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Tri-Valley Lions March Dinner Meeting

On Monday, March 3, 2025, The Tri-Valley Lions held their monthly dinner meeting at Casa Mia in Hurleyville. It was a very special dinner meeting as two community members were in attendance to receive certificates of appreciation for their support of our Tri-Valley Lions Club and club events. We are also so very pleased to announce our newest Tri-Valley Lion member, Tanya Huggler. Tanya is a teacher at the Tri-Valley School and handles Special Ed, and a new program of Career Development for



Lion Membership Chair Pat Menji, Lion George Sanchez, New Lion Member Tanya Huggler, and Lion Member Merri White

her Students. In addition to teaching, Tanya is the new Parks and Recs Director for the Town of Neversink, with an office on the 2nd Floor of the Town Hall in Grahamsville. We are so excited about Tanya joining The Tri-Valley Lions.

Lion President Stephen Miller and Lion Vice President Hugh Delaney presented a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Joseph (Joe) Nebzydoski of the Youngville Animal Clinic. Dr. Joe participates in The Tri-Valley Rabies Clinics. (Contd. Pg. 5)



Dr. Joseph Nebzydoski, Lion President Stephen Miller and Lion Vice President Hugh Delaney and Mark McLewin

Team Schiff holds Petition Signing Event on Sunday

Just before the new year, Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff announced his intention to seek reelection as Sullivan County Sheriff. Schiff first ran in 2005 and is currently in his fourth term.



Photo Frank Comando

On Sunday members of Team Sheriff, Mike Schiff and supporters of Michael Schiff for Sullivan County Sheriff gathered at the Liberty Mall in Liberty for a petition signing event.

From 12 noon until 4:00 pm many guests enjoyed the afternoon that included hot dogs, drinks, free Team Schiff T-Shirts, free Team Schiff Hats as well as the opportunity to meet Sheriff Michael Schiff.

Undersheriff Eric Chaboty was also on hand to greet people and answer questions.

Everyone had a great time and a fun afternoon.

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More than ever, thank you for your continued support.

On the Front Burner:

For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
Job 20:25

OBITUARY

Jason H. Goldstein of Woodbourne, NY passed away on Thursday, March 6th. He was the son of David and Lynn Goldstein, and brother to Sam Goldstein, Jason, born in Harris, NY on August 16, 2001.



Jason was a 2019 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School, then graduated from SUNY Morrisville with a degree in Woodworking. From his earliest years, Jason was happiest when he was creating. As a child, any medium would do from unique hairdos, seashell creations and lego freestyle to scrap from his father's construction business which came in handy when designing your own zipline! As a teenager, he started his own woodworking business called Gold's Woodworking and traveled to many craft shows to sell his custom cutting boards, pens, and tables. His favorite moments were working with his dad in his construction business. In the kitchen, Jason stood side by side with his mom cooking steak, making tacos, and creating venison dishes. His favorite takeout order - General Tso's Chicken.

Jason put his own spin on sports and nature as well. Jason loved to downhill ski with the family and often sought out the biggest jumps he could find and the less traveled or unbroken trails. He would turn a simple golf outing into a wildlife excursion with no reported score!

He will be remembered for his helpful heart, his wry, clever wit and his infectious laugh that was followed by a gleam in his eye.

Survivors include his loving mom and dad, Lynn & David, his brother, Sam, his Nana & Pop (Susan & Gil Welch), Auntie Beth (Welch), Aunt Joanne & Uncle

Gene Rose, and his great-Aunt Sadie, along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Martin and Shirley Goldstein and his Uncle Alan Goldstein.

Visitation was held on Monday, March 10, 2025 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home in Woodbourne. A service followed at the funeral home with Father Bader officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Lynn Goldstein 227 Clark A Rd. Woodbourne, NY for the future Jason H. Goldstein Memorial Scholarship Fund for help inspiring other woodworking enthusiasts.

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

www.colonialfamilyfuneral-home.com.

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

March 9, 1955

Walter E. Ross, 58, of Denman Mt. Road, Grahamsville, died last Monday at Venice Hospital, Florida after a short illness. He was born in Chicago on Sept. 11, 1915 to Walter M. and Mae R. Curran Ross. He married Marion E. Blake.

He was a school administrator for seven years for the Delaware Valley Central School System in Callicoon and of the Tri-Valley Central School System in Grahamsville for sixteen years. He is survived by his wife of Grahamsville; three sons: Craig E., Dale W., and Terence; a brother, Leslie of Potomac, Md. and five grandchildren.

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DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History (From Pg. 2)

March 7, 1985

Katie Gallagher, a Tri-Valley Central School senior, the daughter of John and Jo Ann Gallagher, is being considered for both a National Merit Scholarship and a Presidential Scholarship. Katie will also be Valedictorian of her class.

John E. Sheeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sheeley of Grahamsville, has been assigned to the Albany office of Assemblyman Richard Coombe as a 1985 session intern. John attends Cornell University, Ithaca where he is an agricultural economic/business management major pursuing a bachelor of arts degree.

March 17, 1965

Robert Curry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Curry of Neversink, is on the Dean's List at Delhi Technical Institute with a 3.14 GPA. Robert is a Tri Valley graduate and is majoring in construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lauria became the parents of a son, Troy Matthew, on Tuesday, March 9th at Liberty Maimonides Hospital. Troy weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz.

March 26, 1975

Tom Marshalek, a 1974 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School, is attending Sullivan County Community College in the Hotel Technology division. After studying tourism in Iceland, he was appointed Vice President of the Catskill Jr. Chapter of the Hotel Sales Managers Association and was elected treasurer of the Escoffier Cooking Club. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marshalek of Woodbourne.

March 21, 1985

Welcome, please. Kevin James Bertholf, son of James and Cheryl Bertholf of Grahamsville, born February 28, 1985 at Harris Hospital. Kevin weighed 6 lbs. 15 3/4 oz at birth and was 19 1/2 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Jim and Pat Gray, Sundown Rd., Grahamsville. His paternal grandparents are William and Caroline Bertholf of Divine Corners.

Household Hint:

Long Reach Shears

Slip PVC pipes over the handles of your pruning shears and tape them in place to extend your reach and clip high branches without a ladder.

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, Carolyn Coombe and Martha Ahrens

The Bear Facts!

It's that time of the year to bring in the bird feeders -the black bear are waking up!

Doing a little research I found out that there are approximately



Picture of a Black Bear that Paul and Laura Nasierowski had visit them in their backyard a few years ago.

1500 to 2000 Black Bear living in the Catskill Mountains. The average male black bear weighs around 300 pounds while the female will weigh around 160 pounds, however it has been known that a male black bear can reach up to 750 pounds!

Black bear are omnivores. Their diets vary according to the season and their location. They have erect, rounded ears, a long, narrow, brown muzzle and a short tail. They prefer to live in wild forest areas that are mixed with conifers and deciduous trees - and prefer to live where humans don't venture too often. Black Bear are known to roam a range of up to 60 square miles while the females range is smaller - 7 to 30 square miles. They are active from dawn to dusk, however in a heavily

human populated area, they often roam at night. Black Bear can be found in most of New York State.

The heavy bear population in the Catskills maybe be due to the many natural stone caves that provide suitable dens for hibernating bear. This is especially true for the female who gives birth to her young during January.

There are certain ways of telling that a black bear is in your neighborhood. Most of us know the first sign is at our bird feeders! Other ways to know is to look for claw marks in trees. You may see them about 4 to 7 feet off the ground. This is a way that the Black Bear marks its territory. You will also notice bear scat. And you may see some rocks turned over and digging into the ground. Bears like to eat ants and insects as well as berries, nuts, fruit, acorns, grubs, carrion, grass, corn, honey, bird seed, pet food when left outside and of course, things in the trash. A bear usually walks at a slow pace, but they can suddenly sprint up to 40 miles in which case you can't outrun them.

Black bear are excellent at climbing trees and swimming, too. They have poor eyesight, but their sense of smell more than compensates for their eyesight. When you see a bear stand on it's hind legs - it is probably smelling you. This isn't necessarily a sign of aggression, but a normal activity.

Feeding bears creates human-bear conflicts. When bears learn to obtain food from humans, they can become bold and aggressive. Deliberate and intentional feeding of bear is illegal in New York (visit the NYS DEC website). Feeding them is bad for bear. Bears' natural foraging habits and behavior can be changed. Often when feeding on garbage or camper's supplies, bears will eat unhealthy materials such as soap, shaving cream, insect repellent, food packaging, etc.

And one last fascinating fact - a bear can lift a rock that is 3 times its own weight. No wonder the heavy dumpsters on the Peekamoose Wild Forest State Land had to be reinforced!

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley
Published March 16, 1995

MARCH-Don't worry, folks –April is on the way and it's chock full of wonderfully warm sunshine to chase our winter blues away.

This morning I'm looking back to the days when mother was president of "The Larkin Order Club of 10" when nine ladies gathered at our house once each month at a set time, catalog in hand, to place their orders and to pick up their purchases as well as to enjoy a cup of tea and a little gossip with other members of the club. In the 1920's women loved to adorn their homes with Larkin products. Not only did they enjoy Larkin Company premiums, but they used their household products as well. They could buy macaroni, tea, coffee, medicines, clothing, cleaning items, and even laundry products. Those were the days when women labored over a steaming wash tub and Larkin Company Sweet Home Soap was considered the very best.

What happened to Larkin Company of Buffalo, New York? Like so many of our mail order companies, it seems to be one of our memories of the past. Many years ago the Larkin Pottery Plant of Buffalo was the largest in the world. Their dishes were beautiful and dated. I know, for mother had some of them and today they are highly sought after by collectors. I guess I'll never know just what happened to mother's dishes. No one in our family seems to know, but I do miss that nice rocking chair way of shopping of long ago.

Neversink Parks and Recreation Announces First-Ever Summer Camp in Partnership with Frost Valley

Grahamsville, NY- The Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation Department is thrilled to announce its first-ever summer day camp program, in partnership with the renowned Frost Valley YMCA. This exciting new initiative will provide local children with a fun-filled and enriching summer experience right in our own backyard- the beautiful Grahamsville Fairgrounds.

The camp will begin on July 7th and run for seven weeks, offering a variety of activities and opportunities for campers to explore and grow. Please note that there will be no camp during the week of the Grahamsville Fair. The final week of camp will feature a special treat: free busing to Frost Valley for campers to participate in their popular Farm Camp program.

"We are incredibly excited to partner with Frost Valley to bring this fantastic summer camp experience to the children," said Tanya Huggler, Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Director. "This collaboration allows us to offer a high-quality program with diverse activities, all while ensuring a safe and supportive environment."

The cost of the camp is \$165 per camper per week. This fee covers all activities at the fairgrounds and materials.

While the Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation camp offers a new and exciting option, Frost Valley YMCA will continue to offer its traditional day camp and sleepaway camp programs, providing a wide range of choices for families.

For more information about the Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation summer camp and registration details, please contact Tanya Huggler at townofneversinkparksandrec@gmail.com.

About Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation:

The Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing quality recreational programs for residents of all ages. We strive to enhance the quality of life in our community through diverse and engaging activities. We welcome ideas and feedback from the community.

About Frost Valley YMCA:

Frost Valley YMCA is a leading provider of camping, environmental education, and outdoor adventure programs. Located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, Frost Valley offers a unique setting for personal growth and exploration.

