I see leaf blowers and power mowers for our lawns; they're nice but noisy. Jet skis seem to be taking the place of our nice row boats on our beautiful lakes and during the winter, a snowmobile could run you down in your own backyard.

Our own nice cool dirt roads are now clogged 24 hours a day with cars, noisy buses and huge trucks running along at "supersonic" speed.

Will we ever see peace and quiet again? There was a time when peace and quiet was considered a luxury even the poorest of us could afford - I know, I was there.

Over 60 Runners Participate in 50th Annual Grahamsville Gallop

It's hard to believe that this year was the 50th Grahamsville Gallop! The Gallop was held Sunday, June 1st at 1:00pm at the Iatauro Sports Complex at Tri-Valley Central School. Fifty-seven youth ran in the age group races, and three families participated in the new Family Relay in which one person runs 200 meters, 2 run 100 meters and the fourth person runs 400 meters. All runners received either a trophy (places 1-3) or a medal. Thank you to the Tri-Valley administration for allowing the Gallop to be held on school grounds. Thank you also to Tyler Eckhoff, Skyler Musa, Jason Closs, Travis Wolfe and the Tri-Valley Track Team, who helped organize and run the even. We also thank all parents and grandparents who continue the tradition by brining their children to participate. The first Grahamsville Gallop was held in 1972, organized by Norton Hyman. It was then run by Joe and Missy Iatauro through 2013.

RESULTS:

Girls Age 3 and Under (80 Meters)

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| 1 Harper Haynes | 25.61 |
| 2 Abigail Garigliano | 26.56 |
| 3 Kylie Knox | 30.26 |
| 4 Blair Bonnell | 30.84 |
| Harper Guara | no times |
| Gwen Dirie | recorded |
| Skyler Wolfe | |

Boys Age 3 and Under (80 Meters)

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|--------------------|
| 1 Wyatt Connolly |
| 2 Charlie Bonnell |
| 3 Scott Garigliano |
| 4 Jack Poley |

Girls Age 4 (100 Meters)

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|----------------------|-------|
| 1 Ellie Knox | 27.00 |
| 2 Genavieve Poley | 28.51 |
| 3 Ava Festa | 31.39 |
| 4 Abigail Lazdauskas | 33.09 |
| 5 Daniella Liles | 34.25 |

Boys Age 4 (100 Meters)

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|---------------------|-------|
| 1 Finley Wolfe | 25.38 |
| 2 Blake Bertholf | 25.69 |
| 3 Camden Garigliano | 29.18 |
| 4 Luke Garigliano | 34.00 |

Girls Age 5 (200 Meters)

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|----------------------|-------|
| 1 Dionne Liles | 51.00 |
| 2 Vaeda Luczynski | 53.00 |
| 3 Kaylee McDonald | 56.00 |
| 4 Hannah Conjura | 57.00 |
| 5 Viviana Zanetti | 1:06 |
| 6 Aria Constable | 1:10 |
| 7 Rebecca Garigliano | 1:14 |
| 8 Emma Mickelson | 1:16 |
| 9 Vada Ward | 1:20 |

Boys Age 5 (200 Meters)

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|----------------|-------|
| 1 Bennet Guara | 51.96 |
| 2 Joey Bonnell | 1:42 |

Girls Age 6 (400 Meters)

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|-----------------|------|
| 1 Aurora Rubik | 2:10 |
| 2 Whitney Dirie | 2:18 |

Boys Age 6 (400 Meters)

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|---------------------|------|
| 1 Connor Garigliano | 1:37 |
| 2 Marshal Connolly | 1:44 |
| 3 Eddie Bonnell | 1:46 |
| 4 Ethan Lazdauskas | 2:38 |

Girls Age 7 (400 Meters)

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|-----------------------|------|
| 1 Genivieve Mickelson | 2:01 |
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Boys Age 7 (400 Meters)

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|------------------|------|
| 1 Miles McCarthy | 1:29 |
| 2 Bodie Bertholf | 1:49 |
| 3 Benson Rubik | 1:50 |
| 4 Gage Mercer | 2:07 |

Girls Age 8 (400 Meters)

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|------------------------|------|
| 1 Madelynn Sheeley | 1:38 |
| 2 Mackenzie Miglionico | 1:45 |
| 3 Diem Lusziski | 1:55 |

Boys Age 8 (400 Meters)

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|-----------------------|------|
| 1 Matthew Conjura | 1:38 |
| 2 Francesco Gelsomino | 1:44 |
| 3 Luciano Francisco | 2:17 |

Girls Age 9 (400 Meters)

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|----------------------|------|
| 1 Lily Constable | 1:35 |
| 2 Laura Trotti-Noren | NT |

Boys Age 9 (400 Meters)

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|-------------------|------|
| 1 Jacob Mickelson | 1:35 |
|-------------------|------|

Girls Age 10 (400 Meters)

No Runners

Boys Age 10 (400 Meters)

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|----------------------|------|
| 1 Chase Sheeley | 1:27 |
| 2 Michael Lazdauskas | 1:45 |

Boys Age 11 (800 Meters)

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|------------------|------|
| 1 Bradley Kenney | 2:49 |
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Girls Age 12 (800 Meters)

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| 1 Ava Miglionico | 3:52 |
|------------------|------|

Girls Age 13 (800 Meters)

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| 1 Avery Carrier | 2:46 |
| 2 Brea Sheeley | 3:24 |

Family Relay (200, 100, 100, 400)

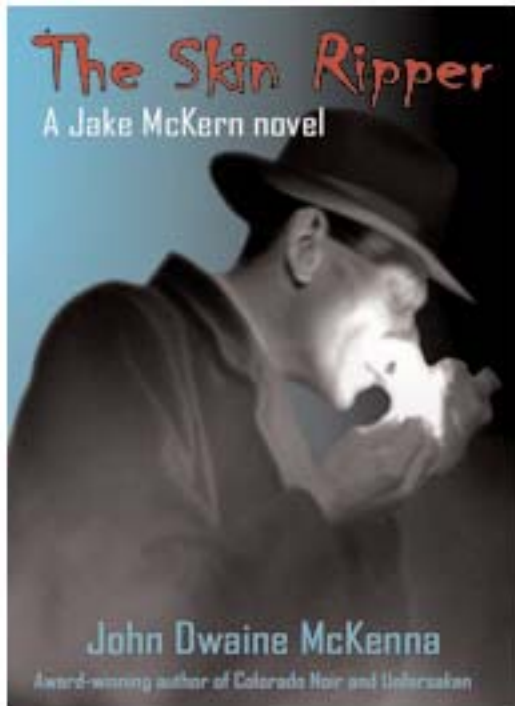
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| 1 Eddie McCarthy Family | 2:43 |
| 2 Matthew Garigliano Family | 2:52 |
| 3 Sue Sheeley Family | 3:05 |

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The Skin Ripper

Under a moonless sky in the smallest hours of an ominous March morning, a black Mercedes sedan turned west onto Bijou Street from the dark canyon of unlit buildings on Nevada Avenue in downtown Colorado Springs and crossed the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad tracks, made a second change of direction and headed north on Spruce-as if it had just slipped from the shadows of some sinister, unholy place-then purred over the cracked and patched asphalt as quiet and sure and purposeful as a beast of prey, intent on catching an easy meal.

“How much farther?” The driver said.

“A few blocks,” was the answer and the automobile continued up the street in silence.

Moments later a second, more commanding voice said from the rear seat, “Do not stop here. Turn at the next corner and go down the alley. They are upstairs at the back of the little grocery store. There is an apartment where they live.”

The car turned right. The driver killed the lights and shut off the motor at the same time. He slipped into the alley, then coasted to a stop at the rear of the two-story wood framed building. No one spoke as they donned surgical gloves and pulled nylon stockings over their heads to obscure their faces. The driver, with the collar of his brown tweed overcoat turned up against the cold, remained on guard downstairs. He watched as the four others gathered the tools for the job, and prepared to make their entrance on silent, muffled feet. There was no surplus movement, no wasted gestures—each of them had done it before—and were ready for the task ahead.

It was going to be wet work . . .

Chapter 1

I was elated, when the ringing of the telephone on the upended wooden crate that served as a nightstand roused me from a recurring nightmare about a character I called the Whim-Wham Man, who sometimes crawls out of my subconscious to visit my dreams, and remind me of odious past deeds which cannot be erased . . . or forgotten . . . nor forgiven.

I picked it up just as it began its second ring, hoping to keep from waking my wife Mo, who was sound asleep beside me. The alarm clock next to the phone read 5:50 a.m. as I croaked, “Yeah,” into the mouthpiece and tried to come to life.

“McKern?”

“Yeah. This is Jake.”

“It’s Wally, on the desk. You’re about to pop your cherry, boyo. Your name is up top of the available list and we just got a double, over on Spruce Street.”

Fully alert in an instant, I slid out of the covers, sat bolt upright on the side of the bed, and fumbled in the dark for the brass pull chain on the reading lamp that stood on the floor. Once I could see, I grabbed my notebook and ballpoint pen beside the phone and said, “OK, Wally. I’m ready to copy. Did you say a double homicide?”

“I did. At 927 north Spruce Street.”

“Isn’t that a grocery store?”

“It is. Call came in at oh-five-forty. The butter and egg man reported it when he found the door open and the lights off at oh-five thirty.”

“He found the victims,” I said, as I lit a cigarette from the pack of Luckies beside the phone.

“He did. The unies are on scene. They have the place locked down, and await only your presence to make their day complete.”

“Cut the crap Wally. I’ll be there in a few minutes-the scene’s right around the corner from my house. Anything else?”

“Yeah. All sarcasm aside, Jake. Don’t eat anything before you go over there. It’s a bad one.”

Wally’s comment kept bouncing around in my head as I got up and headed to the bathroom, where I did my business and grabbed a quick shave, then ran a wet comb through my hair.

How bad can it be? I thought as I dressed in a blue, button-down oxford shirt, striped tie, and gray flannel pants along with polished black cowboy boots. *I’ve seen it all in the Pacific during the war. I know what a dead body looks like . . . that bastard Wally’s just fucking with me . . .* were my exact thoughts as I took my beat up, brown leather A2 jacket out of the closet and slipped it on.

I clipped the gold CSPD detective shield to my belt and snugged the old 1911 Colt .45 auto I'd carried since the battle of Okinawa into the shoulder holster under my left arm. I checked my appearance in the hall mirror on my way out, to make sure I was spit-shined. This was my first case as a detective since Chief Budd had pinned the shield on me three months ago, and I wanted to make a great first impression.

My right leg wasn't fully healed. It ached at the place the broken femur was reset, and the scar where the fractured bone stuck out of my thigh was livid red and itching as I closed the front door of the little house we lived in, over on south Seventh Street. It was just off Colorado Avenue on the city's near west side, and less than a mile from where the murder took place. I limped down the walk and got in the two-year-old unmarked car I'd been assigned, hoping the clunker would start and take me to my first crime scene without any problems. I let it idle for a couple of minutes with the choke halfway out, then dropped it into first gear and took off in a cloud of smoke. The department was supposed to get a new fleet of vehicles in a few months, and they couldn't get here soon enough as far as I was concerned.

I turned east on Colorado Avenue and north on Spruce Street, arriving on scene at 6:25 a.m., where, despite the early hour, a group of onlookers was starting to gather. I guessed they'd either been attracted by the police cars, or were working folks on their way to the job who'd stopped by for a morning paper or a snack. In any case, they were going to be disappointed.

I pulled into the alley and parked behind a couple of marked patrol cars. I climbed out and walked to the back door of the Spruce Street Grocery, where I was met by a uniformed cop I'd once patrolled with named Donald Brearley.

"Hi Jake," he said. "It's been a while. How're you doin' these days?"

"Not bad Donnie, but let's catch up later. Who's here besides yourself, and who's the senior-most man?"

Donnie sucked in a breath and started to give me the stink eye, then thought better of it. He said, "Good idea Jake. There's me, Andy Claypoole, Jim Dunlap and a new guy named Amos Magness. Dunlap and Magness are out front, Claypoole's inside."

"Has anyone else been in there?"

"All four of us, plus the delivery guy."

"Where is he, and do you have a name?"

Donnie pulled out his notebook and flipped it open. "It's Rufus Gerry. He's been selling butter and eggs to the neighborhood grocers since the thirties. He's pretty upset. Been puking his guts out. It's a nasty scene in there."

"Tell me you've kept him here . . ."

"Oh yeah. He's in his truck, right over there," Donnie pointed to a white panel truck parked along the south side of the grocery.

It said, *Canyon Farms* on the door in red and black letters. In my haste, I'd failed to notice it. I reminded myself *to slow down*, and said, "Thanks, Donnie. You've done a good job. It helps. Any idea what took place here?"

Ma always said, *You get more flies with honey than vinegar*, and she was right.

Donnie smiled, drew in a breath, and said, "Whoever did it parked here, went upstairs right there, and jimmed the back door. Shot 'em execution style, in their bed while they slept is what I think . . ."

I felt Donnie was holding something back, but didn't want to press him about it after the rocky start I'd made. I let it slide. Said, "Has anybody called the coroner?"

"Not that I know of . . ."

"Okay. Call dispatch. Tell Wally we need help with crowd control and site preservation . . . we also need a photographer, some crime scene people, and the coroner. Thanks for locking things down out here. We're going to have a lot more folks to deal with in a little bit. Keep everybody back and tell the delivery guy I'll talk to him as soon as I get a look inside."

Donnie nodded and walked over to the egg man's truck, while I started up the outside staircase to meet the victims of my first ever homicide case. I had no idea as I mounted those steps that morning, how much the rest of my life was going to be changed by them.

Chapter 2

I was on the third stair when I saw the blood. It was dripped on the steps, the railing and even the risers. There were smudges where someone had stepped in it, and a few smears and handprints along the white clapboard siding.

Slow down. I reminded myself a second time, as I backed down the stairs to make a better start of the investigation. There was a trail of blood leading to the back door where the deliveries were made. I'd walked right over it in my haste, and decided to backtrack a bit more. I knew there was some resentment among a few of the guys in uniform with seniority on me, that I'd been promoted before them. It wasn't any secret that some of them coveted a detective slot. I hadn't thought Officer Donald Brearley was among the jealous ones, but it was time to find out.

I walked back to where he was standing in front of his patrol car, smoking a cigarette, and pretending he wasn't watching me out of the corner of his eye. "Donnie," I said, "would you mind helping me out? Telling me whatever you can . . ."

"Sure, Jake. Whadaya wanna know?"

"You were the first one here. What did you find, who's the victim? It's the first case I've been lead on, and can use whatever help I can get." Don't show weakness. Don't let any of them know how nervous you are. And don't apologize, I told myself as I waited to see what he'd say.

Donnie put his right foot up on the bumper and rested his elbow on his knee. He took a big drag on his smoke and squinted off in the distance, as if he was trying to remember all the words to Hamlet's soliloquy. Then he gave a big sigh, exhaled from both nostrils like a dragon letting off steam and said, "I got here first, then Claypoole. We found the butter and egg man waiting in his truck. He was pretty shaken at first, didn't make much sense. I gave him a jolt from my flask and he got a hold of himself but still wasn't givin' us any more information."

"How big of a jolt? Is he loaded?"

"Not unless he's got his own bottle in the truck. I only gave him a little sip. Not even enough to get a hummingbird hinky. Dunlap and his trainee showed up and I put 'em out front to keep any customers from enterin' the place."

"I thought you said all four of you'd been in the crime scene . . ."

"I'm gettin' to that," Donnie said as he puffed another lungful of smoke in and out while he searched for his next few words.

I could see he was struggling but didn't know why. "Just spit it out man. Whatever it is, I'll handle it . . ."

"Don't be too sure of that," my one-time patrol partner said, as he looked at me with red rimmed and bloodshot eyes that I hadn't noticed earlier.

Donnie was a veteran who'd seen hard action in Korea. I'd always thought him to be steady and tough, willing, and able to handle the worst kinds of situations. It wasn't like him to be emotional. As hard as it was, I waited for him to speak.

After a moment of hesitation, Donnie took a breath and continued. "Claypoole and I went in the back door down here, while Dunlap and Magness cleared the upstairs. Andy and I were still clearin' the store itself . . . there was aisles, shaded spots, and counters to check . . . when Jimmy came back down. He told us that there was a lotta blood up there. Started in the bedroom, then went through the hall, out the back door and down the stairs. He said that the place was tossed pretty hard; drawers turned over, bookcases upended, cabinets ransacked, but no bodies." Donnie stopped speaking and looked down at his feet. I waited, saw a couple of tears spatter to the sheet metal between the front bumper and the grille of his '55 Ford prowler.