Two SC Deputy Sheriffs Complete D.A.R.E. Training

On Friday February 28m 2025, two deputy sheriff's from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office completed two weeks of intensive training at D.A.R.E. instructors school, which was held in



Montour Falls, NY.

Lydia Wyche and James Lynch will now be assigned as School Resource Officers within the Sheriff's Youth Division. In the photo, congratulating Deputy Wyche and Deputy Lynch are Undersheriff Eric Chaboty and Lieutenant Cheryl Crumley.

Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident

On Sunday March 9, 2025, at approximately 7:30 pm, Sullivan County 911 received report of a vehicle being operated in an erratic manner northbound on Old Liberty Road, coming from the Village of Monticello.

Approximately 10 minutes later, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Patrol responded to a report of a one car motor vehicle accident with entrapment on Old Liberty Road, just north of Fraser Road, in the Town of Thompson.

At the scene deputies found a 2005 white Jeep Liberty that had struck a utility pole and overturned. The driver, identified as Kenneth Miller, age 57, of Jeffersonville was pronounced dead at the scene. The passenger, Kaylee Kearny, age 37 of Monticello, was flown to Westchester Medical Center by Life Net, where she remains in serious condition. Sheriff Mike Schiff, who was at the scene, thanked Sullivan County Corner Alan Kesten, Monticello Fire Department, Monticello Police, State Police, Mobile Medic and Hatzolah Ambulance for their assistance. The accident remains under investigation.

Tri-Valley Lions March Dinner Meeting

(From Pg. 1) He will again join us for our next rabies clinic in June of 2025, and we will certainly announce and post the date, time, and place in advance so as many of you can bring your cats and dogs to this clinic. Our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Joe for his help in keeping our furry friends healthy and protected from rabies.



Dr. Joseph Nebzydoski, Lion President Stephen Miller and Lion Vice President Hugh Delaney and Mark McLewin

Next Lion President Stephen Miller and Lion Vice President Hugh Delaney presented a certificate of appreciation to Mark McLewin owner of The Neversink General Store. Mark and the Neversink General Store has generously supported the Tri-Valley Lions with foods and beverages for our annual Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day events. This year's Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Full details of this year's Journey For Sight will be published and posted shortly. If you haven't been to the Neversink General Store, it is amazing. Great sandwiches and beverages, the closest Gasoline station if you are in Grahamsville or Neversink. The store even has high quality clothing for sale, meats from Local farms, salads, great Pizza, especially the Breakfast

Pizza. Gifts of honey, maple syrup, candles, and great pies.

In February, The Tri-Valley Lions donated \$500 to the Trevor Loughlin Fund and \$500 to the Sullivan County Heart-A-Thon. See photo of Lion President Stephen Miller at the Heart-A-Thon.

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 48th 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. 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 sgrerecords@hvc.rr.com.



Att Right is Lion President Stephen Miller presented \$500 to the Sullivan County Heart-A-Thon

Four New Recruits assigned to the SC Sheriff's Office Patrol Division Graduated from the Orange County Police Chief's Association Academy



On Friday March 7, 2025, four new recruits assigned to the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division graduated from the Orange County Police Chief's Association Academy.

The graduation ceremony was held as the Orange County Emergency Services Center in Goshen, NY.

In the photo (l to r), Sheriff Mike Schiff, Deputy Sheriff Erik Hill, Deputy Sheriff Daiana Doran, Deputy Sheriff Alyza Garcia, Deputy Sheriff Carson Somers and Undersheriff Eric Chaboty. The new deputies will now begin the next phase of training with their field training officers.

Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 123 Illegal Holdings

Mysterious Book Report No. 324

Published March 8, 2018

by John Dwaine McKenna



Serendipity is the ability to make fortunate discoveries by accident . . . which is what happened here at the MBR when our mailbox, (P.O. Box 2406, Colorado Springs, CO 80901) yielded up an unsolicited new publication from a small independent press in Seattle, Washington, which brought a unique new character and a superb writer to our attention.

Illegal Holdings, (Coffeetown Press, PB, \$14.95, 228 pages, ISBN 978-1-60381-591-8) by Michael Niemann, features a fraud investigator from the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services named Valentin Vermeulen. In this, the third book of the series, he's sent to Maputo, Mozambique, (Naw, me either, but if you think of the African continent as a clockface, it's down in the five o'clock position, by the Indian Ocean) where he's going to audit a NGO by the name of Global Alternatives – the not-for-profit, Non Governmental Organization that's been set up and funded by a hedge fund billionaire named Vincent Portallis to revolutionize development aid – to see if they're spending their UN grant money as promised. It's a boring, ho-hum assignment to the far reaches of the world . . . made brighter only by the fact that his globe-trotting lover Tessa, will be there at the same time, reporting on foreign land acquisitions in Africa. But as soon as he hits town, Vermeulen discovers a five-million dollar discrepancy in the accounts of Global Alternatives local partner Nossa Terra, who claims that the money . . . supposedly transferred from GA to them . . . was never received. Vermeulen at first gets excuses – never saw, never got, never before and the like – which sets his alarm bells to ringing at full tilt. When the chief accountant and defacto second in command at Nossa Terra disappears on the following day, the case for his guilt seems evident to everyone. But soon after his body washes up on the beach, and there's no doubt he's been murdered. It's only the first act in a chain of violence and criminality that Vermeulen is powerless to stop, as he digs in and desperately tries to solve an increasingly complex series of crimes and evermore vicious events before he, or Tessa, or both of them are killed. Valentin Vermeulen is a hero you can believe in, an ordinary, brave and honest man, who's doing an almost impossible job in the toughest of places. He's a character you'll like, and maybe even love, and definitely want to read more of!

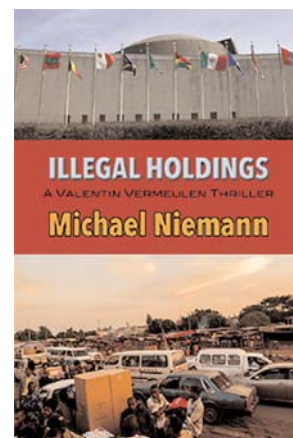
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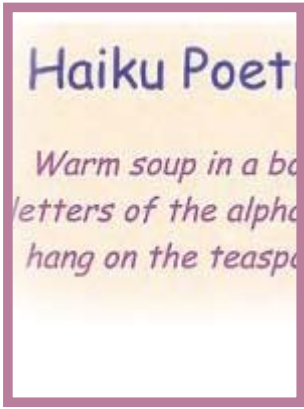
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Haiku

These days the political chaos and intense late winter storms may leave you with some pent-up emotions. Poetry might help to release some of that raw angst.

"A poem begins with a lump in the throat; a homesickness or a love sickness. It is a reaching-out toward expression; an effort to find fulfillment.

A complete poem is one where an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words."

--Robert Frost

The Japanese have "encapsulated" poetry, the kind Robert Frost describes, into a three line, seventeen syllable poem that has a structure of five syllables on line one, seven on line two, and five in the final line.

Haiku Poetry

Warm soup in a bowl
letters of the alphabet
hang on the teaspoon

There is something satisfying to take that intense "poetic emotion" and neatly put it into a neat little archived image.

Since a Haiku is based on counting syllables, you need to try this easy way to determine the number of syllables in a word. Simply put your hand flat under

your chin. The whisper the word. Each syllable will hit your hand once.

Here is a Haiku I wrote about what Haiku is:

"Haiku are simple
Three-line poems that make you feel
Heart and Mind are one."

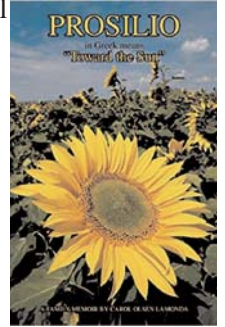
Here is one that liberates your soul:
"Not easy to forgive
Someone who has hurt you again;
One hurt is enough."

My friend Lili often will post a Haiku on social media and she has let me share these with you:



The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



Haiku about First Snow by Lili Covington

"White and pure it is
Our first snow of the season
Making winter worthwhile."

Haiku About End of Winter by Lili Covington

"Winter is ending
only a few weeks
from now.
Feels like forever!"



Haiku About Cabin Fever by Lili Covington

"Winters are too cold!
Like a bear, I hibernate
and stay in my home."

This one is one written by my granddaughter Philanthe:

Spring

by Philanthe Bella LaMonda

"Spring has awoken,
Birds awake me from slumber.
Flowers start to bloom"

I challenge you to write a Haiku. You can record it on paper or simple let it form in your mind. Here is my final message in Haiku:

"Let the haiku carry
All frustration to the sky
And float far away."

Imparting Information: a Key Service by the DPL

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-One of the most vital services a public library offers to its community is its ability to inform.

Now, there are many ways libraries (like us) do this; we ensure that our collection of books stay current and relevant so that our patrons can find for themselves the information they need, we offer services; such as our Tech Tuesdays to assist patrons with technological problems they may be facing and thus ensuring that they can have general working knowledge of how their equipment works. We provide desktop computers so patrons may access the internet, have typing programs available to them and access to printers, copiers and scanners. We provide up-to-date information on all of our social media platforms, including Instagram, Facebook, and through our website. That's a lot of ways that we as a public library try to maintain a certain level of information availability to our patrons.

And, of course, we offer lots of programs. Our programs are educational, informational and generally, a good time to be had. A quick glance of our website would confirm this to be true, with over 9 programs being offered in the coming weeks and many of them filling up quickly. In the past, I've talked at great length about our upcoming Spring Children's Programs, our 2025 Reading Challenge (for all ages), the 5 Hour Pre-licensing Class on April 5, the Medicare 101 Zoom Webinar on March 18, and our Color Our World with LEGO children's programs. Well, another program has just been added.

On Thursday, April 10 from 6:00 to 7:00PM, Rachel Brazell, PT, DPT, CNPT will be here to discuss women's health, primarily perimenopause and menopause, in an open, friendly environment. Topics to be discussed include: the physiology behind each, common symptoms, health considerations and lifestyle tips for management. For a great many women, this is a particularly tough transition (hello, hot flashes!) and we're proud to be able to offer this opportunity for an open dialogue where we can all get some very useful information. Registration is recommended and I'm anticipating that this program will fill up quickly so please visit our website and sign up. It'll give us a general head count and it will ensure you that you'll have a spot.



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Segueing a bit here, we at the DPL take it on as our personal mission to read a lot, especially when books rise so fast in popularity through social media that heads spin. DPL staffer, Michelle Gorman, has recently read one such book. The Let Them Theory by Mel Robbins, a non-fiction book taking Facebook, Instagram and Booktok by storm, is about finding the key to happiness, success and love in the two simple words: let them. Robbins, who hosts a popular podcast, teaches the reader how to shift the power of others back to themselves, how to control what you can (yourself and your reactions) and how to let go of what you cannot. "This is a really great book that everyone should read. From teens to retirees, there are powerful messages applicable to anyone," Gorman said. She added that for fans of Robbins' podcast, The Mel Robbins Podcast, this book is written in the same style, is fast paced and an enjoyable read. If ever there was a time to learn to let things go, to not have to be in control of everything around you and to not have your life dictated by others, now would be it.



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Adam Muller

Adam's comedy specials, According to Plan (2022) and Funny To You, are available on YouTube and Amazon Prime, with a Dry Bar Comedy Special set for release in 2025. He has been featured on SiriusXM and performs regularly at the Comedy Cellar, New York Comedy Club, and West Side Comedy Club.

Erin Maguire

Erin's debut comedy album, Baseline Presentable debuted at #1 on the iTunes comedy charts. She has been featured on SiriusXM, The Tamron Hall Show, Gotham Live, ESPN, and the Game Show Network, and has written for Comedy Central Roasts.



Erin Maguire

Jeff Scheen

Jeff was most recently seen on The Late Late Show with James Corden and released a Drybar Special on YouTube. You can also hear Jeff album "JEFF" on XM radio and iTunes.

Ben Kirschenbaum

Ben is a New York stand-up comedian and writer. He performs all over New York and headlines across the country and has written for MTV, Clickhole, and seriouslyTV.



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The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Spring Mixer Meet & Greet on Thursday, March 27, from 5:30 to 7 PM at Sweet Basil Thai Restaurant in Liberty, NY. Enjoy the fragrant flavors crafted by our host, Sweet Basil Thai Restaurant, while networking with local professionals and hearing updates from Town Councilman Bruce Davidson on recent happenings in Liberty. The event features a buffet with Thai favorites like spring rolls, pad Thai, and vegetable dumplings. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door, with a cash bar available. Register below

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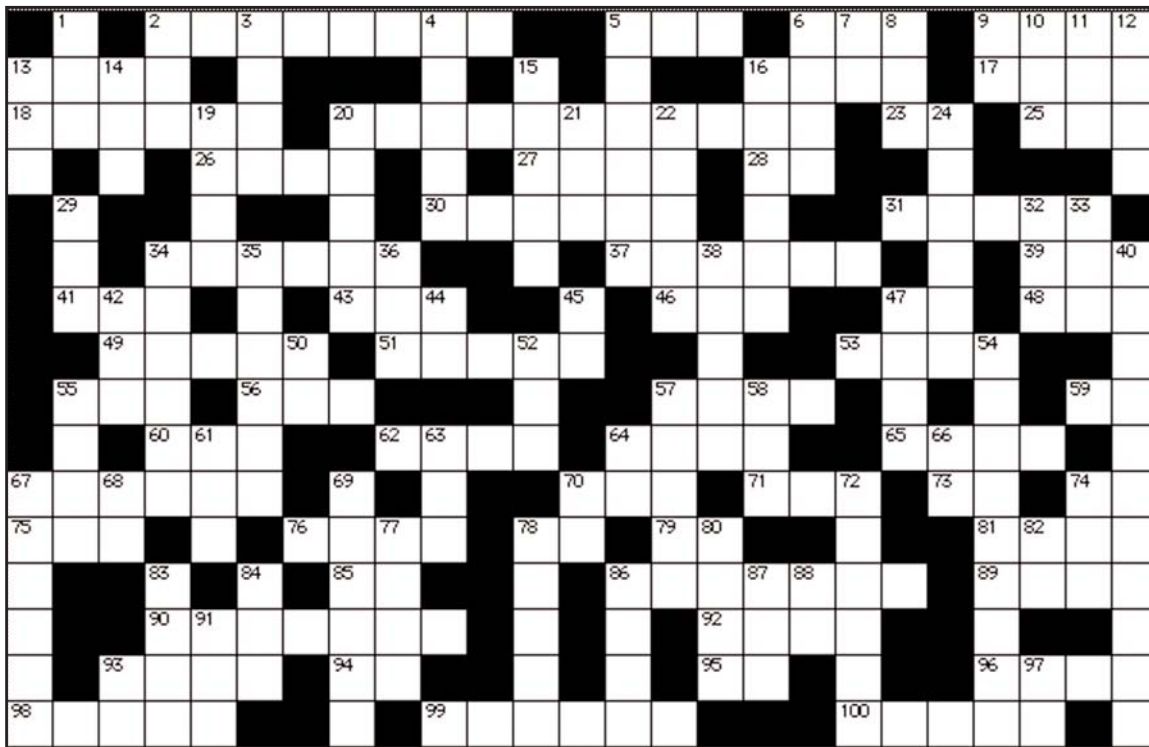
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Today - We're all Irish! - L. Comando



- Room
- 83 Slim
- 84 Everything
- 86 Small island
- 87 Rule

- 88 Arrive at a particular place
- 91 Folk lingo for old
- 93 Perform
- 97 Mountain

Townsmen's Traditional Irish Soda Bread

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 5 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 3 tablespoons butter, chilled, cut into cubes
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2/3 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray 8-inch-diameter cake pan with non-stick spray. Whisk flour, 4 tablespoons sugar, baking powder, salt, and baking soda in large bowl to blend. Add butter. Using fingertips, rub in until coarse meal forms. Make well in center of flour mixture. Add buttermilk. Gradually stir dry ingredients into milk to blend. Mix in raisins.

Using floured hands, shape dough into ball. Transfer to prepared pan and flatten slightly (dough will not come to edges of pan). Sprinkle dough with remaining 1 tablespoon sugar.

Bake bread until brown and tester inserted into center comes out clean, about 40 minutes. Cool bread in pan 10 minutes. Transfer to rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.

ACROSS

- 2 Clover-like plant associated with St. Patrick
- 5 Wool
- 6 Swish
- 9 Emcee
- 13 Forbidden practice
- 16 Uttered farewell
- 17 Lowest female singing voice
- 18 One of the colors of the Irish flag
- 20 Tournament
- 23 First person singular pronoun
- 25 Colorant
- 26 Saint who drove the grasshoppers from Finland
- 27 Extremely
- 28 South Dakota
- 30 Give something as a favor

- 31 Embedded parts of a plant
- 34 Civic
- 37 Accompanied
- 39 Petroleum
- 41 Grade
- 43 Persuade
- 46 Prioress
- 47 Exist
- 48 Single unit
- 49 people of Ireland
- 51 Extraordinary
- 53 Scottish girl
- 55 Leguminous vegetable
- 56 Clue
- 57 Cinematographic
- 59 Either
- 60 Single dice
- 62 Pain
- 64 Journeyed on horseback
- 65 To reduce or limit food intake
- 67 Clergyman
- 70 Friend
- 71 Type of hat
- 73 District of

- Columbia
- 74 Alternating Current
- 75 Automated Teller Machine
- 76 Strip of leather at the back of a shoe
- 78 Move from one place to another
- 79 Mystic syllable
- 81 Technician
- 85 Regarding
- 86 The Emerald Isle
- 89 Region
- 90 Day of festivity
- 92 Former Hindu funeral practice
- 93 Aromatic annual green herb
- 94 Extraterrestrial
- 95 Exclamation
- 96 Portent
- 98 For the gift of persuasive speech you might kiss

- the Blarney
- 99 Inhabitant of New England
- 100 Center of something

DOWN

- 1 Not near
- 2 Center of our solar system
- 3 State the case
- 4 A celestial object
- 5 Attracting someone without serious intention
- 6 Baton
- 7 Advertisement
- 8 Precious stone
- 9 Used to express surprise
- 10 Aged
- 11 Pigeon
- 12 Foot digits
- 13 Highest point
- 14 Prohibit
- 15 Uniform
- 16 This city is home to the first public St.

- Patrick's Day Celebration in the US
- 19 Spiritual teacher
- 20 Comedian
- 21 Hot brewed beverage
- 22 U S heavyweight boxing champion
- 24 Secretly marry without consent
- 29 Old world fruit with many seeds
- 32 Also
- 33 Immoral act
- 34 A St Patrick's Day event
- 35 Creel
- 36 A projection on a wheel
- 38 Expressed clearly
- 40 Small Irish mischievous sprite
- 42 Fruit-filled pastry
- 44 Near
- 45 That thing
- 47 Lacking hair
- 50 Used to refer to a man
- 52 Consumed food
- 54 Observer
- 55 Harbor
- 57 Hue
- 58 Meshwork
- 61 Distinct philosophy
- 63 Lutefisk
- 64 Egyptian sun god

- 66 Part of the human psyche
- 67 Applies color with a brush
- 68 Contraction for I am
- 69 Guardian
- 70 Post Office
- 72 German city
- 74 First-rate
- 77 Tidy
- 78 St. Patrick's Day color
- 80 Flat-topped hill
- 82 Emergency

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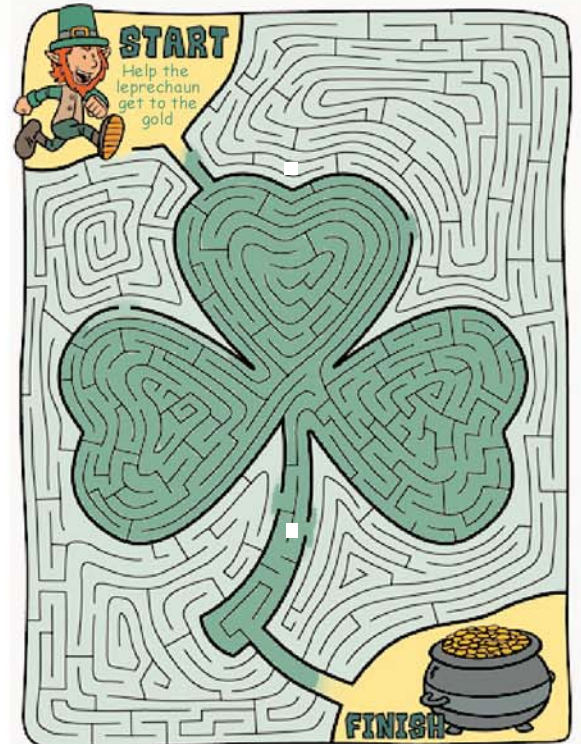


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- GREEN
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- EMERALD
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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Bid Forms and Non-collusive Bidding Certifications are available from the Town Clerks Office or the Town Highway Superintendent. Forms and Certifications must be in a sealed envelope with the company name clearly visible and marked **BID**. Bids may be **mailed** to: Town of Denning, P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725

All sealed bids must be received by Tuesday, April 8th, 2025 prior to the commencement of the Town of Denning Town Board Meeting; to begin at 6:00 P.M. during SAID meeting All Bids will be publicly opened and read. The meeting is to be held at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

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The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids without reason.

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March 12th, 2025

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Chapter 680 of the Laws of 2002 enacted General Municipal Law §209-cc, requiring the **ANNUAL REPORTING OF THE PRESENCE OF WILD ANIMALS**. Pursuant to this law, every person in New York State who owns, possesses or harbors a wild animal as set forth in §209-cc must report annually its presence on or before April 1, of each year with the Town Clerk where the animal is kept. A list of the common names of animals to be reported is available at the Town Clerk's Office. Failure to file as required will subject you to penalties under the law.

Town of Neversink
Staci Conjura, Town Clerk
Dated: March 11, 2025

3/13

Wawarsing Town Board Approves UC Executive Metzger's Proposal for Ellenville Warming Center Partnership Ellenville Warming Center Open Since Feb. 10 at Hunt Memorial Building

KINGSTON, NY - The Wawarsing Town Board last night unanimously approved a proposal by County Executive Metzger to partner on a warming center at the Hunt Memorial Building at 124 Canal Street in Ellenville. The County Executive proposed a plan in January - unanimously approved by the Village of Ellenville Trustees last month - in which the County would contract with Ellenville Regional Hospital to operate the warming center seven nights a week through March 31. The County moved quickly to enter into a contract with the hospital to open the center on February 10, and the Wawarsing Town Board agreed last night to contribute \$10,000 toward the cost, with the County responsible for just under \$40,000 of the cost.