Donnie looked up at me with tears now running down his cheeks. He brushed them away with a thumb and said, "I knew them. I grew up over on Mesa Road, three blocks from here. Abe and Ruth Sorwell. They came here right after the war. Jews, who survived the concentration camps. They helped my mother and me after my dad was killed in a hunting accident up in Kremmling. Mr. Sorwell carried us on credit for a while. Nobody else would. Never asked us for money neither. We paid when we could, didn't catch up until I was drafted in the Army. Sent all my pay home to Ma . . ."

Donnie's voice trailed off again at that point, and while I felt a kinship-my own story was eerily similar-I had to get on with the business at hand. "Is there anything more you can tell me?"

“Go see for yourself. Look in the cold storage locker in back. By the meat counter,” he said as he threw his cigarette butt on the ground with all the force he could render, then walked up the alley toward the entrance, where he stopped and stood with his back to me, trying to work out his grief privately. I could see his shoulders shaking as I headed for the back door of the neighborhood grocery store.

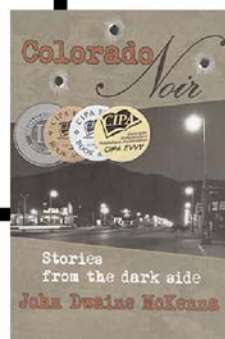
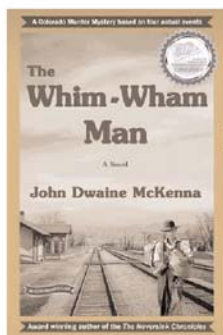
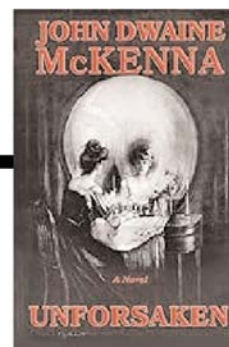
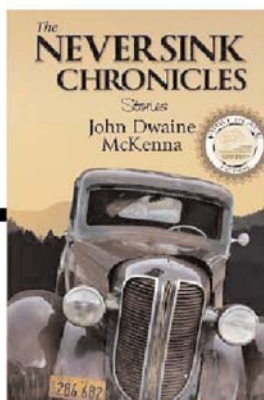
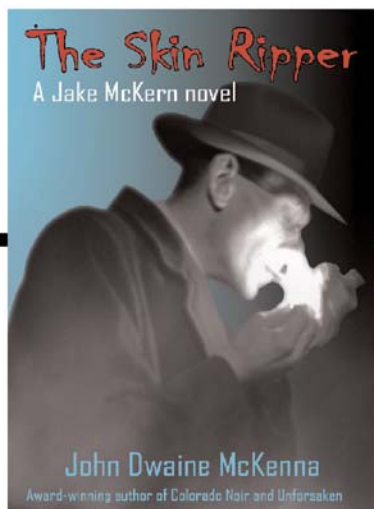
I remember thinking, thirteen months in a patrol car with that guy, and I never saw him act like such a pussy . . . it's no wonder we didn't win the war in Korea if all our troops were so weak . . .

It was the lowest, most uncharitable, unfair, and mean thing to think about a man who'd answered his country's call, fought for her, and stood shoulder-to-shoulder with me through all the ups and downs of being an on-duty cop. I was ashamed of myself for even allowing such a comment to form in my mind. Thank God I never voiced any of those thoughts out loud. I include them here as a kind of penance, and to honor a man who gave his life in service to his community. Five years later, Officer Donnie Brearley was shot and killed during a routine traffic stop.

For me, revelation came only moments later.

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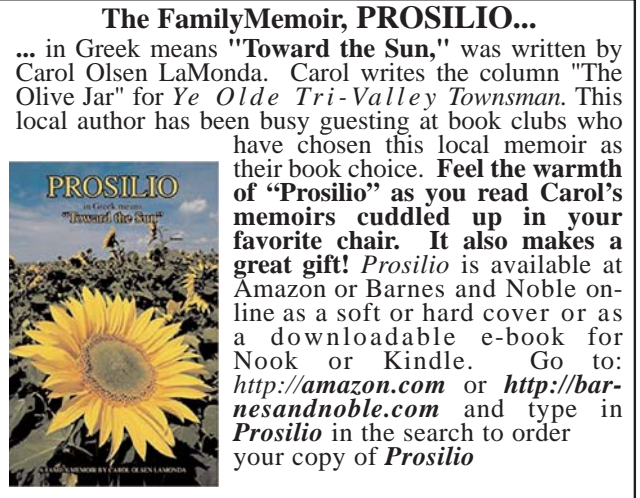




The Olive Jar

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Momisms and Dadisms



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With Mother's Day just past and Father's Day looming, I recall some of the things my parents said that they are imprinted in my brain and slip out of my lips.

Momisms:

Never return an empty plate or bowl.

"Go" before you go.

Always carry tissues in your purse.

Never buy cheap.

Save and spend the interest.

If you have nothing nice to say, say nothing.

If you fail, try again; be persistent.

Dadisms

Save it. It might come in handy someday.

You need to finish your dinner. Some poor child is hungry.

Don't wear a hat indoors. It isn't going to rain in here.

You wear a suit and tie to all weddings and funerals.

Respect your elders.

Don't waste. Reuse, repurpose, and restore.

Smile. No one wants to hear a complaint.

I find myself echoing these to my own kids and grandkids. I think the best advice my parents taught me was to respect myself and others and treat everyone with kindness. Thanks, mom. Thanks, dad.

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.

Happy 125th Birthday!

Come Out to Vote and order donuts!

By Lisa Carroll

Thank you for attending our 125th birthday celebration this past weekend!

“Over 50 of our patrons visited between Saturday and Sunday for a bite of delicious food or cake, coffee, and conversation. We were honored to share our community artists' submissions to our art contest, and unveil our new dedications and plaques,” DPL Director Beth Wolpert said. “Joann Gallagher was in attendance and her words and her presence in our library was a gift we all cherished. Our board members shared heartfelt sentiments and offered their thanks to our community members for their invaluable support over the years. I personally got to share a few words about the history of our namesake, but my favorite moment of the weekend was getting the chance to thank Marlene and Anna for their continued dedication as volunteers at our beloved library,” Wolpert continued. “We had wonderful weather, and it was a beautiful two days, during which we got the chance to slow down and count our blessings from the past, at present, and dream of more into the future,” Wolpert concluded.

It was a fabulous weekend.

Come cast your library budget vote on Tuesday, June 18 from 1-8PM and pick up some delicious donuts! We haven't gone up for a budget vote in a very long time and are hopeful that all our fabulous patrons will come out and check yes so that we may continue to offer the same stellar services we are all accustomed to. Please pre-order donuts by the dozen before the big day by phone at 985-7233 or online at our website. Each dozen is \$9 and come in cinnamon sugar, plain or mixed. As always, thank you for your continued support. We greatly appreciate it!

Have you ever wondered what you should do when encountering a bear? I know I think about that every time I take a walk down my beautiful country road (one that I have most definitely seen bears on.) On Saturday, June 15 from 10 to 11AM we are presenting the first of a two part series, The American Black Bear. Please join us and Pam Golben, Naturalist and Educator at the Mamakating Environmental Education Center, to learn about the natural history of the bear. We'll discuss its range and habitat, anatomy, diet and life-cycle. We'll talk about the bear's hibernation habits and there will be a pelt and skull viewing. And most importantly (in my humble opinion, anyways) we'll learn how to coexists with these big, beautiful creatures and guidelines for hiking and camping. This program is recommended for adults and children 12 and older. Advanced registration is required (through our website) and is open to Tri-Valley residents. Our second in the series, Understanding the Eastern Coyote, will be held on July 20.

We have another exciting program for you! Register for this amazing author talk and book signing featuring local treasure, Coach Tweed. Pedro Tweed will be here on Saturday, June 15 from 12 to 1PM and all are welcome...registration is recommended (through our website). He's a gymnastics coach, author and motivational speaker. He has spent his life teaching and mentoring children, all the while, gaining memories and experiences that are reflected in his books. This will be an excellent opportunity for his current or former students to get a spe-



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cial glimpse of this side of his life. Books will be available for purchase the day of the event.

If you have school aged children in the district, you may have noticed a packet from the DPL that would have come home with them. It's all the information for our summer program which are open to Tri Valley residents. Please know that all the same information is provide on our website, social media platforms and is available at the library. So, in a nutshell, the 2024 summer theme is “Adventure Begins at Your Library” and just like last year, we have a variety of different reading incentives and programs for children of all ages. The summer program kicks off June 30, so expect more information as the date nears.

And lastly, this week's staff pick is Out of the Clear Blue Sky by Kristan Higgins.

It's a hilarious book about a not so hilarious subject. Lillie Silva has grown up on the cape, having come from a long line of Portuguese fishermen. She's a kick-butt midwife, married to her college sweetheart and has a boy who's leaving the nest. She determined to not let the angst of her only child going off to college put a damper on her life and decides to gift herself and her husband a trip overseas. But alas, her husband has other ideas...which include the new lady in town (despite being half his age!) Lillie is beside herself at first and may or may not have snuck a skunk into her ex-husband and his new lady's home. As the story goes along, she finds more and more creative ways to say her piece. It's hilarious! Definitely a feel good beach read and one that shares the advice that just because one door closes, doesn't mean another won't open (and sometimes at that door is a dashing fisherman who once saved your life).



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Hello there dear readers!

I'm looking at yet another upcoming medical procedure and find myself way behind schedule due to an amazing weekend. So please bear with me until next week.

Thank you so much

Jane

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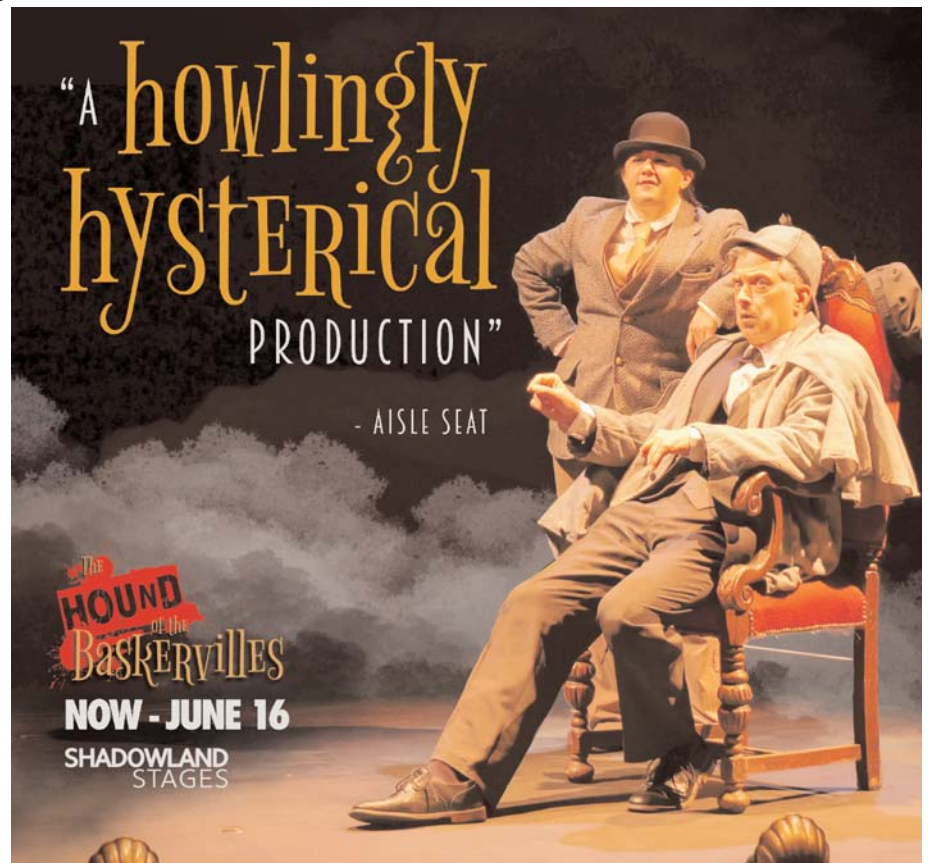
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Forestburgh Playhouse Announces 2024 Summer Season Family Fun Production: Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka*

Forestburgh, NY - June 10, 2024 - The Forestburgh Playhouse is thrilled to announce the highlight of its 2024 Summer Season: the family fun production of Roald Dahl's "Willy Wonka." Step into a world of pure imagination and join us for a scrumdiddlyumptious musical experience that promises to delight audiences of all ages.

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Our production showcases the talents of our 2024 Resident Company alongside the wonderful local performers who will bring the Oompa Loompas to life.

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Performance Schedule: Performances will take place every Thursday and Saturday at 11 AM, beginning July 11, 2024, and running until August 17, 2024.

Ticket Information: Tickets are priced at \$13 for children (12 & under) and \$20 for adults. Group packages are available, making it the perfect outing for families, friends, and community groups (contact the box office for group booking).

Venue:

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International Collaboration Brings Romanian Photo Exhibit to County Museum Display Opens June 21 with Slide Presentation, 3D Pics and Artefacts

Hurleyville, NY - At the end of the 19th century, Antarctica was the last uncharted place on earth. But that was about to change.

On August 16, 1897, the Belgica ship set sail from Antwerp under the command of Belgian naval officer Adrien de Gerlache. Nineteen young men from six different nations were to chart a new path into the frozen unknown on a 3-mast wooden ship, accompanied by Sullivan County native Frederick Cook. Returning on November 5, 1899, the Belgica brought back a wealth of scientific data and one of the greatest victories of the human mind and spirit over the dominion and powers of nature.

Celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Belgian Antarctic Expedition, the Frederick Cook Society presents an exhibition of panels depicting drawings and photographs - including "three-dimensional" stereoptical prints - from the Romanian scientist Emil Racovitza (1868-1947). Racovitza was one of the scientists selected to be part of Belgica's international crew. He was also a talented artist who produced numerous sketches and photographs during the expedition. Later in his career as a speleologist, Racovitza established in Romania the first Speological Institute in the world, and explored over 1,400 caves in France, Spain, Algeria, Italy, and Slovenia. He served for four years as President of the Romanian Academy and went on to become one of Romania's most beloved promoters of the natural sciences.

The Racovitza collection is on generous loan from the Stephan cel Mare Museum in Vaslui, Romania.



Dr. Oana Marcu, co-founder of the Racovitza Foundation

The exhibition will additionally include one of the largest exhibitions of photographs from the Belgica expedition ever assembled. Five of the 19 crew members had cameras, including Dr. Cook.

Also on display will be one of the Belgica's rare remaining artefacts - a sled, designed and built by Frederick Cook and his brother Theodore at their Hortonville home. This extraordinary piece of history has the distinction of being used by both Cook and South Pole conqueror Roald Amundsen. Amundsen was 1st Mate on the Belgica and became Cook's lifelong friend during the expedition. The two men are often jointly credited with saving the ship, which became the first voyage ever to survive an Antarctic winter.

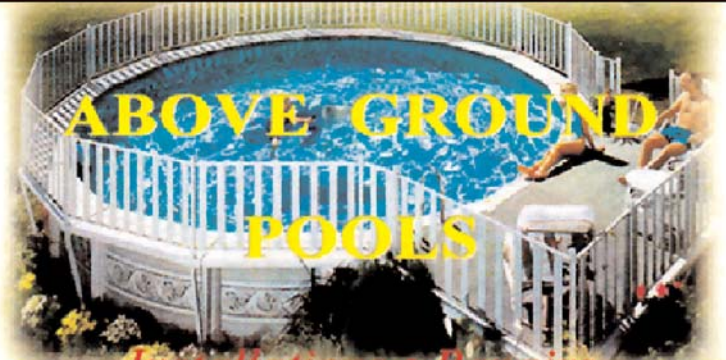
For their contributions to the exhibit, the Cook Society gratefully acknowledges the Romanian Academy Library, the Racovitza Foundation, the Amundsen House in Norway, the MAS Museum in Antwerp, Patrick De Deckker, Professor Emeritus of the Australian National University, and Laura Kissel, Polar Curator of the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center at the Ohio State University.