The Warming Center has been utilized every night since it opened on February 10.

"There is a real need in this community for a warming center, and with a fully-equipped emergency shelter in town, no one should be without a warm bed," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "I want to thank the Village and Town leadership and Steve Kelley and his team at Ellenville Regional Hospital for partnering to move this plan forward quickly to keep community members warm and safe during this extremely cold winter."

The Hunt Building was renovated in 2022 to include a Red Cross emergency shelter, with beds for 12, showers, and a kitchen, thanks to a Community Development Block Grant

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting Thursday, March 13, 2025

at 7:00 p.m.

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through the state. The Town and Village erroneously believed that the building could not be used for purposes other than a declared disaster for a period of five years. County Executive Metzger contacted New York State Housing and Community Renewal directly last week and confirmed that the building could indeed be used as a warming center.

"The Hunt Building is an absolutely ideal location, and I am thrilled that we were able to get the needed confirmation to move forward," said County Executive Metzger.

"The Town of Wawarsing thanks all the agencies involved in getting this Warming Center off the ground, including Ellenville Regional Hospital, for providing personnel services and oversight of operations, Ulster County, and the Village of Ellenville," said Wawarsing Supervisor Terry Houck.

"We are extremely grateful to County Executive Jen Metzger and the County government, as well as Ellenville Regional Hospital and its President and CEO, Steve Kelley, for stepping in to provide this crucial service for those in need," said Ellenville Mayor Evan Trent. "It's amazing to see The Hunt Shelter's potential finally realized."

"This warming center is a testament to what we can achieve when local government and community partners come together with a shared purpose," said Johnny Frost, Town of Wawarsing Councilmember. "Ensuring that our residents have a safe, warm place during the coldest months is not just a priority - it's a responsibility. I'm proud to see Ulster County, the Town of Wawarsing, the Village of Ellenville, and Ellenville Regional Hospital working together to make this a reality for our community."

"Ellenville Regional Hospital is pleased to participate in and support Ulster County, the Village of Ellenville, and the Town of Wawarsing in providing shelter from the cold to some of the most vulnerable in our community," said Ellenville Regional Hospital President and CEO Steve Kelley.

Ellenville Regional Hospital is staffing the warming center to operate seven days a week, beginning at 11 PM, when the Village's warming center in the Courthouse at Village Hall closes, and continuing through 7 AM. Food is provided on arrival, and breakfast is served in the morning.

The Olive Free Library's acclaimed Piano Plus! Concert Series

West Shokan, NY: Each spring since 2015, the Olive Free Library in West Shokan has hosted the Piano Plus! Concert series, featuring world-class pianists and guest performers. 2025 sees the series enter its Ninth Season. The series is curated by Olive composer George Tsontakis



*Pianist Daria
Podorozhnova*

started playing the piano in a Special Music School affiliated with the Rostov State Conservatory. She is currently studying for a bachelor's degree and working with Alexandre Moutouzkine at Manhattan School of Music, where she has been awarded a Harold and Helene Schonberg Pianist Scholarship. She'll be playing a program that includes Fabregas and Brahms.

Terri Ji is a 22-year-old pianist from NYC. She is the 2024 Dora Zaslavsky Koch concerto competition winner at Manhattan School of Music and recently made her New York debut with the MSM Symphony Orchestra performing Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini. She is currently a junior at the Manhattan School of Music, where she studies with Marc Silverman and will be performing a program that includes Liszt, Debussy and Chopin.

Special guest Inesa Sinkevych is laureate of the 12th Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition, a Ukrainian-born pianist who also won first prizes in the Maria Canals International Piano Competition in Barcelona and the Concurso Internacional de Piano Premio "Jaén" in Spain. She has been praised for her "intense, thrilling and sophisticated playing" (General-Anzeiger, Germany) and "brilliant note-perfect fluency" (New York Concert Review). She has been described as a "Schubertian of real distinction," with a "maturity that belies her age (Music Web International), and as an "artist with intuition that knows

The concert on Saturday, March 29th at 4:00 p.m. will feature Daria Podorozhnova and Terri Ji, with special guest Inesa Sinkevych, all on piano. Pianist Daria Podorozhnova was born in Rostov-on-Don, Russia. She was 6 years old when she



Terri Ji

to look far beyond technique" (Diario de Noticias, Lisbon). "Grasping the overarching structure and purpose," writes JWR Review, "is Sinkevych's strength." Dr. Sinkevych has been a member of the Piano faculty of Manhattan School of Music's College Division since 2014 and Precollege Division since 2008, and is serving as a Co-Head of the Piano Department at the Manhattan School of Music since 2022.



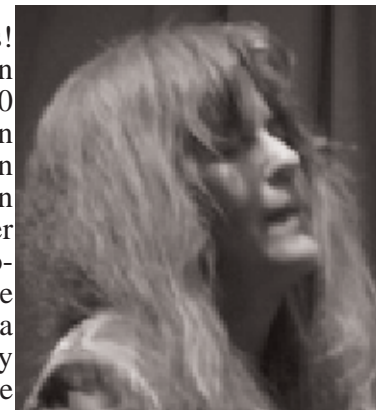
Inesa Sinkevych



Steve Beck

Pianist Steve Beck will perform a program on Saturday, April 12 at 4:00 p.m. that includes Schubert and Liszt. As a soloist, Mr. Beck has performed with the New York Philharmonic and the National Symphony and has appeared at Carnegie Hall, David Geffen Hall, Alice Tully Hall, the Kennedy Center, and the Library of Congress. He is on the faculty of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and the Sewanee Summer Music Festival. A Steinway Artist, he is a graduate of the Juilliard School, where he now teaches orchestral piano.

This year's Piano Plus! Concert series concludes on Saturday, May 10th at 4:00 p.m. with pianist Marilyn Crispell, who will perform an improvised program. Marilyn Crispell has been a composer and performer of contemporary improvised music since 1978. For ten years, she was a member of the Anthony Braxton Quartet and the Reggie Workman Ensemble, and she has performed and recorded extensively as a soloist and with players on the American and international jazz scene, also working with dancers, poets, film-makers and visual artists, and teaching workshops in improvisation. She has been the recipient of three New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship grants, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and a Mary Flagler Cary Charitable Trust composition commission.



Marilyn Crispell

The suggested donation for all concerts is \$15 at the door, or \$12 before the day of the concert. You can purchase your tickets at the Olive Free Library or at the library's website at olivefreelibrary.org/piano-plus-concert-series For more information, please call the Olive Free Library at 845-657-2482, or email

programs@olivefreelibrary.org, or visit olivefreelibrary.org.

Child Care Providers Needed

If you have considered working with or teaching young children, there is no better time to start! Sullivan County needs childcare throughout the county!

According to The U.S. Census Bureau, the population estimate as of July 1, 2023, is 79,920 people in Sullivan County. 6.1% of the county's population are children under the age of 5 (US Census Bureau, 2010). Making the under 5 population in Sullivan County, 4,795 children. The current number of infant / toddler childcare spots available in Sullivan County is 1,129. The bottom line is Sullivan County children and current providers NEED your assistance as childcare is filled with waiting lists.

Consider working from home and teaching children. You can run your own small business from home while contributing to and supporting the working families in Sullivan County!

If you're worried about start-up cost, we may be able to assist in supply costs through grant programs facilitated through the Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. and ALL required training is free to anyone opening a program in Sullivan County!!! Please contact the Sullivan County Child Care Council for step-by-step assistance with the application process, business aspect of your program, as well as the programs and resources available when your program is established.

The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. has determined an immediate need for Infant and Toddler childcare based on our referral services:

- o County wide - of 44 inquiries 31 were for Infant and Toddler care
- o Requests for Infant and Toddler care through our agency have been made mainly for Fallsburg, Liberty and Monticello
- o Most of our providers have no infant or toddler spots available

For more information please visit our website: [scchildcare.com](https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/becomeaprovider.asp), the Office of Children and Family Services at : <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/becomeaprovider.asp> , or give our office a call at (845) 292-7166.

US Census Bureau, 2010.

Retrieved on 5/07/2019:

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/sullivan-county-new-york/AGE135217#AGE135217>

Fraud Task Force Announces Arrests

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

o January 11, 2025 - Cara Green, 36, of Middletown, was arrested and charged with Grand Larceny in the 3rd Degree, a Class D felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, a Class E felony. It is alleged that between December 1, 2022, and February 29, 2024, Green stole \$16,957.50 in Child Care Benefits from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services. It is also alleged that during the same time, Green was living in Matamoras, Pa. As a non-resident of New York State, she would not have been entitled to any Child Care Benefits issued from NY and particularly the Sullivan County Department of Social Services. Two New York State Applications for Certain Benefits (Child



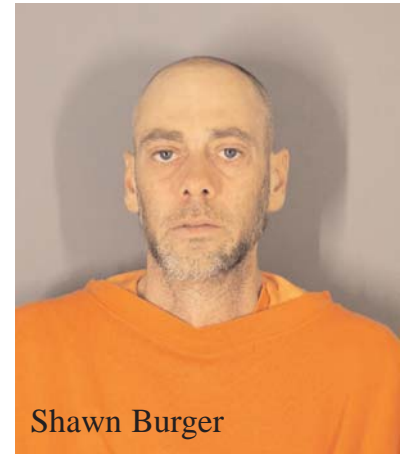
Cara Green

Care), filed by Green, indicated that she was living in Wurtsboro, when in fact she was living in Matamoras. Green was processed and released on her own recognizance to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

o January 18, 2025 - Shawn Burger, 45, of Woodbourne, was arrested for Welfare Fraud in the 4th Degree, a Class E felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, a Class E felony. It is alleged that

between May 1, 2022 and January 31, 2023, Burger was

employed by a lumber company but was also in receipt of SNAP benefits from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services. On a recertification dated December 20, 2022, Burger failed to report his income from his employment. This unreported income during the time period indicated resulted in Burger stealing \$2,253.84 in SNAP benefits to which he was not otherwise entitled. Burger was processed and remanded to the Sullivan County Jail pending a future court date in the Town of Liberty Court.



Shawn Burger

o February 19, 2025 - Beondi Mason, 44, of Binghamton, was arrested and charged with Welfare Fraud in the 3rd Degree, a Class D felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, a Class E felony. It is alleged that between December 1, 2021 and November 30, 2022, Mason was in receipt of SNAP benefits issued by the Sullivan County Department of Social Services while failing to disclose that he was also in receipt of Workers Compensation Benefits during this same time period. Mason is also alleged to have failed to disclose truthful and accurate information about his household composition,



Beondi Mason

specifically other members in the household who were gainfully employed. This unreported income resulted in Mason receiving \$5,757 from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services to which he was not otherwise entitled. Mason was processed and released on his own recognizance to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



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April 5, 2025**

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Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

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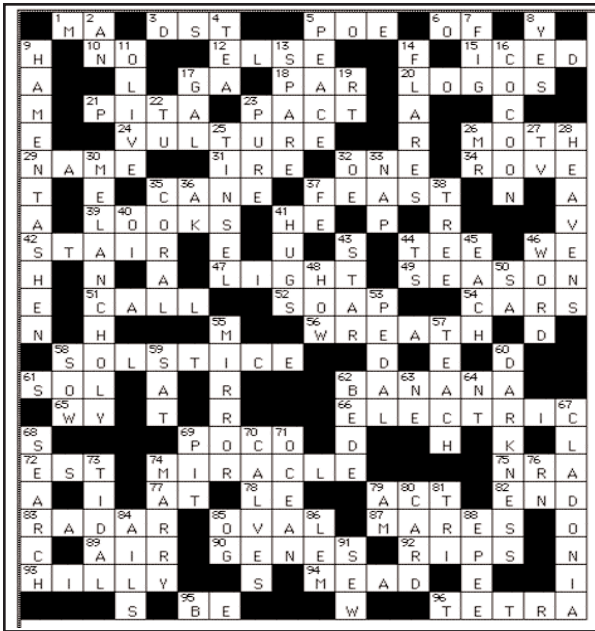


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Ans to last week's Crossword




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Covered Dish Supper**
Saturday,
April 5, 2025 5:30 pm
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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/16/25	Claryville FD All You Can Eat St Patrick's Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon
3/20/25	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
3/20/25	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
4/1/25	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
4/5/25	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church
4/8/25	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
4/14/25	Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
4/16/25	Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association 1st meeting of the year-Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm

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 Update For The Week Of March 10 - 14, 2025

Legislative Committee Meetings are Livestreamed at

<https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>

Monday, March 10

- o **2:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston and Via Legislature Livestream
- 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 Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Tuesday, March 11

- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Health**, in the Director's Conference Room, 239 Golden Hill Lane, Kingston

Wednesday, March 12

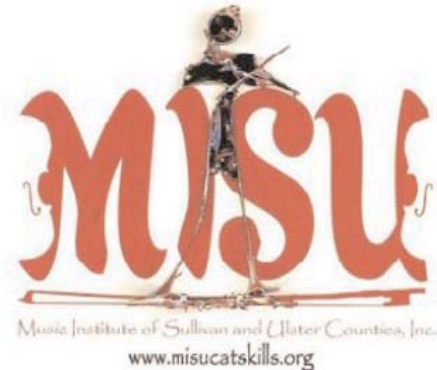
- o No Meetings

Thursday, March 13

- o **4:00 PM - Laws, 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 Committee) - Ways & Means Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Youth Board**, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston
- o **6:15 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Regular Board Meeting**, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Offices, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

Friday, March 14

- o No Meetings



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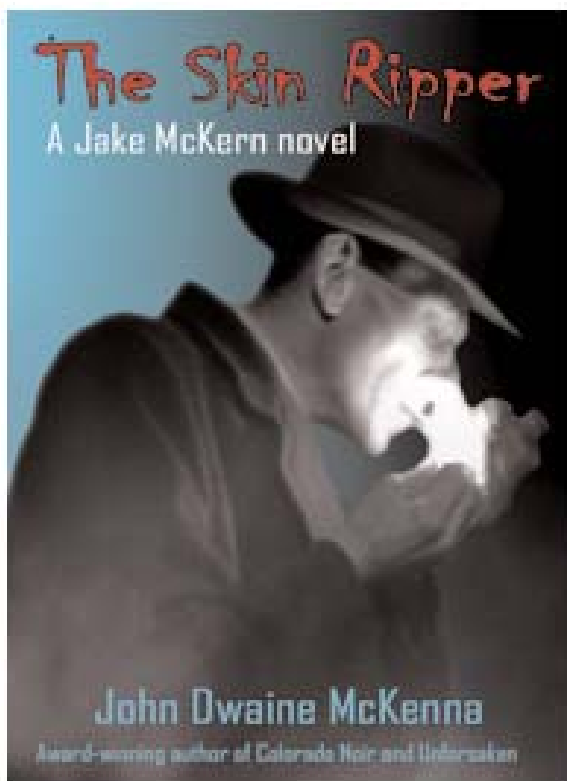
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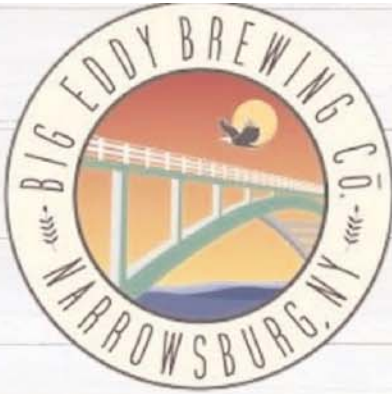
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WCAA Gallery Opening Reception a Success

Wow! The Wayne County Arts Alliance opened our 2025 Gallery season with a bang - 534 visitors came through the gallery on March 1, for the opening of "WCAA DINNER PARTY - Setting the Table for Women" an art exhibition featuring work by 240 students. Proud parents, teachers and students excited to see their art displayed on gallery walls, filled the gallery with energy. Debby Pollack worked closely with the art teachers in all 3 Wayne County school districts to ask the students "If you could have dinner with any woman, past or present, who would she be?" Come and see their creative answers. The exhibition continues through March 29 at 959 Main St. Honesdale. Gallery hours are Thursdays - Sundays 11am-4pm. Many area restaurants and food businesses are supporting this project and WCAA has put together a fabulous COUPON BOOK with coupons valued at \$75++. These are available, while supplies last, at the gallery for a \$10 suggested donation. All proceeds from the coupon book will go to the schools' art departments.

More about the exhibition -

Wayne County Arts Alliance Gallery to honor Women's History Month with the second annual Wayne County School District student art show: "The WCAA DINNER PARTY: Setting the Table for Women."

"The WCAA Dinner Party: Setting the Table for Women," opens the 2025 WCAA Gallery's 2025 season and will run March 1 through March 29. The show riffs on "The Dinner Party," a permanent installation at the Brooklyn Museum of Art by American multi-media artist Judy Chicago. Chicago's "The Dinner Party", created between 1975 and 1979, imagines a banquet for 39 historic or mythological women, each celebrated with a unique place setting.

For "The WCAA Dinner Party," art teachers from Wayne County's three school districts and the Cooperage Pop-Up Club asked students, "If you could have dinner with any woman, historical or contemporary, who would she be?"

Students' answers included Taylor Swift and Billie Eilish, Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman, Clara Barton and Helen Keller, Greta Thunberg and Amelia Earhart, Michelle Obama, Aphrodite, and their own mothers and grandmothers. The young artists then were assigned to make two or three-dimensional works celebrating their choices.

"Challenged to explore the impact of women-both past and present-these young artists have truly embraced the task, creating powerful works that reflect their personal inspirations and the strength of those who have shaped our world," writes Kathy Higgins, Art Department chair at Honesdale High School. The WCAA show "offer(s) Wayne Highlands students a unique opportunity to connect with the community through their creativity."

"The WCAA Dinner Party" is sponsored by the WCAA with support from area restaurant and business owners, who have made monetary contributions and will offer discounts during March and April in honor of "Women's History" and community art. Funds raised will go to the art departments of the participating school districts.

Area businesses and restaurants who are sponsoring this Exhibition include: A.M. Skier Insurance Agency, Dave's Super Duper Supermarket, Dunkin', Elegante Restaurante and Pizzeria, Green House, Half Baked Sandwich Joint, Here & Now Brewing Company, Hotel Wayne, JoRob's Naturals, Laurel's Hometown Café, Moka Origins, Native Food and Drink, Nature's Grace Heath Food and Deli, Paulie's Hot Dogs, Scarfallotos Towne House Diner and Restaurant, Tablespoons Kitchen, The Inn at Woodloch Resort, The Mustard Seed Café, The Red Schoolhouse, The Settlers Inn, Tick Tocks on Terrace, Two Guys From Italy, Weis Market, Wood Winery.

"The WCAA Dinner Party: Setting the Table for Women" opened Saturday, March 1, with an artists' reception from 3 to 5 p.m. The gallery is located at 959 Main Street in Honesdale. After March 1, our Gallery and Artisan Shop regular hours are Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays 11am-4pm. For information about this and other WCAA projects, go to www.waynecountyartsalliance.org

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Live

Tuesday, March 18, 2025
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Presented by:

James Farnham, MBA, MS
Licensed Agent

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Local Firefighters Aim for High Standards Bureau of Fire Holds Accountability Training

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's Bureau of Fire, Join Sullivan Fire Task Force, and the Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Association co-hosted a course Sunday designed to encourage firefighters to seek excellence not just in fighting fires but in operating their fire departments.

More than 60 first-responders gathered at Resorts World Catskills in Monticello, where they spent the morning diving deep into accountability and professionalism on & off the scene, from the words they say to the clothes they wear.



“The volunteer fire service is filled with people from all walks of life,” said co-presenter Brian Soller, Rock Hill FD chief and a State-certified fire instructor. “Regardless of our rank, we need to look in the mirror to best represent ourselves, our department, the fire service and our community in the most professional way we can.”

“Serving as a firefighter is a privilege and a responsibility that goes beyond what we do at the scene of a call,” added co-presenter Nate Routledge, Roscoe-Rockland FD's chief, a State-certified instructor, and a paid firefighter/EMT with the Monticello Joint Fire District. “Our professionalism starts with a commitment to personal accountability, and that's something worth talking about with one another.”

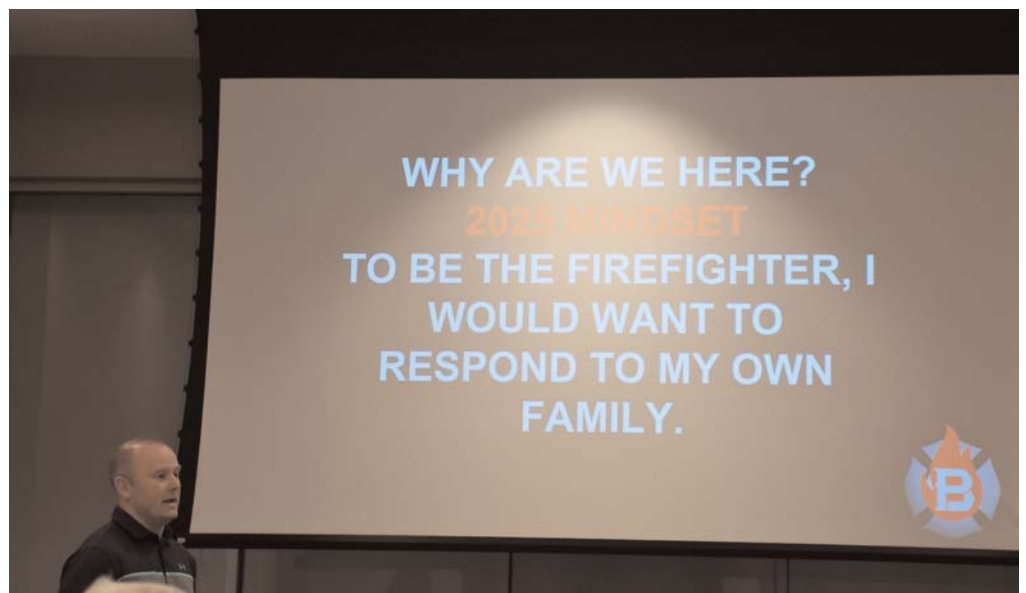
“Brian and Nate displayed a slide that asked, 'Why are we here?'”



explained Sullivan County Fire Coordinator John Hauschild. “The answer is something we all can agree with: to be the firefighter I would want to respond to my own family's emergency. I'm glad to tell the public we serve that this is the attitude we train our firefighters to have.”