All are welcome Friday, June 21, from 4-6 p.m. for a reception, followed by a panel discussion at 6 p.m. entitled "Legacies of the Belgica: 125 Years of Polar Science and Exploration". Panelists include Dr. Oana Marcu, co-founder of the Racovitza Foundation (racovitza-foundation.org/en/), and Dr. Sarah Pickman, an independent historian of exploration, whose work focuses on equipment for expeditions in the nineteenth and early twentieth century. Dr. Pickman is a graduate of Yale University's History of Science and Medicine Program.

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Daniel Pierce Library

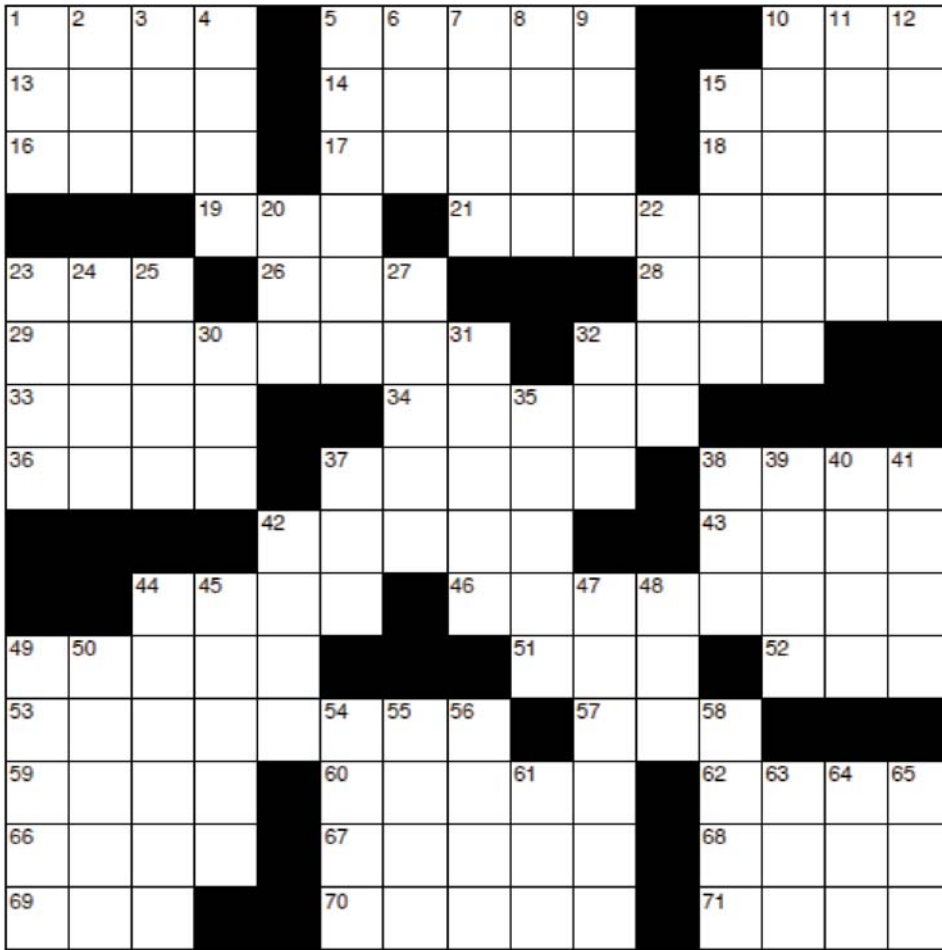
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Honoring Our Fathers - L. Comando



- 42 Opposite of short
- 44 Dad
- 45 Metric capacity unit
- 47 Examiner
- 48 Card game
- 49 Swap
- 50 Racing car
- 54 Type of tea
- 55 Not any
- 56 Wind
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- 64 Male sheep
- 65 School group

Easy Cheesecake Brownie Squares for Dad

- 1 package fudge brownie mix (13-inch x 9-inch pan size)
- 6 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 6 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 can (16 ounces) chocolate frosting

Prepare brownie mix batter according to package directions. Spread 2 cups into a greased 13x9-in. baking dish; set aside.

In a small bowl, beat the cream cheese, butter, sugar, flour and vanilla until smooth. Add eggs; beat on low speed just until combined. Spread evenly over brownie batter. Top with remaining brownie batter. Cut through batter with a knife to swirl.

Bake at 350° for 28-32 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out with moist crumbs (brownies may appear moist). Cool completely on a wire rack. Spread frosting over brownies.

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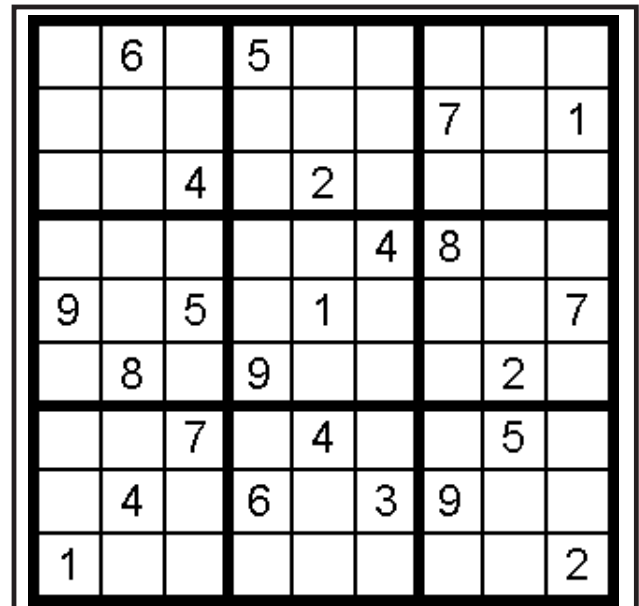
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- 19 Pigpen
- 21 A person's female child
- 23 Wing
- 26 Ball
- 28 Metric capacity unit
- 29 Crimes
- 32 Noble-woman

- 33 Demonic
- 34 Filmed
- 36 Woman to whom a man is married
- 37 Wanderer
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- 3 Climbing vine
- 4 Disorder
- 5 Paper from papyrus
- 6 Wing
- 7 Expired
- 8 Syrian bishop
- 10 Scottish terriers
- 11 Whiter
- 12 Love intensely
- 15 Plant louse
- 20 Large weight unit
- 22 Pleased
- 23 Some (2 wds.)
- 24 Jacob's son
- 25 First letter of the Arabic alphabet
- 27 Wager (2 wds.)
- 30 Bullfight cheer
- 31 Island nation
- 32 Headed
- 35 Gathering of people to celebrat or have fun
- 37 Fisherman's tool
- 38 Compass point
- 39 Opera solo
- 40 Helpful
- 41 Omelette ingredient



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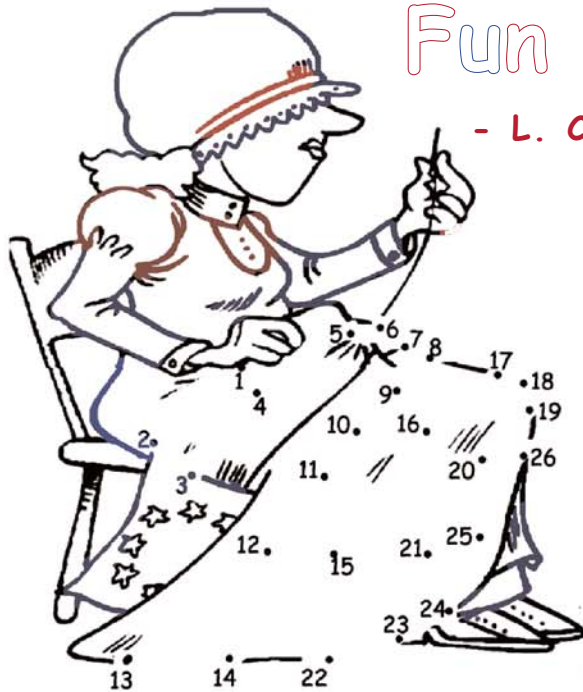
Father's Day Word Search

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WORK



Flag Day June 14th

Betsy Ross is working busy. Follow the dots to see what she is making.

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Neversink Fire District Lifeguard Job Posting

Neversink Fire District is looking for certified lifeguards to work at the Neversink Pool for the 2024 Summer Season. All inquiries, please reach out to Commissioner Patty Mullen at (845) 707-1737 or neversinkfiredistrict@gmail.com

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Please be advised:

The Village Board meeting that was scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 6:00pm has been moved to Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6:00pm in observance of Juneteenth.

Also, 24/25 Budget Workshops for the upcoming fiscal year will continue on the following dates:

Tuesday, June 18 & June 25, 2024 at 5:00pm
All are welcome to attend.

SC ROAD CLOSURE

Hurleyville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of Garden House Road, in the towns of Liberty and Fallsburg, to replace County Bridge 261.

Bridge 261 is located between Hurleyville and Ferndale, just southeast of the intersection of Denman and Garden House roads.

This section of Garden House Rd. is scheduled to be closed to all traffic starting 8 a.m. Monday, June 17, 2024, and will remain closed for approximately five (5) months.

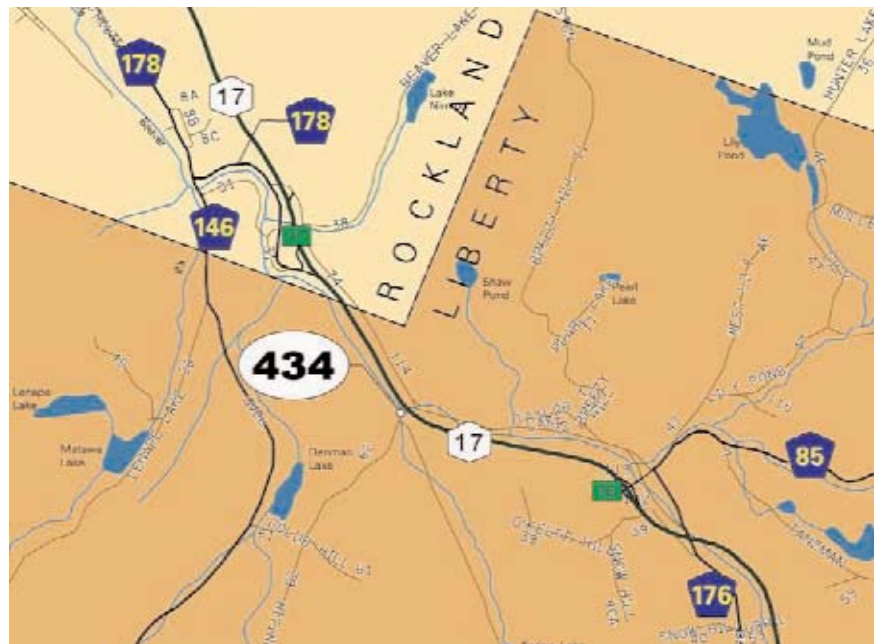


SC ROAD WORK NOTICE

Parksville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works will be replacing the concrete deck on County Bridge 434 on Fox Mountain Road in the Town of Liberty, starting next week.

County Bridge 434 is located near Parksville, approximately 500 ft. west of the intersection of Parksville Road and Fox Mountain Rd.

This section of Fox Mountain Road is scheduled to be reduced to a narrow single lane controlled by traffic signals starting 8 a.m. June 12, 2024, and will remain a single lane for approximately 8 weeks.



Happy Father's Day Special Menu

Saturday, June 15th 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

\$55

Starters
(choice of 1)

Raw Blue Point Oysters

Clams ala Luciano

Entrees
(choice of 1)

Spanish Roast Pork with Rice and Beans

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor:

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, an excellent time to recognize and thank Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther for the many ways she has supported individuals with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers during her time in the New York State Legislature. She was an early proponent of initiatives such as the establishment of a strategic state plan to address Alzheimer's, which laid the groundwork for New York's trailblazing Alzheimer's Disease Community Assistance Program (AlzCAP). These initiatives made a positive difference for people with Alzheimer's and their families. Assemblywoman Gunther has always been attentive, not only to big picture issues like this, but also to individual constituents, meeting personally with them and giving their concerns her undivided attention.

We are in awe of her stamina and determination- first as a devoted healthcare professional at Community General Hospital and then as a public servant in the NYS Legislature after the untimely death of her husband, Assemblyman Jake Gunther, who was a devoted advocate for our local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Her transformation from the nursing to public service was accomplished with much compassion and commitment that enabled her to effectively serve the needs of our community while still raising a family and coping with your personal loss.

We were very lucky to have her as our representative - as well as her extraordinary support staff, including Rachel Steingart, Jean Galligan, Honora Wohl, Nancy Kane, Drew Maier, Colleen Cooke, Cody Vegliante as well as many other previous staff members, who welcomed and assisted the public with warmth and concern.

Assemblywoman Gunther leaves behind a legacy of achievement and countless lives touched by her dedication,

compassion and leadership. On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association's volunteers in Sullivan County, I wish her a relaxing and wonderful retirement, enjoying the next chapter of her life after taking care of our needs for the past twenty years.

Sincerely,
Sheila Lashinsky
Volunteer Advocate
Alzheimer's Association

Iran Close To Making Nuclear Weapons

It appears Iran is close to having enough enriched uranium to produce nuclear weapons. The International Atomic Energy Association (IAEA) carries out routine inspections of Iran's DECLARED atomic facilities. It recently reported Iran has enough uranium for several nuclear weapons, which could be produced in a matter of a few weeks. Iran purchased 300 tons of refined uranium from Niger.

Iran has enriched its uranium stockpile to 60%, and it can continue the enrichment process to the weapons grade level of 90%.

The IAEA believes Iran might have secret facilities producing enriched uranium for nuclear devices at undeclared locations where uranium particles have been detected.

If Iran produces nuclear weapons Middle East countries, including Saudi Arabia and other Sunni countries, will probably rush to produce their nuclear weapons. Israel, who Iran calls the Little Satan (U.S. is called the Great Satan), will not allow Iran to have nuclear weapons, and it will surely try to destroy them. The potential for a major war could be triggered by Iran producing nuclear weapons.

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Are you working in your garden and discovering a lot of plants that need to be divided? If you divide now and can save them to donate to the Library Fair Plant Sale on June 22, the Friends Group would love to have them!

We'd also greatly appreciate any extra seedlings.

The money raised at this event will benefit the library.

Can you help? Let us know:

friends@olivefreelibrary.org

Sullivan 180 Interns at Work *Youth making a difference in their communities*

[Liberty, NY] - The 2024 class of Sullivan 180 Interns have begun their work to care for gardens and other public spaces in communities throughout Sullivan County. From small planters and established gardens to park enhancements and beautifying Main Streets, interns are working with volunteers to make a difference in their neighborhoods and communities.

“In addition to connecting with peers, the internship program offers a great way to learn about Sullivan County and connect with other community members,” said Anne-Louise Scandariato, Director of Community Engagement at Sullivan 180. “Interns work on expanding their communication, interpersonal, problem-solving and leadership skills while being part of a team.”

The 2024 Sullivan 180 Interns are:

- Aleya Galvin-Bliefernich - Town of Highland
- Kaelyn Perry - Livingston Manor Renaissance
- Mason Succi - Town of Lumberland Parks and Recreation
- Howard Kiefer - Town of Bethel
- Konnar Williams - Town of Liberty
- Olivia Tyler - Town of Thompson
- Allison Weinstein - Village of Woodridge

Interns also participate in weekly meetings where they discuss current issues, meet with local leaders, develop leadership skills and explore career options. Together they will choose, plan and implement a service-learning project.

The Sullivan 180 Internship Program is intended to engage Sullivan County youth between the ages of 16 - 20 years old in the movement to change and shape the future of their communities. Through the program projects funded by Sullivan 180

receive additional help; while adult volunteers mentor a young person in the community.

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

News from Old Stone House

The Old Stone House in Hasbrouck LLC is the recipient of two grants from the New York State Council on the Arts and distributed by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. With this grant seven different local artists are offering workshops in their area of expertise. Each workshop will be given twice, once on a Wednesday and once on Saturday. There is a minimum \$10.00 donation for each individual class.

The first offering "Watercolor Painting from a Flower" renowned artist and author Helena Pittman, will instruct her method of illustration with watercolor. One that enables corrections that many initiates to the medium find elusive. Materials will be supplied and you are welcome to bring your own. Weds. June 12th and Saturday June 15th 3:00-5:00.

The second grant was to refurbish the upstairs dance room with mirrors and bar for ballet classes. These will be held on Saturdays beginning Saturday June 8th at 10:30. For ages 5 to 15.