Roscoe-Rockland FD Chief Nate Routledge co-instructed Sunday's “Self-Reflection and Accountability” training with Rock Hill FD Chief Brian Soller.

More than 60 firefighters, representing around half of Sullivan County's departments, gathered at Resorts World Catskills in Monticello Sunday to discuss and reflect on their accountability and professionalism. Co-instructor Brian Soller is standing behind them.



Hiking the Catskills Then and Now

Paul Misko of *Catskill Forest Adventures*
Sunday, March 23rd 2 p.m.

In Person and Virtual on Zoom Members: FREE, Non Members: \$5

Misko's multimedia presentation will show the equipment, food and clothing used by Catskill hikers in the 1800's, and the progression of equipment innovation. He will share the many funny and disturbing anecdotes found in the writings of John Burroughs and others. You will hear things about John Burroughs you never knew! The talk will close with a quick review of what every Catskill hiker should carry in their daypack.

Time and the Valleys Museum

332 Main Street
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845 985-7700

info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org





Sundown
United
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Church



April 5, 2025

5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share
Enjoy good food and fellowship

and don't forget to check out the tables
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More about the exhibition -

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"The WCAA Dinner Party" is sponsored by the WCAA with support from area restaurant and business owners, who have made monetary contributions and will offer discounts during March and April in honor of "Women's History" and community art. Funds raised will go to the art departments of the participating school districts.

Area businesses and restaurants who are sponsoring this Exhibition include: A.M. Skier Insurance Agency, Dave's Super Duper Supermarket, Dunkin', Elegante Restaurant and Pizzeria, Green House, Half Baked Sandwich Joint, Here & Now Brewing Company, Hotel Wayne, JoRob's Naturals, Laurel's Hometown Café, Moka Origins, Native Food and Drink, Nature's Grace Heath Food and Deli, Paulie's Hot Dogs, Scarfallotos Towne House Diner and Restaurant, Tablespoons Kitchen, The Inn at Woodloch Resort, The Mustard Seed Café, The Red Schoolhouse, The Settlers Inn, Tick Tocks on Terrace, Two Guys From Italy, Weis Market, Wood Winery.

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DEC Announces 2024 Bear Harvest Estimates *Healthy Bear Population Continues to Provide Great Hunting Opportunities in New York State*

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced that hunters in New York harvested an estimated 1,685 bears during the 2024 hunting seasons. The 2024 bear harvest was 24 percent higher than 2023 and approximately 13 percent higher than the five- and 10-year averages.

“New York's healthy bear population continues to provide excellent hunting opportunities,” said DEC Division of Fish and Wildlife Director Jacqueline Lendrum. “Data collected and voluntarily submitted by hunters, taxidermists, and meat processors through the Black Bear Management Cooperator Program allows DEC to monitor trends to ensure the bear population remains robust and hunting traditions continue for the long term.”

<https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/black-bear/management/cooperator-program>

Hunters harvested an estimated 657 bears in the Northern Zone and an estimated 1,028 bears in the Southern Zone. Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) within the Catskills and western Adirondacks continued to produce the highest bear harvest densities. In WMUs 3C, 3K, 3M, 4P, 4R, 4W, 4Z, 6C, 6H, and 8Y hunters harvested more than 10 bears per 100 square miles, with hunters taking more than 14 bears per 100 square miles in WMUs 3C and 6C.

Long-term trends in bear harvest density suggest that bear populations have stabilized in both the Northern and Southern Zones following population expansions that contributed to peak bear harvest densities throughout the early 2000s. Widespread drought conditions likely contributed to the elevated bear harvest during the 2024 seasons. During periods of drought, natural food sources for bears can become scarce and bears may travel farther in search of food or congregate around available food sources. This can increase the likelihood that hunters will encounter bears.

Notable Numbers

- o 14.4: the number of bears harvested per 100 square miles in WMU 6C, which had the highest bear harvest density of any WMU.
- o 564 pounds: the heaviest dressed-weight bear reported to DEC in 2024. The male bear was harvested in the town of Wilton, Saratoga County, WMU 5J.
- o 46: the number of cooperating taxidermists and meat processors that assisted with the collection of biological data from harvested bears in 2024.
- o 677: the number of harvested bears from which DEC received pre-molar teeth to determine the bear's age in 2024.
- o 21: the age of the oldest bear harvested in 2023 (the most recent year for which age data are available). The bear was har-

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Black bear harvest data are gathered from two main sources: harvest reports required of all successful bear hunters and the physical examination of bears by DEC staff, cooperating taxidermists, and meat processors. Harvest estimates are made by cross-referencing these two data sources and determining the rate at which hunters report their bear harvests in each zone. In fall 2025, DEC will send a commemorative 2024 Black Bear Management Coordinator Patch and a letter confirming each bear's age to all hunters who reported their bear harvest and submitted a tooth for age analysis.

DEC's 2024 Bear Harvest Summary report (PDF)

<https://dec.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2025-03/bbrpt2024.pdf>

provides tables, figures, and maps detailing the bear harvest around the state. Past harvest summaries are also available on DEC's website.

<https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting/deer-bear>
 DEC's Black Bear Management Plan (PDF)

<https://dec.ny.gov/sites/default/files/2025-03/bear-plan2014.pdf>

provides information on how DEC determines black bear population objectives throughout the state

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

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

In 2024, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 362 search and rescue missions, extinguished 122 wildfires covering nearly 6,500 acres, participated in 60 prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate more than 1,155 acres of land, and worked on cases that resulted in more than 1,200 tickets and arrests.

“DEC’s Forest Rangers bravely protect our state owned and managed lands, as well as the people who use them. Whether it is a search and rescue call or a wildfire burning out of control, they are always ready when emergencies strike,” DEC Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. “Every day and in all conditions, Rangers demonstrate their expertise and leadership in protecting the public and State lands, serving as role models for the next generation of environmental stewards. DEC encourages interested New Yorkers to visit DEC’s website to learn how to become the next New York State Forest Ranger.”

Bennington County, Vermont



Wilderness Rescue: On Feb. 26 at 9:20 a.m., New York

State Police (N Y S P) Aviation received a call to assist with a plane crash on Mt. Equinox in Bennington County, Vermont. The report indicated three passengers were aboard the plane at the time of the crash. Forest Rangers Gullen and Thompson were preparing for a day of



hoist training out of Albany International Airport with NYS Police Pilots Anderton and Sperber and Trooper Aurigema. When the call came in, the crew piloted the rescue helicopter to the crash site. At 12:15 p.m., Trooper Aurigema lowered both Forest Rangers to the subjects. Rangers packaged the patients and Trooper Aurigema hoisted them into the helicopter. An ambulance took two of the patients to the hospital and a MedFlight transported the third patient. A video featuring the rescuers is available on DEC’s Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=666014492466378&rdid=kAhTzZOhwzgyGwzi>

Town of Hunter Greene County

Wilderness Rescue: On March 2 at 2:10 p.m., Greene County contacted Forest Ranger Dawson to help a subject with an arm injury at Kaaterskill Falls. The 25-year-old from Manhattan was with a friend hiking down to the middle pool area. When hiking down the icy stairs towards the lower falls, and even while wearing microspikes, he slipped on the ice and landed on his shoulder. At 3:30 p.m., Rangers Dawson and Gullen reached the subject. Rangers provided care and assisted the subject to Route 23A where his friend picked him up. Resources were clear at 4:25 p.m.



Kaaterskill Falls icy staircase

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC’s Hike Smart NY, Adirondack Backcountry Information, and Catskill Backcountry Information webpages for more information.

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

Governor Hochul Announces \$5 Million Effort to Fight Poverty in Upstate New York FY 2025 Budget Included \$50 Million Investment for Child Poverty Reduction

Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse Have Some Of The Highest Poverty Rates in New York

Governor Kathy Hochul announced new steps to fight poverty in Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse, three communities chosen because they include some of the highest poverty rates out of anywhere in New York State. Governor Hochul's FY 2025 Budget allocated \$50 million for this antipoverty programming, which is now being utilized by community-based groups in these communities.

"Every family should have the opportunity to grow and thrive in New York, and I'm committed to delivering the resources to make that a reality," Governor Hochul said. "As the first Governor from Upstate New York in nearly a century, I know many of our neighbors struggle to make ends meet. Working together, we're going to fight poverty and lift up the families who need it most."

The cities of Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse are investing \$50 million included in the FY 2025 Budget to bring much-needed resources to help families living in poverty increase earnings and improve family well-being. Each locality sought and received community input while working with their county Department of Social Services to develop and finalize their plans.

The Monroe County Department of Human Services will use \$25 million to implement three targeted strategies to strengthen low-income families' financial footing and reduce poverty in the city of Rochester. The strategies include a monthly cash incentive program for pregnant women who agree to participate in activities that support maternal health, as well as rental subsidy and upward mobility mentoring programs.

- o Beginning within 180 days of their expected delivery date, up to 200 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)-eligible pregnant women in certain ZIP codes in Rochester will be eligible to receive a cash incentive of \$1000 per month for up to two years, as well as case management support, prenatal healthcare referrals, and services to reduce maternal morbidity and infant mortality. Participants will also be required to carry out other activities that support mental health and promote self-sufficiency and upward mobility.

- o The rental subsidy program will provide a monthly supplement to 100 families currently receiving Temporary Assistance that live in designated zip codes in Rochester over two years. Families receiving the subsidy will also receive case management, financial counseling and support necessary to increase their income so that their total monthly rent does not exceed 30 percent of their monthly income.



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- o The Upward Mobility Mentoring program will provide up to 1,200 TANF-eligible families with direct support and cash assistance with the aim of having a meaningful and sustainable impact on families' long term economic potential. This program will address five pillars of upward mobility: family stability, well-being, financial management, education/training, and employment/careers. Every enrolled family will create individualized life plans for upward mobility and participate in coaching and financial counseling to maximize the potential for their long term success.

The Onondaga County Department of Social Services will use \$12.5 million to focus on addressing generational poverty, promoting housing stability, improving school attendance rates and distributing free diapers to families that are eligible for Temporary Assistance.

- o The existing 2Gen Onondaga pilot project will be expanded, providing intensive case management and trauma-informed goal-setting for Syracuse families with children who receive Temporary Assistance to better promote family well-being. The program also encourages continued employment by providing payments to help ease the perceived effects of "benefits cliffs." Participating households whose income exceeds eligibility for assistance will continue to receive their monthly benefit for 12 months, after which the benefit will be slowly reduced to zero. (Contd. Pg. 43)

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FY 2025 Budget Included \$50 Million Investment for Child Poverty Reduction

(From Pg. 42) Additionally, the plan will support non-custodial parents by helping them reduce their child support orders to better reflect what they can afford and connecting them with employment and parenting programs.