To register, call Alana Sherman 845 436-0070 or send an email to theoldstonehouse@yahoo.com

Our June 2nd opening of the art exhibit "Seeing the Unseen" was a smashing success. Curated by artist Dhyana Gibson it features five artists, visionary symbolists who depict their spiritual reality through painting, photography and words.

It will run until the end of the month on Saturdays and Sundays from 3:00-6:00.

Appointments can be made with Dhyana 760 567-5908

To sign up for a class and see our schedule of events please go to our website www.theoldstonehouse.org.

Gain New Photography Skills at the D&H Canal Linear Park!

Summitville, NY - Sullivan County's Parks, Recreation & Beautification Office is hosting a Photography Workshop at the Delaware & Hudson (D&H) Canal Interpretive Center on Friday, June 14, at 2 p.m.

This "Photography 101" workshop will cover techniques useful with different cameras (point-and-shoot, film, & cellphone), camera modes (like Manual & Auto), shutter speeds, F-stop, and more.

This is a free event with no registration required.

Located at 16 Bova Road in Summitville, the D&H Canal Interpretive Center will be open every weekend from Father's Day Weekend through October. Hours will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 12-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission to the Center and surrounding Linear Park is free!

The Interpretive Center displays historic remains of the former D&H Canal and sits within the D&H Canal Linear Park, adjacent to the nearly 200-year-old ruins of a lock and waste weir. The Center takes visitors on a journey to explore life on the canal, through each phase of the canal's construction and its 70 years of operation.

The Interpretive Center also offers free group tours on select days - perfect outings for school groups, history clubs, and community groups! Maximum group size is 40 people.

Additional information is available on the Parks webpage at www.sullivanny.us/Departments/ParksRecreation, by calling 845-807-0287, or via email at scparks@sullivanny.us.

Though not used for more than 100 years, the picturesque former Delaware & Hudson Canal remains intact near Summitville, where Sullivan County operates a walkable/bikeable park and interpretive center.



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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

**Thrift Sale
June 15th
9 am to 12 noon**

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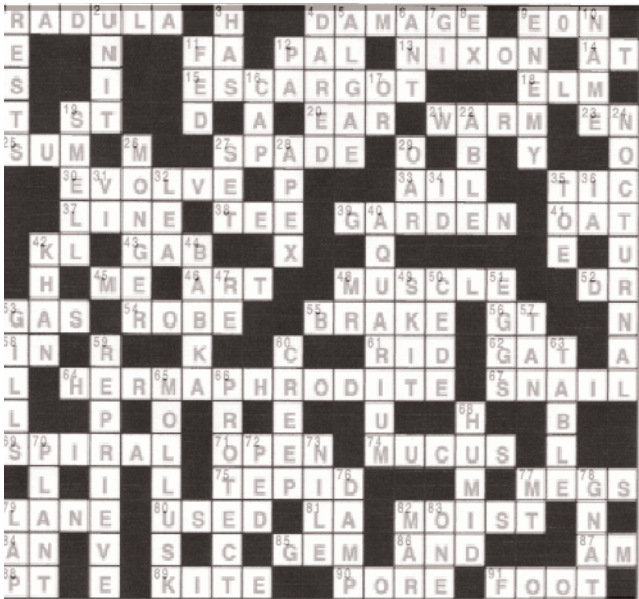
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Ans to last week's Crossword



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Thrift Sale Schedule 2024
 All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

June - 1st and 15th Sept - 7th and 21st
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 August - 3rd and 17th Nov - 2nd and 18th
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Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays, starting March 14, 2024, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment. Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.
 grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com
Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

Sundown United Methodist Church
Covered Dish Supper
 Saturday,
 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)

Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic

Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 2 to 3:30 pm
 Grahamsville Fairgrounds-Pavillion
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 For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 6/15/24 | Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon |
| 6/16/24 | Claryville Fire Department All You Can Father's Day Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon |
| 6/20/24 | Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm |
| 6/20/24 | Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall |
| 7/2/24 | Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm |
| 7/3/24 | Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting |
| 7/4/24 | Town of Neversink Holiday - INDEPENDENCE DAY |
| 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 |

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

June 10 - June 14, 2024

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

Monday, June 10

- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board**, in the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Tuesday, June 11

- o **5:00 PM - Board of Health**, 239 Golden Hill Lane, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Ethics**, in the Ulster County Human Services Complex, Building 2, Veterans Entrance, 100 Development Court, Kingston

Wednesday, June 12

- o **1:30 PM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **2:00 PM - Investment Policy Advisory Board**, in the Department of Finance Conference Room, 4th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **2:30 PM (Or Immediately Following IDA) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, June 13

- o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Reform Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **4:00 PM - Law, Rules & Government Services Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **5:00 PM (Or Immediately Following Laws, Rules & Government Services) - Ways & Means Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Friday, June 14

- o No Meetings



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Dear friends and members of the church,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Grahamsville, Sundown, and Mongaup Valley United Methodist Churches, as well as the local community, in Christian faith and love since 2018. After six years of local ministry, I have been appointed to a new church, the Astoria Korean United Methodist Church in Queens, as a lead pastor. This new journey of faith will begin on July 1st. The news is bittersweet for me. Indeed, Grahamsville and Sundown have become my second hometown since I moved to the United States, and I have lived here the longest. Your welcoming love in Christ has encouraged me to build relationships and grow as a church leader.

Do you remember when I first came as a seminary student pastor, a single man? Now, I am leaving as a provisional elder, a husband, and a father with my wife and son. My family is doing well in South Korea after a challenging period of adapting to new cultures and environments. Even though I have struggled with minor bug bites due to my different immune system, which take longer to heal, your hospitality and generous hearts have strengthened and empowered me through God's grace. This has helped me to learn not only English but also cultural differences and lifestyles. These long and short years of memories will be kept in my heart forever. They are my foundation, and I will continue to walk as a servant of the Lord, as you have walked with me.

As a token of my appreciation, I invite all friends and members of the church to a combined Sunday **Worship Service on June 23rd at 10:30 AM**, which will be the last Sunday I preside. There will also be **a luncheon after the service**, where I will provide Korean food for our loving community. Please feel free to come and enjoy the food. If you want to share your secret recipe dishes with others, please do so. Your presence will light up and warm our community and the church. I look forward to meeting you soon in God's grace. Amen.

Sincerely,
Rev. Seung Jin Hong
Grahamsville & Sundown & Mongaup Valley
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ONLINE BOAT AUCTION

June 12th - June 22th

Dear Boaters,

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is excited to announce an online boat auction running from June 12 to June 22, 2024. Boats are located at DEP offices in Downsville, Grahamsville, and Mahopac.

All bidding will be conducted online, and each boat has multiple pictures available on the auction site. There will be no in-person viewings. The auction will be accessible starting June 12, 2024, via <http://www.publicsurplus.com>. Please note, boats won't be viewable online until this date.

For more information about the auction and how to bid, please download the flyer or read the frequently asked questions below.

Will DEP also be holding a traditional mail-in-bid auction for boats?

This auction is taking the place of the mail-in-bid auction. DEP has used this online system to auction boats since 2017, and we have found that the system is easier for bidders and sellers alike. You can track your bid progress and increase your bid throughout the time that the auction is live. For individuals familiar with eBay, this format will seem very familiar to you.

When does the auction start and end?

The auction will start on June 12, 2024, and end on June 22, 2024.

Can I view the boats in the auction?

Each boat will have multiple photos you can view online during the auction. Photos of boats are provided to allow for bidding without needing to view the boat in person. DEP will not be offering in-person boat viewings.

How do I register to bid on a boat?

You must visit the auction website <http://www.PublicSurplus.com> and click the register button. When registering, you will need to verify your email and phone number. The online registration system will guide you through all of these steps. Once registered, you can bid on the selected boat(s). You can register at any time and bid once the auction is live.

How do I see the boats available in the auction?

Boats will be listed on the <http://www.PublicSurplus.com> website once the auction goes live. To see the boats, type "DEP Boat" in the search box. Each lot will have a unique lot number titled D# for boats in Downsville, NY, G# for boats in Grahamsville, NY, and M# for boats in Mahopac, NY. You can use this number to search for the lot or to find a specific boat.

What if I don't have a computer?

You can also access the auction via a tablet or smartphone if you don't have a computer. If you don't have either, you can ask a friend or relative to help you register and bid. Computers with internet access are often available to use for free at your local public library.

Can I still mail in a bid?

Unfortunately, we cannot accept mail-in or in-person bids for this auction. You will need to register and bid online.

Are there any additional fees I must pay if I am the winning bidder?

Yes, there are additional fees. You may need to pay a State of New York sales tax. A buyer's premium of 9.5% will also be added to the final sale price with a \$1 minimum charge per auction for payment collections. This buyer's premium will be visible during the bidding process and added to the total bid. The buyer's premium is a service fee charged by the auction company.

How do I pay for the boat if I'm the winning bidder?

Successful bidders will follow the payment processes as outlined through the <http://www.PublicSurplus.com> website. The website accepts wire transfers or credit cards. No cash, checks, or money orders are accepted.

How do I pick up my boat if I'm the winning bidder?

Once payment is received and processed, winning bidders should make an appointment with the associated boat office, depending on what boat they won (see below). You will need to bring proof of payment to pick up the boat. All boats must be picked up by the date specified on the auction listing. Successful bidders will be notified by email at the completion of the auction. We ask that successful bidders bring their signed auction receipt and a photocopy of their driver's license to the appointment. The contact information for the boat offices is as follows: Downsville Boat Office (607) 363-7009, Grahamsville Boat Office (845) 334-7152, Mahopac Boat Office (914) 232-1309. The boat offices are open by appointment on weekdays between 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

Who do I contact if I need help registering or bidding?

If you need assistance registering or bidding, you can get help through the <http://www.PublicSurplus.com> website. In the top left corner, there is a help link that provides answers to many common questions. During regular business hours, you can also click the "CHAT" link and get direct help from customer service. If you still need help, you can email

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Community Art Series Exhibit

The Library is proud to host an art exhibit series in our RDN Community Room, featuring a rotation of local New York Artists.

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
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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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Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop

S. Fallsburg: Proudly presented by the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is *SHE KILLS MONSTERS*, by Qui Nguyen. This live, on the Rivoli stage production, tells the story of Agnes, an average woman who loses her family.

Through her journey of grief, she embarks on an adventure to get to know her lost sister better. By playing a Dungeons & Dragons game, she finds from her sister's journal and discovers things she'd never knew. But is this reality or is Agnes in the imaginary game world? This exciting production is skillfully directed by Heather Strauss and produced by Dawn Perneszi with stage manager Jenny Silverman. The incredible cast includes Cristobal Isler, Lourdesa Hunt, Jill Baumander, Joaquin Isler, Luke Robinholt, Elise Vargas, Kai Colon Tyler Pelayes, Lilyanna Mitchel, Ava Gwiozdowski, Rosalind Shepherd, Ashlyn Pelayes and Levon Shepherd. *SHE KILLS MONSTERS* runs Fridays, Saturdays, June 14 - 22 at 8:00PM and Sundays, June 16 & 23 at 2:00 PM.

Tickets are available at the box office of the Rivoli Theatre, 5243 Main Street, South Fallsburg or on-line at www.scdw.net. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for Seniors, Students and Military.

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SC Task Force Announces Arrests

Liberty, NY - The Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force has made the following arrests:

May 1, 2024 - Kirk G. Meredith, 46, of Liberty, was arrested and charged with Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, a Class E felony. It is alleged that Meredith failed to report income from being self-employed, resulting in him receiving \$625 in SNAP benefits to which he was not otherwise entitled. Meredith was arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court before Honorable Johnstone and released on his own recognizance to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



Kirk Meredith

May 9, 2024 - Muhammad W. Khan, 29, of Campbell Hall, was arrested and charged with Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, a Class E felony, and Health Care Fraud in the 5th Degree, a Class A misdemeanor. It is alleged that from September 16, 2022 through February 15, 2023, Khan, the owner and operator of MAK Limo Inc., billed Medicaid for Medical Transportation for 10 trips from Monticello to a treatment facility in Peekskill. During this same timeframe, the client for whom Khan was billing was incarcerated in the Sullivan County Jail, and the trips were never conducted. This fraudulent billing resulted in Khan receiving \$2,121.45 in Medicaid/Health Care Funds to which he was not otherwise entitled. Khan was processed and released on an appearance ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



Muhammad Khan

May 29, 2024 - Rick O. Villegas, 39, of Monticello, was arrested and charged with Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, a Class E felony. It is alleged that Villegas stole \$1,250 in SNAP benefits from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services by failing to disclose that he was employed during the receipt of these benefits. Villegas was processed and released on an appearance ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



Rick O. Villegas

Old Stone House Receives Two Grants from NYS Council of the Arts



The Old Stone House in Hasbrouck LLC is the recipient of two grants from the New York State Council on the Arts and distributed by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. With this grant seven different local artists are offering workshops in their area of expertise. Each workshop will be given twice, once on a Wednesday and once on Saturday. There is a minimum \$10.00 donation for each individual class.



The first offering "Watercolor Painting from a Flower" renowned artist and author Helena Pittman, will instruct her method of illustration with watercolor. One that enables corrections that many initiates to the medium find elusive. Materials will be supplied and you are welcome to bring your own. is Weds. June 12th and Saturday June 15th 3:00-5:00.

The second grant was to refurbish the upstairs dance room with mirrors and bar for ballet classes. These will be held on Saturdays beginning Saturday June 8th at 10:30. For ages 5 to 15. To register, call Alana Sherman 845 436-0070 or send an email to theoldstonehouse@yahoo.com

Our June 2nd opening of the art exhibit "Seeing the Unseen" was a smashing success. Curated by artist Dhyana Gibson it features five artists, visionary symbolists who depict their spiritual reality through painting, photography and words.

It will run until the end of the month on Saturdays and Sundays from 3:00-6:00.

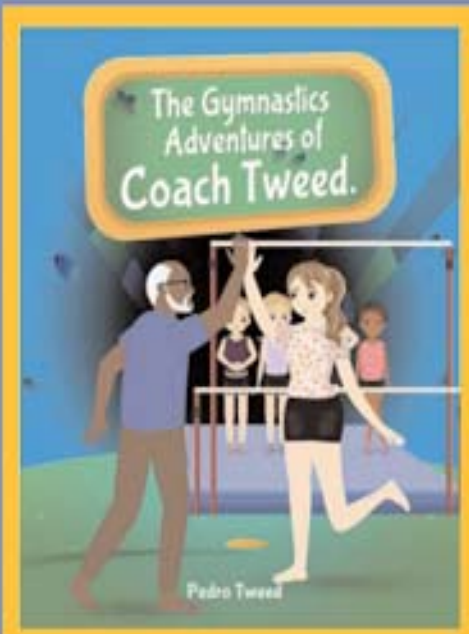
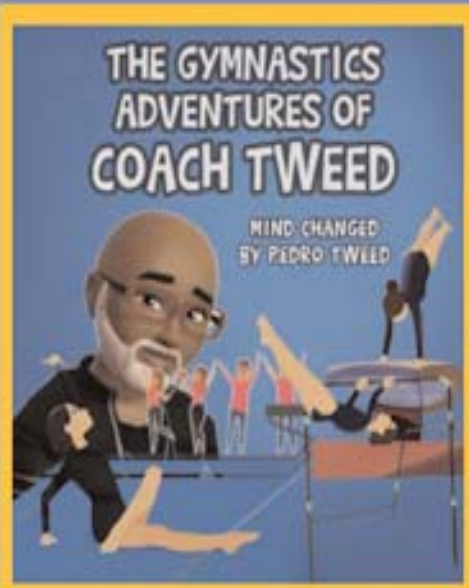
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New York State DEC Announces New 'Love Our New York Lands' Photo Contest

*Visitors Encouraged to Capture Ways to
Safely and Responsibly Enjoy DEC's
Outdoor Offerings*

*Monthly Contest Kicks Off Seeking
Pride Month Submissions through June
30 to Highlight Keeping State Lands*

*Welcoming to All
collage of outdoor photos that resemble
the colors of the rainbow*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today announced the launch of the 2024 'Love Our New York Lands' photo contest. The online contest will feature five monthly themes through mid-October, with the winning images receiving prizes and featured in statewide digital and print campaigns to help increase awareness of important principles and guidelines that encourage safe, accessible, respectful, and sustainable use of public lands.