- o The Central New York Centralized Housing Assistance and Network for Community Engagement (CNY CHANCE) program is designed to help alleviate an increasingly tight housing market. The program includes a range of efforts to promote housing stability, including the creation of a housing database, landlord engagement and incentives, and advocacy for affordable housing development, among others.

- o Full-time attendance liaisons will be embedded in the Syracuse City School District to support students from families who are receiving or eligible to receive Temporary Assistance that are struggling with attendance issues. The liaisons will provide continuous support to families and work to resolve issues that are contributing to chronic absenteeism.

- o Onondaga County will work with the CNY Diaper Bank to provide free diapers to any family with a child under age 4 who lives in the City of Syracuse and is eligible for Temporary Assistance.

The Erie County Department of Social Services will use \$12.5 million to support upward mobility for TANF-eligible families experiencing poverty who reside in the city of Buffalo. The goal of the incentive-based program is to improve employment outcomes for families and children and reduce child poverty. Program components include life coaches, career coaches, financial literacy services, linkage to support and resources, and direct cash incentives.

- o Direct cash payments would be provided as an incentive for up to 600 participating families. The families could receive up to 29 incentive payments totaling \$16,000 per family if they meet certain benchmarks, including engagement with career and life coaches, making progress toward identified goals, enrollment in training and/or education/upskilling activities, and attainment and retention of employment.

- o Savings accounts will be opened for up to 300 participants and every dollar deposited by the participant will receive a \$3 match up to \$3,000.

- o Approximately 115 participants will receive assistance in obtaining a driver license, as a first step toward car ownership.

- o Participants will also have access to various workforce development programs, including subsidized job placement, on-the-job training, industry-specific career pathways programs, and pre-apprenticeships, among others.

This initiative builds on Governor Hochul's commitment to making New York the best, most affordable place to start and raise a family. The Governor's historic investments in her 2025 State of the State and FY 2026 Executive Budget will advance innovative actions to best address the needs of every child and family in New York:

- o Governor Hochul's expansion of the Child Tax credit to \$1,000 or \$500 per child will help address the economic challenges that families are facing and is projected to significantly reduce child poverty in New York State. When fully implemented, this historic investment could reduce child poverty statewide by up to 8.2 percent. This would build on the progress this Administration has already made reducing child poverty

through actions in recent budgets. Combined with other measures like expanding subsidized childcare, this Administration's actions to date are estimated to reduce child poverty by up to 17.7 percent.

- o The Governor also proposed New York's first-ever inflation refund that will put \$3 billion back in the pockets of 8.6 million taxpayers. By the end of 2025, New York State will send direct payments to everyday New Yorkers. Joint tax filers who make \$300,000 or less will receive a \$500 payment, while all single New York taxpayers who make \$150,000 or less will receive a \$300 payment. These one-time payments will provide New Yorkers with much-needed financial relief in 2025.

- o Governor Hochul will partner with Baby2Baby to provide maternal health and newborn supply boxes to Medicaid-enrolled expectant mothers and those reached through community organizations and hospitals in low-income areas. The boxes will include resources, educational materials, self-care products, and diapers, reaching approximately 100,000 families at full implementation.

- o Governor Hochul will also provide millions of diapers annually and expand maternal behavioral health services. Additionally, the Governor will co-locate mental health services into OBGYN practices in high-needs communities.

- o Building on the Governor's support for pregnant women and infants, the New York State BABY (Birth Allowance for Beginning Year) Benefit will provide a \$100 monthly benefit during pregnancy and a \$1,200 benefit at birth to low-income public assistance recipients. This will increase household income for thousands of New York families.

- o Additionally, to take action against pervasive appraisal bias through the housing industry that has unjustly stripped families in communities of color out of the opportunity to purchase a home, Governor Hochul proposed a suite of actions to make discriminatory appraisal practices unlawful, enforce anti-discrimination principles in appraisals, and diversify the appraiser workforce.

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Commissioner Barbara C. Guinn said, "Poverty is a reality that affects the lives of far too many children and their families, limiting their opportunities and potential. Research shows that the focused support and assistance contained in these locally-driven anti-poverty initiatives—from rental subsidies, maternal health support, financial coaching, school attendance incentives, to cash assistance—are effective at improving family well-being and the economic security of children and families. We look forward to the implementation of these programs in Rochester, Buffalo, and Syracuse and are grateful to Governor Hochul for prioritizing an agenda that uplifts working families and makes our state more livable and affordable for all New Yorkers."

Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer said, "From boosting financial literacy to job-training to improving parenting skills and support for steady housing in Buffalo and Rochester and Syracuse, this is an investment in our children, in our future, and building a better life for families that need a helping hand. I will always fight to deliver resources to New York's families to give all our children the best opportunities for a bright future and support Governor Hochul's efforts to achieve these goals."

Representative Joe Morelle said, "Lifting children and families out of poverty has always been one of my top priorities. This marks a vital step forward in our efforts to lower costs by making high-quality healthcare and housing opportunities more affordable and putting money directly in the pockets of those who need it most. I'm grateful to Governor Hochul for her leadership on this important issue, and I look forward to working with her and Monroe County Executive Adam Bello to implement Project Prosper throughout Rochester."

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From President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James

Another week of Rotary has flown by with much to look forward to in the good things we do! All hands are needed on deck as we bring in the final few months of this Rotary year.

Meeting Program: Club Action: Speakers, Topics, and Needs - Oh My!

Members present shared thoughts on future speakers and interest they would like to pursue. Volunteers were asked to join in making connections and scheduling. If you have an idea, please let anyone on the Speakers Committee know.

This Week's Program: Angela Dutcher - Literacy Volunteers Update

Agenda for March 11, 2025

1. Meeting Called to Order - President Lori Orestano-James
2. Pledge Of Allegiance - Shana Bruestle
3. Introduction of Guests of Members - Full Membership
4. Installation of New Member Shana Bruestle/ ADG Jack Strassman/Sponsor Les Kristt
4. Guest Speaker: Angela Dutcher - Literacy Volunteers Update
5. Committee Reports:
 - Taste of Sullivan - Helen Diehl
 - Scholarship Committee - Marty Miller
 - RYLA Update - Lori Orestano-James
 - Rotary Radio - Rick Stein
 - Humpback Friday - Barbara Carr
6. Regional Updates/District Updates - Meet Ups, District Conference
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Happy Dollars
10. 50/50 Raffle
11. Adjourn

Link for Zoom Meeting Sign-on:
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Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

March 11, 2025 - Taste of Sullivan Committee Meeting - 5:30 - Albella

March 18, 2025 - Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
 5:30 - 6:30 - Albella

March 21, 2025 - Scholarship Applications Due

Humpback Friday, March 21, 2025 - Starter's, Broadway, Monticello, 5pm - 7pm

Taste of Sullivan - April 22, 2025, SUNY Sullivan, 6pm - 8pm

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Lastly, our meetings are hybrid. We would love to see you at our meetings either in-person or and/or Zoom. For those of you who attend regularly, we thank you for your commitment.

With Rotary Pride,
 Lori Orestano-James
 President Monticello Rotary 2024-2025

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Tantalize Your Taste Buds at the Monticello Rotary Taste of Sullivan!



Monticello - The Monticello Rotary Second Annual Taste of Sullivan in collaboration with SUNY Sullivan to benefit the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless will take place at the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse at SOCC on April 22, 2025 from 6pm - 8pm.

Over 20 Sullivan County restaurants, distilleries, and food distributors will be serving samplings of their culinary delicacies. From appetizers to desserts, participants will enjoy the multicultural and diverse eatery options in our area. Students from the SUNY Sullivan Culinary Department, along with SUNY Rotaract Members and Monticello and Fallsburg High School Interact Clubs, will be on hand to showcase their culinary talents and assist in the operations of this event.



In addition, raffles will be available for gift certificates to the vendors present and many others throughout Sullivan County to help raise funds for this worthy cause. Tickets are priced at \$40 per person and are available online: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/PGFwGZAT853LN> or through Monticello Rotary members, contacting us at RotaryMonti@gmail.com, or by Facebook Messenger PM to our Facebook Page.

Any restaurant/distillery/food distributor who would like to participate, please contact us as indicated above.

Monti Rotary Scholarships Available

Attention all Monticello Central School District High School and Fallsburg Junior Senior High School Class of 2025 students: Monticello Rotary Scholarship Applications are available now from your School Guidance Counselors. Up to \$10,000 will be distributed to successful graduates to use in the next part of their life's journey. Application Deadline March 21st. For additional information, email RotaryMonti@gmail.com. Application can be downloaded then submitted as indicated here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bj3dyAlucDKRM_0sUWYON-AdyV1XPJ8u/view?usp=sharing

Governor Hochul Announces \$90 Million Available on Local Roadways as Part of Comprehensive “Safe System” Approach on Highways Across New York

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that \$90 million is now available to help local governments enhance safety and reduce fatalities on their roads, part of a comprehensive “Safe System” approach toward zero deaths being deployed by the State Department of Transportation to reduce fatalities on all highway systems across New York. The funding will support projects intended to prevent vehicles from inadvertently straying from their lanes and to lessen the severity of crashes that result from those instances. In New York State, about 40 percent of crash fatalities occur when a vehicle departs from its lane. The initiative is part of a multi-year, multi-agency action plan released last year by the New York State Department of Transportation to reduce such incidents and minimize the injuries and fatalities that result from them.

“Safe highways save lives and through the adoption of a ‘Safe System’ approach, we are holistically looking at our highway systems to see where our safety investments can make the biggest difference in reducing fatalities,” Governor Hochul said. “The funding we are making available today will help local governments design and implement projects that will enhance the safety of their roadways and make it more likely that drivers reach their destination unharmed.”

Striving to achieve a Safe System Approach toward Zero Deaths, the New York State Department of Transportation in the summer of 2024 released the Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan, which calls for comprehensive approach to be undertaken by NYSDOT and its partner agencies to reduce fatalities and serious injuries that result when vehicles inadvertently depart their lanes or the roadway. Under the plan, NYSDOT is focusing on engineering improvements, public education and awareness campaigns, and the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee is coordinating law enforcement activities.

Funding for these projects is available through the Federal Highway Administration's Highway Safety Improvement Program and may be used to support the design and construction of countermeasures intended to reduce roadway/lane departures and lessen the likelihood that departure-related crashes cause death or serious injury. Such countermeasures include, but are not limited to, enhanced striping, curve warning signs, rumble strips and median barriers. The funding complements an additional \$90 million that has also been set aside for NYSDOT to make safety enhancements on roads in the state highway system.

A portion of the funds - about \$10 million - has been set aside to support local municipalities in developing Local Road Safety Plans, which identify and analyze problem areas and prioritize potential safety improvements.

Minimum available funds per local project is \$250,000 and additional information about the funding and how local governments can propose projects is available here. The following entities are eligible to sponsor a project:

- o Counties, towns, villages and Native Nations
- o Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- o Counties interested in sponsoring a project on behalf of one or more municipalities within their county are also eligible to apply.

About the Department of Transportation
It is the mission of the New York State Department of Transportation to provide a safe, reliable, equitable and resilient transportation system that connects communities, enhances quality of life, protects the environment and supports the economic well-being of New York State.

Lives are on the line; slow down and move over for highway workers!

For more information, find us on Facebook, follow us on X or Instagram, or visit our website. For up-to-date travel information, call 511, visit www.511NY.org or download the free 511NY mobile app.