"Every day, New Yorkers are outside enjoying DEC public lands and want to share their experiences by capturing beautiful images," DEC Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar said. "Building upon the success of DEC's annual fall foliage photo contest, DEC's multimedia will feature winning photos that help represent the many ways visitors can access, feel welcome, and Love Our New York Lands to protect natural resources for future enjoyment and appreciation by all New Yorkers."

Each month of the Love Our New York Lands contest will have a different theme. June's theme is "Pride" to highlight the importance of sharing State lands with all New Yorkers, including the LGBTQIA+ community, and ensuring a safe and welcoming space. Seven winning pictures will be chosen that represent each color of the rainbow Pride flag: pink, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and indigo/violet. The Pride pictures will be used next year in a curated compilation similar to this year's image created by DEC and found here, among other potential uses.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning entries. Photos will be judged on the following criteria: originality; artistic composition; technical quality; and whether the photograph showcases people enjoying New York's outdoor activities safely and responsibly.

Pride month submissions should be emailed to social@dec.ny.gov by June 30 with the subject line "LONYL Photo Contest." Full name, the DEC land where the image was taken (if applicable), and Instagram/social media handle should also be included. Themes for future months of the contest will be announced later this summer.

New York State has many wonderful opportunities to get outside and enjoy activities year-round, including birding and wildlife viewing; warm-weather adventures such as swimming, biking, and horseback riding; cold-weather pursuits such as skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling; and even more challenging adventures like geocaching or rock and ice climbing. For

accessible recreation, check out the Accessible Recreation destinations webpage.

The Love Our New York Lands campaign, launched in 2020 by DEC and State Parks, encourages all users of state-owned lands to recognize that these lands are shared by ALL of us, our families, and our neighbors, and we all need to take care of them. The campaign includes guidance on Leave No Trace™ principles so that visitors can do their part to help ensure these special places are protected for future generations. Love Our New York Lands encourages visitors to be respectful of other visitors in these shared spaces. Visitors are asked to share trails, treat people with kindness, and leave things as they found them for others to enjoy. Visitors are encouraged to think of themselves as responsible for helping protect these irreplaceable destinations for future generations. More information is available on DEC's website.

2024 WCAA Artists' Studio Tour

The Wayne County Arts Alliance is excited to invite all to attend our 2024 WCAA Artists' Studio Tour on July 12, 13, 14 at fifteen studio locations around Wayne County plus our Tour HQ at our WCAA Gallery, 959 Main St. Honesdale. Free and open to the public July 12, 13, 14 10am - 6pm each day. And the Tour Preview Exhibit opens June 21 with an Artist Reception 5-8pm. Join us to see artworks from each of this year's Tour Artists at the WCAA Gallery, 959 Main Street, Honesdale.

is our 21th Annual Artists Studio Tour. The tour provides an opportunity to meet Wayne County's established and emerging artists in their studios. Something for everyone! Paintings, ceramics, sculpture, textiles, photography, multi-media and more original artwork of all kinds. The Tour Preview Exhibit at 959 Main Street will also be open for three weeks prior to the tour, beginning June 21 - those hours are Thursday-Sunday 11am-4pm.

Our Studio Tour Artists for 2024 are: Burton Bulles, Jill Carletti, Barbara Carpenito, Phyllis Chekenian, Denis Folz, Lisa Glover, David Harvey, Heather Hogan-Spencer, Beth Ellen Johnson, Nancy Palubniak, Tom Ricotta, Matt Povse, Victor Salib, James Spencer, Kevin Storms, Elizabeth Tilley, Derek Frey Williams, Bill Westmoreland, and Susan Williams. We encourage you to start your tour at our Tour Headquarters at our WCAA Gallery & Artisan Stop, 959 Main Street, Honesdale, where you can view a sample of art from each of our 19 Tour Artists and talk with our docents to help you plan your tour. Visit one or all 15 locations.

The Artists Studio Tour is the premier event which was the catalyst for establishing the WCAA. The Tour gives the public a rare opportunity to visit with some of the professional and emerging artists who call this area their home. Here is your chance to meet the artists and discuss their philosophies, inspiration and working techniques while viewing their most recent collections of artworks. And if you see something you want to own, take advantage of the artist's studio pricing. Don't miss this opportunity to visit Wayne County's diverse and talented artists right in their own studios.

Our 2024 WCAA Studio Tour Brochure with map and detailed artist information is available at WCAA 959 Main Street, Honesdale, Visitor's Centers and other area businesses, and online at waynecountyartsalliance.org.

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As States Across the Country Restrict Reproductive Rights, Gillibrand Championing Legislation to Protect Access to Birth Control Since The Supreme Court Overturned Roe V. Wade Over 20 States Have Severely Restricted Abortion Access; Concerns Are Mounting That Birth Control Restrictions Could Be Next

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As states across the country pass restrictions on abortion, IVF, and other forms of reproductive care, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is championing legislation to protect women's reproductive rights. She is calling for the passage of the Right to Contraception Act, a bill that would codify women's right to obtain and use contraception and prohibit the federal government or state governments from restricting its sale. The Senate is expected to take a vote on this bill later today.

"In the two years since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, tens of millions of women have lost the right to make their own reproductive health decisions," said Senator Gillibrand. "Over 20 states now prohibit or severely restrict abortion. Others have threatened access to IVF. And now, right-wing state legislators across the country are trying to chip away at women's right to quickly and safely access IUDs, birth control pills, and other forms of contraception. It's unacceptable. Today, I plan to join my Democratic colleagues to vote for the Right to Contraception Act to protect freedom of choice for every woman in the country."

While New York State has moved to expand access to contraception, other states have begun working to restrict certain forms of contraceptives. A recently introduced bill in Oklahoma, for instance, would restrict the use of IUDs and pre-

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vent contraceptive medications like Plan B from being sold over the counter. Last year, Iowa stopped paying for emergency contraception for victims of sexual assault. And last month, Donald Trump suggested that he would restrict access to birth control if elected.

Specifically, the Right to Contraception Act would:

- o Guarantee the legal right to obtain and use contraception
- o Guarantee that health care providers can provide contraceptives, and information, referrals, and services related to contraception
- o Prohibit the federal government or any state from administering, implementing, or enforcing any law, rule, regulation, standard or other provision that would prohibit or restrict the sale, provision, or use of contraception
- o Allow the Department of Justice, providers, and individuals harmed by restrictions on contraception access made unlawful under the legislation to go to court to enforce these rights

The Right to Contraception Act is cosponsored by Senators Markey, Hirono, Duckworth, Schumer, Baldwin, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Brown, Butler, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Coons, Cortez Masto, Durbin, Fetterman, Hassan, Heinrich, Hickenlooper, Kaine, Kelly, King, Klobuchar, Luján, Menendez, Merkley, Murphy, Murray, Ossoff, Padilla, Peters, Reed, Rosen, Sanders, Schatz, Shaheen, Sinema, Smith, Stabenow, Tester, Van Hollen, Warner, Warnock, Warren, Welch, Whitehouse, and Wyden.

Governor Hochul Celebrates Legislative Passage of Nation-Leading Bills to Combat Addictive Social Media Feeds and Protect Kids Online

SAFE For Kids Act Will Restrict Access to Addictive Algorithmic Feeds; Child Data Protection Act Will Keep Personal Data Safe

Governor Hochul Partnered With Students, Parents, Elected Leaders To Push for Transformative Legislation

Governor Kathy Hochul today celebrated the legislative passage of two nation-leading bills to protect kids online. The Stop Addictive Feeds Exploitation (SAFE) for Kids Act will restrict a child's access to addictive feeds on social media, and the New York Child Data Protection Act will keep children's personal data safe.

"New York is leading the nation to protect our kids from addictive social media feeds and shield their personal data from predatory companies," Governor Hochul said. "Together, we've taken a historic step forward in our efforts to address the youth mental health crisis and create a safer digital environment for young people. I am grateful to Attorney General James, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Speaker Heastie, and bill sponsors Senator Gounardes and Assemblymember Rozic for their vital partnership in advancing this transformative legislation."

The SAFE for Kids Act will require social media companies to restrict addictive feeds on their platforms for users under 18. Unless parental consent is granted, users under 18 will not receive addictive feeds. Users may still search for specific topics of interest. It will also prohibit social media platforms from sending notifications regarding addictive feeds to minors from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. without parental consent. The legislation will authorize the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to bring an action to enjoin violations of the new law as well as seek civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation, among other remedies. And finally, it calls for the establishment of acceptable age verification and parent consent methods, to be determined by the OAG as part of a rulemaking process once the legislation is enacted.

The New York Child Data Protection Act will prohibit online sites from collecting, using, sharing or selling personal data of anyone under the age of 18, unless they receive informed consent or unless doing so is strictly necessary for the purpose of the website. It also authorizes the OAG to enforce the law and enjoin and seek damages or civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation.

New York State Attorney General Letitia James said, "Our children are enduring a mental health crisis, and social media is fueling the fire and profiting from the epidemic. The legislation my team worked on and supported along with bill sponsors Senator Gounardes and Assemblymember Rozic will help address the addictive features that have made social media so insidious and anxiety-producing. I applaud Governor Hochul, Senate Majority



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Leader Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Heastie, and the legislative majorities for supporting this legislation and for agreeing that protecting children's mental health must be a top priority. New York state is once again leading the nation, and I hope other states will follow suit and pass legislation to protect children and put their mental health above big tech companies' profits."

State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, "As we navigate the threats social media poses to our youth in today's ever-evolving technological landscape, I'm proud that, under my leadership, the Senate Majority created the Senate's Internet and Technology Committee to focus on these issues. I thank Governor Hochul, Attorney General James and Bill Sponsor Senator Gounardes for their diligent work on this legislation and collaborating with stakeholders and colleagues to reach an agreement that best supports our youth in achieving healthier social media usage. Together, we will continue to take all necessary actions to protect the mental well-being of our children."

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie said, "As technology evolves, so must the ways we protect our kids from harm - both on and offline. These bills will give parents the tools to help protect kids from predatory practices that impact their mental health by eliminating the addictive personalized feeds and will make online privacy the default for New York's children, preventing companies from collecting and using their data. Thank you to our Assembly sponsor Nily Rozic and to Governor Kathy Hochul, Attorney General Letitia James and our partners in the Senate for all the work they've done on this to make online spaces safer for kids."

DISTRICT FISH STOCKING PROGRAM

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

The District will be accepting orders until Monday, June 10th.

DEC Announces Opening of 2024 Black Bass Season Quality Bass Fishing Opportunities Available throughout New York State

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today announced that the open (harvest) season for largemouth and smallmouth bass, collectively known as black bass, begins June 15 and runs through Nov. 30. For most of the state, a catch-and-release season exists from Dec. 1 through June 14. Special fishing regulations exist for some waters, so anglers should check the current fishing regulations before heading out to fish.

“From neighborhood ponds and smaller streams to the Great Lakes, New York is fortunate to have some of the most outstanding bass fishing opportunities in the country,” Interim Commissioner Mahar said. “I encourage all anglers to find the time to enjoy, and share with others, the fun and excitement that comes with casting a line and landing a bass in New York.”

Black bass are New York's most popular sportfish for good reason. Both largemouth and smallmouth bass can be found throughout the state, thriving in waters of all sizes, and are among the most exciting fish to catch.

In 2023, New York State landed six lakes on Bassmaster Magazine's top 100 best bass lakes in the country. Among the New York waters included are the St. Lawrence River (Thousand Islands), ranked as the second-best bass lake in the nation, and Lake Erie/Upper Niagara River, ranked as ninth-best lake. Lake Champlain, Cayuga Lake, Oneida Lake, and Chautauqua Lake made the list, as well, and are in Bassmaster Magazine's top 25 Northeastern Best Bass Lakes 2023.

New York's warmwater rivers also provide outstanding bass fishing opportunities. The Chenango River, Tioughnioga River, Unadilla River, Chemung River, Wallkill, and Seneca River are just a few of the many warmwater rivers worth checking out to find great river bass fishing experiences. Be sure to check out DEC's Places to Fish and Warmwater Fishing webpages for more information on where to go bass fishing, as well as the Tackle Box feature in the HuntFishNY mobile app.

For tips on how to catch bass, see Fishing For Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass. Those new to fishing can check out the I FISH NY Beginners' Guide to Freshwater Fishing, which has all the information needed to get started. There's also a “how-to” video series on DEC's YouTube channel.

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) provides advice to anglers about what fish are safe to eat and how often. Visit DOH's website to search by waterbody location.

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

The Daniel Pierce Library Presents...

The American Black Bear

Saturday, June 15, 2024

10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Part Summer Series with MEEC

Cancelled due to lack of registration

Please join us with Tom Golben, Naturalist and Educator at the Mamakating Environmental Education Center, to learn about the natural history of The American Black Bear. We'll discuss its range and habitat, anatomy, diet, life-cycle, hibernation, and skull viewing. We'll also learn how to coexist with these beautiful creatures and guidelines for hiking and camping.



Recommended for adults and children 12 and older.

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.
Advanced registration is required at: www.danielpiercelibrary.org



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www.danielpiercelibrary.org

Primetimers Trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlets

The Primetimers of Temple Shalom is sponsoring a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlet Mall in Bethlehem, PA on Thursday, July 18th .



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

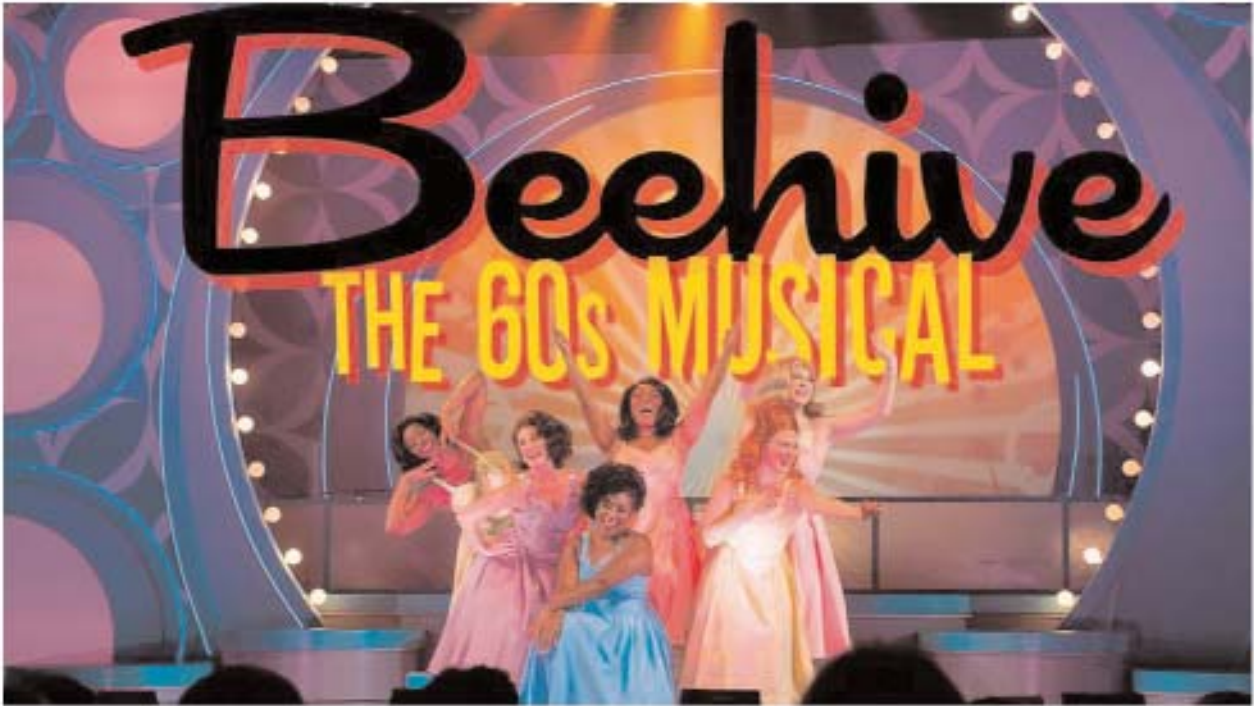
Enjoy an exciting day of gaming, dining and shopping.

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

Deadline is July 1st.

For further info and reservations, call Paula at 845-794-2314.





Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary Presents:

“A Taste of Broadway III”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“A TASTE OF BROADWAY III”**Sunday, August 25, 2024****Lunch at Gaby's Café before the Show****11:45 Start/Open Seating (Cash Bar)****Menu***Chips & Salsa**Gaby's House Salad***Choice of Entrees****Pollo 5 de Mayo**

Egg battered, pan seared chicken breast with capers, fresh tomatoes in a reduction of fresh garlic, white wine and lemon juice.

Pernil al Horno

Roast Pork, Gaby's Style

Pasta Primavera

Roasted Vegetable over Pasta

Dessert

Assorted Cookies,

Soda/Coffee/Tea Included

(Please call Helene Morris, Auxiliary Event Coordinator at 845-210-7120 with your selection)



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United
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July 6, 2024
5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share
Enjoy good food and fellowship

and don't forget to check out the tables
filled with a variety of collectibles,
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Come join us at the 2024 NRAMA Antique Tractor Show

WHEN IS THE SHOW? Saturday September 21 from 10 am to 6 pm

Rain date of Sunday, September 22

WHERE IS THE SHOW? *Grahamsville Fairgrounds*

If you're interested in participating as a craft or yard sale vendor contact

Cher at cherwoehl@gmail.com

for more information and the registration form.

Cost per space is \$10.

Spaces will be a minimum of 10'x12' located on the grassy areas of the fairgrounds.

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



All Vendors are wanted!

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

When: Saturday, August 24th, 2024

Rain or Shine

Where: Claryville Fire Dept.
1500 Denning Rd
Claryville, NY 12725

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

Setup start time: 8 AM Break Down by 3 PM - *vendors must stay until 3pm*

Regulations for Sellers:

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

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

Payment and registration must be submitted by July 1st to reserve your spot. Payment will no longer be accepted on the day of the event!



CLARYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 65

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

Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 24th, 2024

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: _____

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

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Description of Merchandise: _____

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

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

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

*****spots inside the building are first come first serve based on postage date of application*****

Pavilion: _____ Inside the building: _____

Amount Due: _____ Check if paid: cash: _____ check #: _____

Signature of vendor: _____ Date: _____

Cost: \$20.00 per 8ft table or \$25.00 an 8ft table with *electricity*. *Please note vendor spot fee is nonrefundable * Initials _____ Donation for door prize (an item raffled off for vendors) Yes ___ No ___

Event time: is 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Set Up is 8:00 AM

****I understand that Claryville Fire Dept shall not be held responsible for any lost, damage or stolen merchandise**** Initials: _____ date: _____

Vendors are responsible for leaving their area in the same condition as they found it.

Registration forms and payment must be submitted by July 1st to reserve your spot!

****Payment will no longer be accepted the day of the event! ****

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



Rabies Clinic
Hosted by the Tri-Valley Lions Club



When: Saturday June 22, 2024 From 2-3:30pm

Where: Grahamsville Fairgrounds-Pavillion
8230 State Rte 55 Grahamsville, NY

Cost: FREE - Donations Accepted

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PETS ARE LEASHED OR IN A CARRIER
BRING PRIOR PROOF OF VACCINATION WITH YOU



Ulster County to Host Juneteenth Freedom Day Event on Monday, June 17

KINGSTON, NY - The Offices of the Ulster County Executive and County Clerk will host a Juneteenth Freedom Day Event on Monday, June 17, with the theme: 'Ulster County Celebrates Juneteenth and Freedom through Truth and Reconciliation.'

The event will present the work undertaken by the Ulster County Truth and Reconciliation Commission, including the launch of the Truth and Reconciliation website "Bearing Witness," which will include a searchable database of all primary documents, an interactive map containing the locations of historic houses in Ulster County known to have been involved in enslavement, an overview of historic Black burial grounds, and an extensive collection of stories chronicling the lives of historic personages of African descent.

The event will include a demo of the website, and is meant to be an accessible resource for educators, students, and the community, with the goal of providing an honest and expansive understanding of the legacy of slavery in Ulster County.

The Juneteenth event will run from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on the First Floor of the Government Office Building, at 244 Fair Street in the City of Kingston.

Event: 2024 Juneteenth Freedom Day Event

Date: Monday, June 17, 2024

Time: 4:00-6:00 pm

Location: 1st Floor - 244 Fair Street, Kingston NY 12401

"Celebrating Juneteenth is complex and vital to our understanding of freedom in America, particularly for African Americans," said Ulster County Chief Diversity Officer Esi Lewis. "It reminds us of what we have overcome and achieved while encouraging us to continue our quest for equality. My favorite part is that Juneteenth is relevant to everyone in our own way to express freedom and its evolution. It unites us. Let's come together as one community for Juneteenth to celebrate freedom and ensure freedom lives by being active and productive members of our society, by voting, being politically active and civically minded for the good of all."

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free and important event.

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Shadowland

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Farm Arts Collective Juneteenth Celebration

Damascus, PA-- Farm Arts Collective will present a community Juneteenth celebration on Wednesday, June 19th, a national holiday that marks the end of slavery in the United States. All are welcome!

Curated and presented by an ensemble of local black artists, musicians, writers, educators, and activists, the FREE community event features headline performances of Oliver King's rendition of poetry by Langston Hughes, a collective conversation with historian and journalist Janus Adams, and a reading by Tassa Faronii.

WJFF Radio will be recording the event and community conversation for broadcast on the airwaves. Join the conversation!

Participants include Adrienne Jensen, Robin Grey Wolf, Faye Kaiser Valdera, and more. The event will be held at the new Agri-Cultural Center on Willow Wisp Organic Farm with refreshments and delicious food made with recipes from the participants' families and prepared by the Farm Arts Collective chef team. FREE event.

Barn doors open at 6 PM, FREE

Location: 38 Hickory Lane, Damascus, PA 18415

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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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SUNDAY, JUNE 30th 2024

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2024 SHOW DATES

THURSDAY 7/4/24: LIBERTY RISING STREET FAIR

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

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PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 30; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE;
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PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 40; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE;
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SHOW TIME 10:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 4:00 PM

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 from 4-6 pm (pre-orders available at fd.grahamsville@gmail.com)

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Craft, yard sale and machinery equipment vendors

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Classic and antique vehicles welcome. Club membership not required.

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.

**Shady United Methodist Church
Baked Ham Dinner
& Strawberry
Shortcake**

Sat. June 22

**Takeouts Only
4:00 to 6:30 PM**

Adults \$17 Children \$8

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Congressman Pat Ryan Fights to Award Medal Honor to Fallen Korean War Hero

- *Ryan sent a letter to President Biden, urging him to upgrade Millbrook native and Arlington High School Grad PFC Charles Johnson's Silver Star to the Medal of Honor*
- *PFC Johnson was killed in action June 12, 1953 on the frontlines in South Korea, his actions are credited with saving at least eight other American soldiers*

LAGRANGEVILLE, NY - Congressman Pat Ryan escalated his push to have fallen Korean War hero and Arlington High School graduate Private First Class (PFC) Charles Johnson's Silver Star upgraded to the Medal of Honor. On June 11, 1953, PFC Johnson and his fellow soldiers came under heavy fire while serving near the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea. PFC Johnson was severely injured but disregarded his own condition to attend to the wounds of his comrades. Surrounded and without ammunition, PFC Johnson left the relative safety of his trench that he and his group were taking cover in to find weapons and single-handedly hold off the enemy front. PFC Johnson's self-sacrificing actions allowed reinforcements to rescue his fellow soldiers and are credited with saving at least eight American lives. While PFC Johnson's actions warrant the Medal of Honor, he received no military awards until 2011 when he was awarded the Silver Star, the third-highest military award for gallantry in combat. Congressman Ryan sent a letter to President Biden, calling for the upgrade to be awarded immediately. Ryan also joined the Arlington High School community for a ceremony and lunch honoring PFC Johnson.

"PFC Johnson is an absolute American hero - allowing another day to go by without awarding him the Medal of Honor that he deserves is flat out wrong," said Congressman Pat Ryan. "His actions of profound bravery were derived from a life firmly grounded in service to his country and his Millbrook community, as well as an unwavering commitment and sense of duty to his brothers in uniform. His life merits an elevated place in American history - for his family, for his community, and for every American who can draw inspiration from his selfless sacrifice."

In his letter to President Biden, Congressman Ryan called for the immediate upgrade, noting that PFC Johnson has long been denied the proper recognition for his heroic actions and the Fiscal Year 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (FY22 NDAA) included a provision to waive the standard five-year limit on awarding the Medal of Honor in PFC Johnson's case. Despite the FY22 NDAA being signed into

law and Department of Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin recommending that PFC Johnson be awarded the Medal of Honor immediately, no action has since been taken to execute the provision.

PFC Johnson was a 1951 graduate of Arlington High School, where he was class vice president and a standout athlete before he joined the U.S. Army. Ryan visited Arlington High School's Johnson Hall and Wall of Remembrance that are dedicated to PFC Johnson's memory. Ryan also joined with the Millbrook and Arlington High School communities for a ceremony and lunch to honor the fallen hero.

Congressman Ryan is the first West Point graduate to represent the Military Academy in Congress. He served two combat tours in Iraq as an Army intelligence officer and has long fought to deliver the recognition and benefits that veterans, servicemembers, and military families deserve. Earlier this year, he secured replacement military medals for Vietnam veteran Sergeant Stephen Cole who had lost his original medals, and hand-delivered them in a ceremony.

A copy of Congressman Pat Ryan's letter can be found below:

Dear President Biden,

I am writing to you today with an urgent and pressing matter. I urge you to award the Medal of Honor to Private First Class (PFC) Charles R. Johnson, a hero of the Korean War, without delay. PFC Johnson was awarded the Silver Star posthumously in 2011 for his heroic actions. However, his actions deserve an upgrade to the Medal of Honor. Section 582(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (S. 1605) includes a waiver for PFC Johnson to receive the Medal of Honor beyond the statutory five-year limit. Despite Secretary Austin formally recommending PFC Johnson for this award, no progress has been made in over two years.

A native of Millbrook, New York, PFC Johnson's sacrifice has continued to impact his community. In 2010, Arlington High School, PFC Johnson's alma mater, dedicated Johnson Hall in his memory and created a Wall of Remembrance. This wall honors Arlington alumni who paid the ultimate sacrifice during military service. His life and death continue to inspire thousands of Arlington students every year.

PFC Johnson was killed in action on June 12, 1953, while defending Outpost Harry-a small but strategically important hill in the Chorán Valley, about 60 miles north of Seoul, South Korea. During the night and early morning of 11 and 12 June 1953, against overwhelming odds during an attack on his element's position, Private First Class Johnson acted with complete disregard for his personal safety to ensure the safety of his fellow soldiers. Ignoring his own injuries, he treated several wounded comrades, dragging one soldier through the trenches while under direct artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to a secure bunker, stopping only to clear the path of enemy soldiers in close combat operations. Ignoring the proximity of the opposing force, he left the bunker to assess the situation and secure weapons and ammunition. He displayed true heroism and gallantry in action by departing his fighting position in order to place himself between his comrades and the enemy, thereby creating the conditions for their successful rescue. He is credited for saving the lives of at least eight men that night.

For the past 70 years, PFC Johnson's family and community have longed for proper recognition of his heroic actions. Given the age of PFC Johnson's last remaining sibling, it is of the utmost importance that you utilize the power vested in you by Congress to award the Medal of Honor to PFC Johnson promptly. Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and I look forward to working together to give PFC Johnson the recognition he deserves.



Passing Legislation to Support Veterans and Military Families, while Strengthening National Security

Ensuring our nation's servicemembers and veterans have access to top-tier benefits, facilities, and care while strengthening our national security is essential to our country's prosperity. H.R. 8580 guarantees that servicemembers, veterans, and their families are supported and receive the benefits they are owed for their service and sacrifice. The bill provides a vital investment in U.S. military infrastructure by improving Department of Defense facilities and enhancing the lives of military families through much-needed funding for family housing and child development centers. Additionally, this bill takes steps to uphold pro-life principles, protect our veterans' Second Amendment rights, and crack down on the Biden administration's "woke" policies. By passing this bill through regular order, House Republicans reaffirm our commitment to uphold Congress's power of the purse and curb the wasteful spending of the Biden Administration while supporting our military. Voting in favor of this bill last week reaffirms my commitment to our veterans and active-duty military by ensuring their housing, health care programs, and benefits are fully funded while bolstering our national security.

Key Provisions in the FY25 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Bill:

- Provides \$337.4 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs to fully fund veterans' health care, benefits and VA programs
- Includes \$2 billion for Military Family Housing
- Supplies \$75 million above the enacted level for child development centers
- Issues \$1.1 billion for investments in the Indo-Pacific region to improve the United States strategic posture in the region
- Prohibits funding to promote or advance critical race theory and the Biden Administration's DEI agenda
- Bans taxpayer dollars from being used for abortions
- Protects Veterans' Second Amendment rights by prohibiting the VA from reporting a veteran to NICS for using a fiduciary to apply for a lawful purchase

Designating Lake Ontario as a National Marine Sanctuary

The designation of the Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary will ensure long-term protection and proper management of our historic shipwrecks and maritime heritage sites in eastern Lake Ontario, off the coast of Oswego, Jefferson, Cayuga, and Wayne counties. This important designation will not only safeguard these valuable historic sites but also promote educational opportunities and support tourism in our community. The community is eager to have the necessary resources to protect these sites and continue educating future generations about our region's rich maritime history.

READ MORE: Lake Ontario designated as 16th National Marine Sanctuary, honoring its rich history <https://www.cnycentral.com/news/local/lake-ontario-marine-sanctuary-noaa-designation-oswego-new-york-national-oceanic-atmospheric-admin->

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My Votes Explained

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

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

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6983, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 South Valdosta Road in Lakeland, Georgia, as the "Nell Patten Roquemore Post Office". Nell Patten Roquemore was a dedicated public servant in Lakeland, Georgia who served as Mayor Pro Tempore, postmaster, and as a secretary to various commanders at Moody Air Force Base. Roquemore also led numerous groups dedicated to beautifying and improving Lakeland and Lanier County as a whole. H.R. 6983 passed the House by a vote of 369-2, with two members voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 1215, Calling on elected officials and civil society leaders to join in efforts to educate the public on the contributions of the Jewish American community. In recent months, a horrific wave of anti-Semitism has arisen across the country, including at college campuses. This important resolution calls on all elected officials and civil society leaders to condemn anti-Semitism and work to ensure the safety and security of Jewish communities. H.Res. 1215 passed the House by a vote of 371-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8580, the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025. Ensuring our nation's servicemembers and veterans have access to high-quality benefits, facilities, and care while strengthening our national security is essential to our country's prosperity. H.R. 8580 guarantees that servicemembers, veterans, and their families are supported and receive the benefits they are owed for their service and sacrifice. The bill provides a vital investment in U.S. military infrastructure by improving Department of Defense (DOD) facilities and enhancing the lives of military families through much-needed funding for family housing and child development centers. Additionally, this bill takes steps to uphold pro-life principles, protect our veterans' Second Amendment rights, and crack down on the Biden administration's "woke" policies. Voting in favor of this bill reaffirms my commitment to our veterans and active-duty military by ensuring their housing, health care programs, and benefits are fully funded while bolstering our national security. H.R. 8580 passed the House by a vote of 209-197.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8282, the Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act. As Hamas continues to hold Americans and Israelis hostage, the International Criminal Court (ICC) announced arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant for defending Israel against Hamas' terrorism. These warrants are baseless and illegitimate, especially considering Israel, like the United States, is not a member of the ICC, resulting in the ICC's lack of jurisdiction in this matter. However, allowing the ICC to arrest Israeli leaders could create a precedent that could lead to American leaders being arrested and tried by the ICC, violating our national sovereignty. (Contd. Pg. 59)

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(From Pg. 58) This important bill would impose sanctions on any ICC officials involved in the investigation, arrest, detention, or prosecution of any American or ally that is not subject to the ICC's jurisdiction and prohibits any federal funding for the ICC. I cosponsored this critical bill to ensure that our national sovereignty is upheld and international institutions, such as the ICC, cannot impose their will on countries that are not members of the organization. H.R. 8282 passed the House by a vote of 247-155, with two members voting present.

Fighting to Secure our Elections!

I have taken various actions in the past year to ensure that Americans have greater confidence in free, fair, accurate, and transparent elections. In March, I reintroduced the "End Zuckerbucks Act," which passed the Ways and Means Committee markup. H.R.1725 amends the Internal Revenue Code to prohibit 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organizations from directly funding official election organizations through donations or donated services. The "End Zuckerbucks Act" condemns organizations that orchestrate partisan, private funding of our elections. In the 2020 election, Mark Zuckerberg - behind the facade of a liberal non-profit organization - flushed left-wing county governments with private funding to influence election administration. H.R.1725 prohibits big tech billionaires from influencing election administrators and the election process.

Recently, I voted in favor of H.R. 192, the SAVE Act, which would prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia. As a cosponsor of H.R. 192, it was my honor to support legislation banning illegal immigrants from voting in DC. American citizens are the only ones who should have a say at the ballot box.

As the founder and co-chair of the House Election Integrity Caucus in Congress, I am dedicated to preserving the sanctity of our elections and to boosting confidence in the democratic process. The "End Zuckerbucks Act" and SAVE Act call for the safeguarding of our nation's elections and the renewal of transparency and accountability in the democratic process. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the caucus in the future to continue to ensure the sanctity of our elections.



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

1. Protecting reproductive health care

Across the country, access to contraception, IVF, and other forms of reproductive care is under attack. Kirsten is fighting to protect women's reproductive rights.

This week, Kirsten voted for the Right to Contraception Act, a bill that was blocked by Republicans and would have protected access to birth control pills and other contraceptives. The legislation seeks to protect freedom of choice for every woman in the country by codifying the right to obtain and use contraception, guaranteeing that health care providers can provide contraceptives, and prohibiting the federal gov-

ernment or state governments from restricting the sale of contraceptives.

2. Over \$35 million _ NY health care

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

Just this week, she delivered over \$35 million to reimburse Catholic Health System for the life-saving care they provided Western New Yorkers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. ATTN: Southern Tier and Finger Lakes small businesses

On Thursday, June 13th at 10:30 AM, Kirsten's office will partner with Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development and the Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce to host a workshop at the Seneca Lake Event Center to discuss opportunities for government support available to small business owners.

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Small Business Administration will be on hand to discuss their respective resources and funding opportunities.

Interested small business owners can RSVP here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/southern-tier-small-business-workshop-tickets-916534067067?aff=oddtcreator>

4. Fighting for dairy farmers

Kirsten is committed to supporting New York's dairy farmers and making sure they are fairly compensated.

This week, she led a bipartisan push to urge the United States Department of Agriculture to adjust the pricing formula for fluid milk so dairy farmers are properly compensated.

5. ATTN: Climate-focused businesses

This week, the Biden administration announced new actions to support small- and medium-sized climate businesses. Climate-focused businesses will now have access to:

The new Climate Capital Guidebook, which will provide a simple outline of government programs that are available to expand capital for climate-related start-ups, small- and medium-sized businesses, and their investors. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/CLIMATE-CAPITAL-GUIDEBOOK-v5.29.2024-730pm.pdf>

An expansion of federal small business loans available for climate-focused businesses

6. Helping secure visas

After being invited to perform at a New York City charity event, members of an internationally renowned music group contacted Kirsten's office for help expediting their visas in order to travel. Kirsten's team contacted the group's local U.S. Embassy office, and 2 days later, the visas were issued, allowing the group to perform as planned.

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/>

7. 105th anniversary of Congress passing the 19th Amendment

This week, on the 105th anniversary of Congress passing the 19th Amendment - which granted women the right to vote - Kirsten joined fellow senators Maggie Hassan, Laphonza Butler and Tina Smith to view the original, signed version on Capitol Hill.

Gillibrand Leads Bipartisan Push to Fairly Compensate Dairy Farmers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Chair of the Senate Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Local Food Systems, and Food Safety and Security, led a bipartisan group of 13 senators in urging the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to restore the “higher of” Class I pricing formula through the Federal Milk Marketing Order system to fairly compensate dairy farmers and prevent additional losses of Class I skim milk revenue. In the bipartisan letter, the senators highlight how dairy farmers have lost more than \$1.1 billion in Class I skim milk revenue over the past 5 years since the “higher of” Class I pricing formula - the pricing formula for fluid milk, also known as the Class I mover - was modified in the 2018 Farm Bill.

“When the dairy pricing system isn't working for farmers, the economic ramifications are felt across the country,” said Senator Gillibrand. “The ‘higher of’ Class I mover was in place for nearly two decades prior to it being modified in the last Farm Bill, and despite the best of intentions, the current formula has not performed as intended and has cost dairy farmers over a billion dollars nationwide. Restoring the previous ‘higher of’ Class I mover is the right move to ensure our dairy farmers are properly compensated, and I urge the USDA to restore the formula in the draft and final FMMO changes.”

Prior to the 2018 Farm Bill, Class I milk was calculated using the “higher of” Class III or Class IV price plus the applicable Class I differential. This was changed in the most recent Farm Bill to an averaging method of Class III and Class IV plus \$0.74. The resulting loss of income for dairy producers has led to increased calls from the industry for USDA to resolve this issue with the Class I mover through the Federal Milk Marketing Order system.

The letter was also signed by Senators Roger Marshall (R-KS), Bob Casey (D-PA), Mike Braun (R-IN), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS), John Fetterman (D-PA), Peter Welch (D-VT), Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Alex Padilla (D-CA), and Patty Murray (D-WA).

The full text of Senator Gillibrand's letter to Secretary Tom Vilsack is available below:

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

Thank you for your department's significant work to undertake a much-needed modernization of the Federal Milk Marketing Order (FMMO) system. In this context, we are grateful for the department's recognition of the urgent need to address the deficiencies with the current Class I mover formula. As you move toward issuing a recommended decision on key issues this summer, we urge you to restore the previous “higher of” Class I mover in that decision.

As you know, the “higher of” Class I mover was in place for nearly two decades prior to being modified in the last farm bill. Despite the best of intentions, the current mover formula has not performed as intended in multiple economic climates, costing dairy farmers nationwide over the past five years more than \$1.1 billion in Class I skim milk revenue that they would not have lost under the previous formula. This phenomenon has now played out numerous times, costing dairy producers more than \$750 million in Class I skim milk revenue from July through December 2020, followed by roughly \$250 million in 2022 and roughly \$140 million in 2023. Additional losses have piled up every month this year, underscoring the urgency of restoring the previous mover.

We believe that reinstating the “higher of” Class I mover

closely aligns with the goals of the FMMO system, which are to promote orderly marketing conditions for milk while ensuring stable incomes for farmers and an adequate supply of fluid milk for all consumers. When USDA implemented the current FMMO structure in 2000, the department determined that the “higher of” Class I mover would best fulfill the system's overall objectives. Specifically, USDA believed that the “higher of” formula would enable orderly marketing by promoting the stable pooling and pricing of all milk. The department argued that the “higher of” would result in higher Class I (fluid) milk prices and thus support fluid milk manufacturers as they competed for a milk supply, fulfilling a key objective of the FMMO system that an adequate supply of milk be available for fluid uses. USDA also determined that the “higher of” formula would help reduce the volatility in milk pricing. Given today's dairy market dynamics, the current Class I mover will continue as a detriment to dairy farmers relative to the previous mover, even with the \$0.74/cwt. adjustment factor. We understand that some stakeholders have suggested maintaining the “average of” structure but including a look-back mechanism to help farmers recoup losses later. We are concerned that this approach would not serve farmers well as it would not reflect the true value of milk, instead paying producers based on their milk production one or two years ago, instead of their current milk production. This approach is cold comfort to the many dairy producers who cannot wait years to be paid the money they have previously earned. Distorting the value of milk misaligns prices paid to farmers and the ability to determine the true value of Class I milk, which subsequently undermines the overall FMMO system.

Finally, we are confident that reinstating the “higher of” will not raise consumer prices. When the current mover replaced the “higher of” in 2019, the monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) for fluid milk did not decrease and actually increased at roughly the same rate as the monthly CPI for all dairy products for several years.

Accordingly, we urge the department to restore the “higher of” mover which served producers well for decades. This structure encourages the orderly marketing of milk by determining its actual value in real time, accurately reflecting the marketplace. We appreciate your consideration of our request and hope to work with you to ensure support for this change.



Senator Oberacker to Join Local Officials Business Owners to Save Exit 114

State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C- Schenectady) was in Sullivan County, on Wednesday, in Wurtsboro to rally against the closure of exit 114 along New York State Route 17.

Senator Oberacker was joined by Town of Mamakating Supervisor Mike Robbins, Village of Wurtsboro Mayor Frank Cisco, and business owners with the Wurtsboro Board of Trade to discuss the importance of keeping exit 114 open when the NYSDOT makes upgrades as part of the NYS Route 17 Mobility & Access Improvements Project. (Contd. Pg. 61)

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(From Pg. 60) “Changes to traffic flow along State Route 17 will have a ripple effect on our local businesses and residents,” said Senator Peter Oberacker. “Exit 114 is crucial to the local economy in Wurtsboro and closing this key access point would be extremely detrimental. Sullivan County has several hidden gems, and I want to ensure travelers can see them all. We will be making a strong case to the New York State Department of Transportation to save exit 114.”

Statement from Senator Oberacker on Conclusion of 2024 Legislative Session

New York State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenectady) today commented on conclusion of the 2024 legislative session.

“The final days of the 2024 legislative session mirrored much of what emanated from Albany throughout the year - policies that spend more money, erode private rights, and pander to special interests. None of this helps improve our economy, keep people safe, or stave off the mass exodus from New York.

Bills I sponsored to end the failed cashless bail experiment, help our small businesses, and provide incentives to volunteer first responders were shelved by the Democrat Majority. Commonsense amendments brought to the senate floor were routinely dismissed. This is what one-party rule looks like in Albany and it needs to change.

Back in January, I joined with my Senate Republican colleagues to promote a wide-ranging agenda focused on affordability, accountability, and reforms that will translate to a bright future. I am not giving up on those proposals.

Moving forward, I will continue to partner with those I represent in the 51st Senate District and fight even harder to ensure that our shared priorities are front and center at the Capitol.”



Rep. Molinaro Requests House Committee Hold Hearing in NY on Fallout from Hochul's Congestion Pricing Pause

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) requested the House Transportation and Infrastructure hold a field hearing in New York with Governor Hochul and the Federal Highways Administration to address unanswered questions about the Governor's decision to pause congestion pricing.

According to reports, the Governor paused congestion pricing because the plan was deeply unpopular, put financial pressure on working New Yorkers, and was disliked in competitive congressional races. The plan was approved by the Federal Highways Administration and was set to start June 30. Now that it's paused, the Governor has created a \$1 billion budgetary hole

for New York State with no way to plug it.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Governor Hochul's decision to pause the flawed plan was strictly for political purposes and now leaves a billion-dollar gap in the state's budget, leading Governor Hochul to look to take taxpayer dollars from across the state, not just New York City. The pause in the congestion pricing plan also begs the question of whether federal dollars were used in the planning and other aspects of the plan. Since Governor Hochul is running from New Yorkers and the media, I'm pushing for answers. A field hearing will allow Congress to conduct oversight and deliver accountability.”

The full text of Rep. Molinaro's letter can be found below:

Dear Chairman Graves and Subcommittee Chairman Rick Crawford,

As I'm sure you know, New York Governor Kathy Hochul recently announced she is pausing the Central Business District Tolling Program, also known as the New York City congestion pricing plan. Governor Hochul's decision to pause the plan was strictly for political purposes as she was advised by House Minority Leader Jeffries that the unpopularity of the program was impacting competitive Congressional races in New York for Democrats.

The decision to temporarily pause the flawed plan now leaves a billion-dollar gap in the state's budget, leading Governor Hochul to look to take taxpayers dollars from across the state, not just New York City. The pause in the congestion pricing plan also begs the question of whether federal dollars were used in the planning and other aspects of the plan. Not to mention, this project was approved by the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA).

As a result of Governor Hochul's disastrous political play, I request the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Highways and Transit hold a field hearing in New York and invite Governor Hochul and FHWA Administrator Shailen Bhatt to address many unanswered questions about the extent of federal dollars used, the future of the program, and whether Upstate New Yorkers will be forced to bear the costs of this egregious case of executive incompetence.

Molinaro Calls Out Hochul for Cutting Disability Services in NY

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today demanded Governor Kathy Hochul rescind her decision to gut disability services in New York State through the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP). Rep. Molinaro has been a staunch supporter of the program and has fought against plans to gut it.

CDPAP allows individuals with disabilities and those with chronic illnesses to have a family member or trusted friend as their caregiver. These caregivers are able to provide specialized services at home and get reimbursed by Medicaid.

In Governor Hochul's finalized Fiscal Year 2025 New York State budget, she cuts funding from the program and eliminates nearly all fiscal intermediaries (FI) jobs. These intermediaries provide patients and families with financial and administrative guidance to get the care that meets their needs.

In a letter to Governor Hochul, Rep. Molinaro blasted the plan, “FIs are an integral component of the CDPAP program and provide patients with the necessary financial and administrative supports to tailor their care to fit their needs. For years the New York State Department of Health's (DOH) ineffective regulations have allowed unethical providers to enter the program and exploit this service and our most vulnerable for their own financial gains. (Contd. Pg. 62)

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(From Pg. 61) Instead of directing the DOH to utilize its authority to fix this situation, your elimination of all FI providers, including those that are disability-led and disability-staffed, jeopardizes thousands of jobs across the state and places yet another barrier for those with disabilities to overcome to lead fuller, more independent lives.”

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Dear Governor Hochul,

On March 11, 2024, I wrote to you outlining my concerns with your proposed changes to the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) to eliminate designated representatives from acting on behalf of those whose disabilities prevent them from registering for the program and the necessary services they need. With the FY25 New York State budget recently finalized, your inclusion of a provision to require nearly all fiscal intermediaries (FI) to cease operations by April 1, 2025, and overhaul the entire CDPAP system under one statewide FI is an insult to the tens of thousands of New Yorkers that rely on the program and the independent-living centers (ILCs) that provide these services.

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Without FIs, CDPAP enrollees can lose access to critical community level connections and supports that empower them to dictate their personalized home care. As a father of a child with a disability and a longtime advocate for those with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities, I am seeking answers to the following questions:

1. How were the voices of our disability community included in your decision to eliminate the FIs from the CDPAP system?
2. With rising debt placing significant limitations on the state's ability to respond to the vital needs of New Yorkers, does New York State have the capacity to oversee the entire FI system and effectively serve CDPAP enrollees?
3. How will the overhaul of FI services into one statewide system impact CDPAP enrollee services?
4. How will the state support our network of ILCs as they struggle to navigate the elimination of FI services to the CDPAP?

Given your commitment to ensure those with disabilities have access to the resources and services needed to lead more independent lives, I urge you to reconsider this provision and work with state lawmakers to ensure the CDPAP operates as it was intended.

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Rep. Molinaro Becomes First Republican to Endorse Bill Protecting Contraception in House

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) today announced he will cosponsor the Right to Contraception Act, becoming the first Republican to back the bill in the House. Companion legislation has been introduced in the Senate and is being brought up for a vote by U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY).

The bill enshrines the right to contraception into federal law, precluding any court or state legislature from taking action to restrict access. Earlier this year, Rep. Molinaro also became the first Republican to back a bill protecting IVF.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I've rejected a national abortion ban, am fighting to protect IVF and mifepristone, and will fight to protect contraception. We need to do more to support women and the choices they make. This bill is commonsense and a good place to start."

Molinaro Introduces Comprehensive Bipartisan Package of Legislative Solutions to Help Working Families Access Quality, Affordable Childcare

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) today introduced the Affordable Childcare Act, a bipartisan bill that doubles three different tax credits that help working families access quality and affordable childcare. Rep. Molinaro introduced this bill alongside U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids (D-KS-03). Specifically, this bill will:

Double the Child and Dependent Care Credit: The maximum child and dependent care credit is currently \$3,000 for one dependent or \$6,000 for two or more dependents. Rep. Molinaro's bill doubles the max credit for these two credits to \$6,000 and \$12,000 respectively, ensuring working families can still access child and daycare services even as costs rise.

Double the Employer-Provided Childcare Credit: This tax credit offers employers a tax credit up to \$150,000 per year to offset 25% of qualified child care facility expenditures and 10%



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of qualified child care resource and referral expenditures. Rep. Molinaro's bill doubles the max credit amount to \$300,000 to incentivize businesses to spend more on child care.

Double the amount a person can contribute to a dependent care flexible spending account: This credit lets employees contribute pre-tax earnings toward qualifying caregiving expenses. Currently, the max an employee can contribute is \$5,000 to the account. Rep. Molinaro's bill doubles the cap to \$10,000, meaning parents can save and utilize more pre-tax dollars for childcare.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Growing up, my family struggled to make ends meet. So I understand the difficult choices working families have to make to access quality child care when costs keep rising. That's why I introduced this bipartisan bill to put more money in the pockets of working families and help them afford the child care services they deserve."

Rep. Davids said, "Childcare is crucial for setting children up for success, but the high costs force many families to go without it, leading parents to work fewer days or incur unnecessary debt. Growing up with a single mom and limited resources, I understand how much of a difference extra budget flexibility can make. I'm proud to join Representative Molinaro in introducing this bipartisan bill to ensure hardworking families in Kansas and across the country can more easily afford childcare."

This bill has been endorsed by The Early Care & Education Consortium (ECEC) and the First Five Years Fund.

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Governor Hochul Unveils Application Guidelines for More than \$11 Million in ConnectAL Funding to Expand Broadband Access Ahead of Application Launch Later this Month

Request for Applications to \$10 Million Regional and Local Assistance Program To Build Local Government Capacity for Broadband Deployment, Digital Equity Initiatives Will Launch June 17 - Guidelines Available Here

<https://broadband.ny.gov/connectall-deployment-program>

Request for Applications to \$1.4 Million Digital Equity Technical Assistance Fund To Support Non-Profits Bridging Digital Divide Will Launch June 17 - Guidelines Available Here <https://broadband.ny.gov/digital-equity-technical-assistance-fund>

Governor Also Announces That Prequalification Application to Help Internet Service Providers Access Federal Funding Through ConnectALL Deployment Program Will Launch June 21 - Guidelines Available Here

<https://broadband.ny.gov/connectall-deployment-program>

Prospective Applicants Encouraged To Attend Information Sessions Scheduled for June 24-27

Governor Kathy Hochul today unveiled application guidelines for more than \$11 million in new grant programs under Empire State Development's ConnectALL Initiative, the largest-ever investment in New York's digital infrastructure, ahead of the launch of the applications on June 17. Together, the programs - the Regional and Local Assistance Program and the Digital Equity Technical Assistance Fund - will prepare local government and nonprofit organizations to participate in upcoming broadband deployment and digital equity programs across the state. The Governor also issued guidelines for a precertification application, set to launch June 21, to help interested internet service providers access federal broadband funding under the ConnectALL Deployment Program.

"Affordable, reliable broadband is an absolute necessity for New Yorkers looking to get an education, access vital government resources and participate in a 21st century economy," Governor Hochul said. "We are issuing these guidelines now to give applicants a running start in accessing critical broadband funding that will get more New Yorkers online and expand high-speed internet statewide."

Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Hope Knight said, "Closing the digital divide is critical to unlocking economic growth and reducing inequities in our society. By connecting families

to high-speed internet, we are connecting them to jobs, opportunities and services. These new programs complement our existing suite of programs and will allow us to move one step closer to achieving our goal of internet for all."

The Regional and Local Assistance Program will provide grants or technical assistance to eligible applicants for program funding to include non-capital resources, technical assistance and planning which could include feasibility studies or digital equity research, identifying areas in need of internet service or new investments in broadband, or the development of financing for broadband facilities. More detailed information is available in the program guidelines. To prepare for the opening of the Regional and Local Assistance Program the ConnectALL Office will hold an informational webinar on June 25, 2024. Registration is available here

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEsfumuqz4sH9fyfHYUbEAEn-eGtpKyufJ#/registration>

During the state's intensive digital equity planning phase ConnectALL listened to digital equity stakeholders and residents across all ten regions of the state and the five boroughs of New York City. This work informed the resulting Digital Equity Plan ConnectALL will accelerate conditions for Plan implementation by enabling digital inclusion and equity providers to prepare for upcoming grant opportunities to close the digital divide with this fund.

<https://broadband.ny.gov/new-york-state-digital-equity-plan>

Through the \$1.4 million state-funded Digital Equity Technical Assistance Program. Applicants may request up to \$100,000 to improve their collective capabilities to apply for state and federal grants such as the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's \$1.4 billion Digital Equity Capacity Grant program and \$1.6 billion Digital Equity Competitive Grants. ConnectALL will hold its first Technical Assistance Fund Informational session on June 24, 2024. Registration is available here.

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Additionally, the ConnectALL Office will launch a pre-qualification application process for the ConnectALL Deployment Program on June 21 to establish a threshold of qualified applicants ahead of the release of the ConnectALL Deployment Program Request for Applications. The ConnectALL Deployment Program will provide grants for broadband deployment to locations that do not currently have access to reliable, affordable, high-speed internet service. Successful applicants who are pre-qualified through this process will be eligible to apply for grant funding via the Program RFA to be issued in Fall 2024. ConnectALL will hold an Information Session via Webinar on June 26, 2024. All parties interested in the pre-qualification application are encouraged to attend and can register here

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Governor Hochul's ConnectALL Initiative

Governor Hochul established the \$1 billion ConnectALL Initiative - New York's largest-ever investment in broadband access - to close the state's digital divide, transform digital infrastructure, and ensure that all New Yorkers have access to reliable and affordable high-speed broadband internet service. To date, ConnectALL has overseen the successful launch and implementation of several programs to advance broadband access, including:

- o The Digital Equity Program will invest \$50 million to implement the New York State Digital Equity Plan to close the digital divide. The Plan outlines New York's statewide strategy to increase its capacity to improve digital literacy and digital job readiness skills, facilitate access to affordable internet and devices, enhance digital privacy and safety, and make government services more accessible through the internet. The Plan and more about the Program is available here <https://broadband.ny.gov/new-york-state-digital-equity-plan>

- o The Affordable Housing Connectivity Program to bring new broadband infrastructure to homes in affordable and public housing leveraging a \$100 million federal investment from the U.S. Treasury Department's Capital Projects Fund. The program is currently accepting applications from internet service providers and expressions of interest from housing owners and public housing authorities.

- o The ConnectALL Deployment Program to fund internet service providers to reach unserved and underserved locations, drawing on an allocation of \$664.6 million in federal funding from the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program, as described in the ConnectALL Broadband Deployment Initial Proposal and Five-Year Action Plan. ConnectALL conducted the challenge process to determine which locations in the state are eligible for this program.

- o The Municipal Infrastructure Program will utilize \$228 million in federal funding to connect tens of thousands of homes statewide to high-speed internet through grants to public entities, local or Tribal governments, municipal utilities, utility cooperatives, and their private sector partners. Broadband infrastructure in the Municipal Infrastructure Program will be owned by a public entity or publicly controlled and internet service providers will use the new broadband infrastructure to provide New Yorkers with affordable, high quality service options. The request for applications is

now available on the ConnectALL website. Phase 3 applications from private entities are due June 28. <https://broadband.ny.gov/municipal-infrastructure-program>

At Molinaro's Request, County Executive Steve McLaughlin Testified Before Congressional Committee on Refusal to Follow Cuomo's Deadly Nursing Home Order

Washington, DC - ICYMI: U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) invited Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin to testify before the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic on Tuesday

Rep. Molinaro said, "Steve was one of the few to stand up and say no to Cuomo, no to the nonsensical mandates, and no to the restrictions on healthcare freedom. He did it to protect Rensselaer County and I was glad to hear his testimony."

In remarks entered into the official record, County Executive McLaughlin testified, "On March 25, 2020, then-Governor Andrew Cuomo's Health Commissioner Howard Zucker issued without warning the directive that COVID positive patients be placed into nursing homes across the state. The directive also commanded that no patient being transferred could be tested. There was obvious concern, but Cuomo demanded compliance. Despite the demands, I was the only County Executive to refuse Cuomo's deadly order. At great expense and risk both personal and professional, I never allowed COVID patients to be forced into the Van Rensselaer Manor nursing home operated by Rensselaer County. We also tested those being transferred to our nursing home."

County Executive McLaughlin continued, "The stand I took and that protected our county nursing home was informed by principles of common sense, compassion and conscience. As County Executive, I took an oath to protect the residents of our county and that oath was never more needed than when the Cuomo order of March 25, 2020 was issued. At my direction, Rensselaer County took the right stand. But Cuomo and his allies wasted no time in reminding us that we stood against the full power of New York State. Just days after our refusal became public, we began to be targeted by "surprise" inspections in all areas of county government. Fines were levied and threats were made. While initially criticized in some areas of the media in 2020 for taking the stand against the deadly order, history shows the decision was correct and saved lives."

County Executive McLaughlin concluded, "Time has unraveled the truth and we now see the Cuomo-Zucker policies for what they were - as driven by misinformation, politics, personal agendas and yes, prospective book deals. What occurred in New York State during the pandemic was a scar on science, an insult to public health and the cause of almost immeasurable tragedy for so many in our state. The most powerful in our state refused to care for the weakest and most vulnerable among us when it was needed most."



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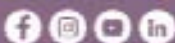
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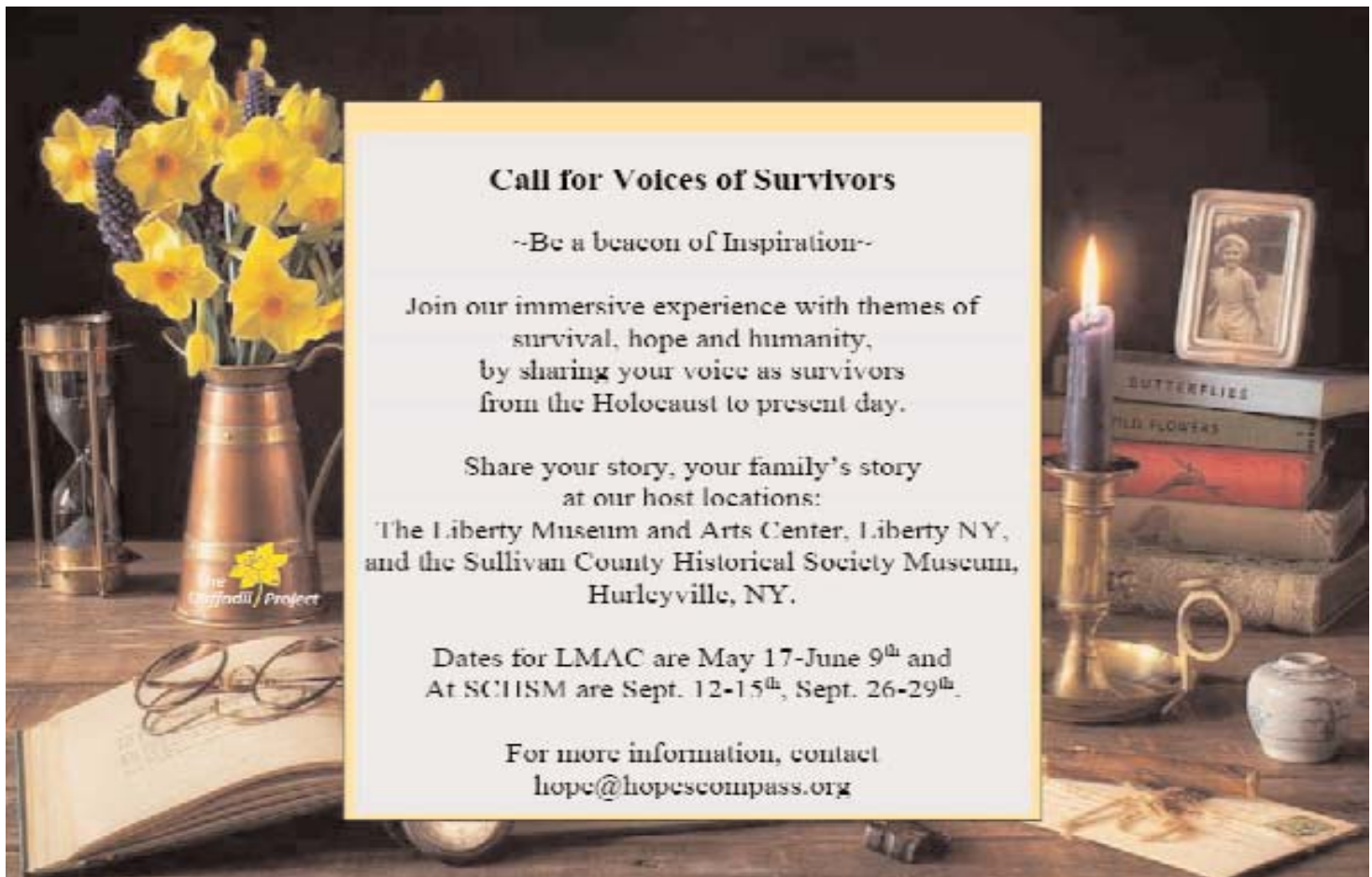
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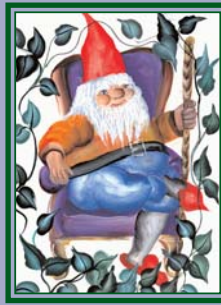
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FINDING NEMO

(G / 2003 / 1hr 40min /
Animation/Family)

This is a 2003 superb American computer-animated adventure film produced by *Pixar Animation Studios* and released by *Walt Disney Pictures*. Directed and co-written by *Andrew Stanton* with co-direction by *Lee Unkrich*; the screenplay was written by *Bob Peterson, David Reynolds, and Stanton* from a story by *Stanton*. The film stars the voices of *Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres, Alexander Gould, and Willem Dafoe*. It tells the story of an overprotective clownfish named Marlin who, along with a regal blue tang named Dory, search for his missing son, Nemo. Along the way, Marlin learns to take risks and comes to terms with Nemo taking care of himself.



Nemo and his Dad

Released on May 30, 2003, *Finding Nemo* won the **Academy Award for Best Animated Feature**, the first Pixar film to do so. It was also nominated in three more categories, including Best Original Screenplay. Additionally, it became the highest-grossing animated film at the time of its release, and was the second-highest-grossing film of 2003, **earning a total of \$871 million** worldwide by the end of its initial theatrical run. *Finding Nemo* is the best-selling DVD title of all time, with over 40 million copies sold as of 2006, and was the highest-grossing G-rated film of all time before *Pixar's own Toy Story 3* overtook it. The film was re-released in 3D in 2012. In 2008, the American Film Institute named it as the 10th greatest animated film ever made as part of their 10 Top 10 lists. In a 2016 poll of international critics conducted by BBC, *Finding Nemo* was voted **one of the 100 greatest motion pictures since 2000**. The sequel, *Finding Dory*, was released in June 2016.

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This weeks' Trivia question:

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INDIANA JONES
AND
THE LAST
CRUSADE**

(PG-13 / 1989 / 2hr 7min / Action/Adventure)

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade is a 1989 American action-adventure film *directed by Steven Spielberg*, from a story co-written by executive producer *George Lucas*. It is the third installment in the Indiana Jones franchise and a sequel to *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. It is also the first Indiana Jones film to be rated *PG-13*. *Harrison Ford* returned in the title role, while his father is portrayed by *Sean Connery*. Other cast members featured include *Alison Doody*, *Denholm Elliott*, *Julian Glover*, *River Phoenix*, and *John Rhys-Davies*. In the film, set largely in 1938, Indiana searches for his father, a Holy Grail scholar, who has been captured by Nazis.



The film was released by Paramount Pictures in North America on May 24, 1989 to mostly positive reviews and was a financial success, **earning \$474.3 million** at the worldwide box office. It won an Academy Award for Best Sound Effects Editing. A sequel, *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, followed in 2008.

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THE NATURAL
(PG · 1984 · 2hr 18min · Sports/Drama)**

The Natural is a 1984 American sports film based on *Bernard Malamud's 1952 novel* of the same name, *Directed by Barry Levinson and starring Robert Redford, Glenn Close, and Robert Duvall*.



Like the book, the film recounts the experiences of Roy Hobbs, an individual with great "natural" baseball talent, spanning the decades of Roy's career. It was the first film produced by TriStar Pictures.



The film was nominated for *four Academy Awards*, including *Best Supporting Actress (Close)*, and it was *nominated for a Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actress (Kim Basinger)*. Many of the baseball scenes were filmed in 1983 at War Memorial Stadium in Buffalo, New York, built in 1937 and demolished in 1988. All-High Stadium, also in Buffalo, stood in for Chicago's Wrigley Field in a key scene. Knowing his son was watching, with faith in his Dad –believing in his Dad as much as Dad wanted a home run made it happen.

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