Senators Gillibrand, Hassan, Cramer and Collins Reintroduce Bipartisan Legislation to Strengthen Northern Border Security

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Kevin Cramer (R-ND), and Susan Collins (R-ME) reintroduced the Northern Border Security Enhancement and Review Act, bipartisan legislation to strengthen security at the northern border by requiring the Department of Homeland Security to regularly complete a new Northern Border Threat Analysis and update its Northern Border Strategy. Even though criminal activity continues to evolve along the northern border, there has not been a Northern Border Threat Analysis conducted since 2017, and the Northern Border Strategy has not been updated since 2018. This legislation is part of Senator Gillibrand's ongoing efforts to strengthen border security.

“Customs and Border Protection agents have struggled to address a dramatic increase in the number of unauthorized crossings at our northern border,” said Senator Gillibrand. “This bill is a commonsense, bipartisan measure to give federal law enforcement and congressional leaders more data and strategic direction to address the situation, which will help protect our national security. I am proud to cosponsor this bill, and I look forward to working across the aisle to get it passed.”

“Strengthening security of our Northern border is vital to keeping both New Hampshire and our country safe,” said Senator Hassan. “This bipartisan legislation will require regular assessments of our Northern border security to prevent criminal activity. I will continue to work closely with law enforcement officials at our Northern border to provide them with the tools and resources that they need to combat these evolving threats and keep our communities safe.”

“With the United States and Canada sharing the world's longest border, our economic and national security interests are intertwined,” said Senator Cramer. “National security threats are not restricted to the southern border so a comprehensive approach is necessary. I joined Senator Hassan in introducing the Northern Border Security Enhancement and Review Act to ensure the dependability and safety of our shared border for the families and communities who live on both sides of the border.”

“Our border security policies must address the unique challenges along the U.S.-Canada border, where vast, remote areas make enforcement difficult,” said Senator Collins. “By improving data collection and oversight of threats and enforcement efforts, this bipartisan bill would strengthen security, improve coordination, and help to ensure we have the resources needed to protect our northern border effectively.”

SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



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

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

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

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

For any other questions
845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

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Amid Global Increase in Cases, Ulster County Department of Health Urges Residents to Get Vaccinated Against Measles

No Known Cases have been Identified in Ulster County

KINGSTON, NY - As measles cases continue to rise globally, the Ulster County Department of Health urges residents to take proactive steps to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their community by getting vaccinated against measles.

In 2024, there were 285 measles cases reported in the United States; thus far this year, according to the CDC, more than 164 measles cases have been reported in nine states, including two cases in New York City as well as cases in New Jersey, Rhode Island, Alaska, California, Georgia, New Mexico, Texas and Kentucky. More than 80% of cases are among youth under the age of 20, with 30% of cases among children under five. One quarter of cases resulted in hospitalizations.

No one infected had completed the two doses of the MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) vaccination cycle; 95% were fully unvaccinated and the remaining had only one dose of the vaccine. One unvaccinated child in Texas has died.

There are no current cases of measles identified in Ulster County. As of January 1, the New York State Immunization Information System shows significantly disparate rates of measles (MMR) vaccination in Ulster County, ranging as high as 100% and as low as 57% across our municipalities.

“The MMR vaccine is the most effective way to prevent measles,” said Ulster County Public Health Director Eve Walter. “The vaccine is recommended for children from 12 to 15 months of age, with a second dose given at four to six years of age. Adults who have not had the MMR vaccine or have not had a documented case of measles can also get vaccinated. The Ulster County Department of Health provides vaccines free of charge for residents who lack insurance coverage.”

“Measles is a preventable disease, and the best way to protect yourself and children from measles is to be fully vaccinated,” said Dr. Gina Carena, Ulster County Department of Health Medical Director. “Completion of two doses of MMR is needed and found to be at least 97% effective. While there are occasionally unsubstantiated claims about vaccine safety, it is important to understand that every ingredient in these vaccines is important to assure the vaccine is safe and effective and, in many cases, the ingredients are in doses lower than those we are naturally exposed to in our environment. We urge everyone to take the necessary steps to protect themselves and their community by getting vaccinated.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), measles is a highly contagious and serious disease that can cause severe health complications, including pneumonia, encephalitis, and can be life-threatening. Typical symptoms include tiny white spots in the mouth, a rash, high fever, cough, runny nose and sore throat. In recent years, the number of measles cases has increased significantly, with outbreaks reported in multiple countries, including the United States.

“Being vaccinated is especially important if travelling to an outbreak area, such as New York City, Texas, New Mexico, or Canada, as well as international travel,” said County Public

Health Director Walter. “If you note symptoms consistent with measles, please contact Ulster County Department of Health and speak with one of our communicable disease nurses. If you plan to bring someone to an emergency room or urgent care with suspected measles, please contact the healthcare facility first so that appropriate infection control precautions can be put into place.”

For additional information, visit <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/measles/>, and for any questions, contact the Ulster County Department of Health at 845-340-3070.

As Avian Flu Rages, Gillibrand Calls on Trump Administration to Take Action to Fight Spread, Bring Down Skyrocketing Cost of Eggs

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As avian flu rages across the country and drives up the cost of eggs, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a virtual press conference calling on the Trump administration to take action to develop and approve a vaccine for poultry and contain the outbreak.

Bird flu has been found in 44 of New York's 62 counties and has forced farmers to cull more than 150 million birds around the country, including 100,000 at one farm on Long Island alone. A new strain of the disease has been found in cattle; its spread would be devastating to New York's dairy farmers and could pose a serious threat to human health if the strain continues to evolve.

Nevertheless, the Trump administration has stopped releasing crucial data on the spread of bird flu and has fired federal workers responsible for tracking cases and managing the federal response. Gillibrand is calling on the administration to take action to address the outbreak and support the development and approval of a vaccine to bring down egg prices, reduce the need to depopulate flocks, and safeguard public health.

“Avian flu is decimating bird populations, and the subsequent shortage of egg-laying hens is making eggs unaffordable for working New Yorkers,” said Senator Gillibrand. “President Trump must act now to contain this outbreak. I am urging him to do everything in his power to prioritize the development of a vaccine to inoculate chickens against avian flu and fulfill his campaign promise to bring down grocery prices. I am alarmed that the administration limited the data shared with the scientific community and am urging full transparency. This deadly disease requires a whole of government response to be enacted immediately.”

The full text of Senator Gillibrand's letter to leadership at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Office of the United States Trade Representative is available here:

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Letter-to-Agencies-re-HPAI-and-Vaccines.pdf>

ULSTER COUNTY'S TOP 10 EVENTS

**Annual Mac & Cheese Bake-Off
to Benefit Angel Food East**

2pm on March 2nd

20 Saint James St, Kingston

\$10-\$20



The Ashokan Center Maple Fest

10am to 3pm on March 8th

477 Beaverkill Rd, Olivebridge

Free-\$12



16th Annual Local Ingredient Chili Challenge

12pm to 3pm on March 15th

10 Main St #501, New Paltz

\$2-\$20



Borscht Belt Comedy Club

7pm & 9pm on March 15th

157 Canal St, Ellenville

\$25-\$55



Sangria & St. Patrick's Day

11am to 5pm on March 15th & 16th

714 Albany Post Rd, New Paltz

*Check the
website!*



MARCH

ULSTER COUNTY'S TOP 10 EVENTS

Ulster County St. Patrick's Day Parade

Line up at 11:30am with kickoff at 1pm on March 16th

Uptown Kingston @ The Kingston Plaza

Free!

\$15-\$30

37th Annual Shamrock Run

12:50pm SHARP on March 16th

238 Clinton Ave, Kingston

Boston Blackthorne St. Patrick's Day Bash

7pm to 10pm on March 16th

22 Rock City Rd, Woodstock

\$15-\$20

Ulster County Fiber & Cider Tour

10am to 3pm on March 22nd

Various locations around Ulster County

Free!

New Beginnings Farmstead Maple Weekend

Open House 2025

10am to 4pm on March 22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th

2585 State Route 209, Kingston

Free!

MARCH

Color Our World

with **LEGO** at the

Daniel Pierce Library

Up in the AIR Program Spring 2025

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Up, Up & Away (Grades 4-6) Wednesday, April 9

LEGO hot air balloon challenge. Think outside the brick and see how else you can use your LEGO pieces for this design! Team up if you'd like.

Treehouse (Grades 2-3) Wednesday, April 30

Build the ultimate backyard treehouse of your dreams, high up into the sky!

Balloon-powered Vehicle (UPK-Grade 1) Wednesday, May 7

Build a balloon-powered car that goes! Race your car with a friend and see how far it can travel.

Spring is in the Air (Toddlers Ages 3 & 4 years) Wednesday, May 14

This challenge will spark your child's imagination, inspiring them to think creatively about the limitless possibilities of what they can build with their LEGO bricks, from flowers and bugs to things that soar through the sky.

PLEASE NOTE: A parent or guardian must be present for your child to attend this program.

*Imagine, create and learn with **LEGO!***

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Advanced online registration is required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org. If you wish for your child to take the bus from school, please send a note to the elementary office no later than the Monday before the program.

Register here: DPL Color our World

<https://www.danielpiercelibrary.org/pages/index/229643/color-our-world-with-lego>



Welcome Home Ryan Corbett

After nearly 900 extremely challenging days for the Corbett Family, NY-24 and the nation are thrilled to welcome Ryan Corbett home. This weekend, we hosted an event in Dansville, Ryan's hometown, to formally welcome him back! With nearly 300 people present, we listened to the lessons he learned in captivity and celebrated his tenacity throughout the horrific ordeal. We also admired the strength and courage displayed by Anna, Ketsia, Miriam, and Caleb throughout these 893 days. It has been a privilege to work alongside them in this fight to get Ryan home. This event celebrated Ryan's safe return to our community and demonstrated our profound gratitude to all, including President Trump and National Security Advisory Waltz, who made Ryan's return possible.

President Trump Is Delivering Results for the American People

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_u_9p5JFQo

It has been less than 50 days since President Trump was sworn in, and he has already accomplished more for the American people than any modern President. America's Golden Age is finally here! He has already signed more than 100 Executive Actions, reversing the disastrous policies of the Biden administration and reinstating his America First agenda to make America strong, secure, and competitive once again.

President Trump delivered a historic and powerful speech at the Joint Address to Congress this week, highlighting his efforts to deliver on his promises to the American People. He is cracking down on fraud, waste, and abuse in our government, securing our borders, deporting criminal illegal immigrants, and declaring a national energy emergency to unleash American energy dominance. President Trump also laid out his vision to work with Congressional Republicans to preserve and expand the Trump Tax Cuts, which delivered significant economic benefits to families and small businesses across the country. The Trump Tax Cuts allowed families to keep more of their hard-earned money, empowered small businesses, supported family-owned farms, brought jobs back to America, and counteracted high-tax policies forced on New Yorkers by the centralized Marxist government in Albany.

President Trump's bold and compelling address to Congress establishes a blueprint for implementing policies that will deliver results for the American people. I

am eager to continue working with President Trump, on behalf of all of NY-24, to enact America First legislative priorities including: securing the border, supercharging the US economy, unleashing America's energy potential, and strengthening our national security.

Leading the New York Delegation in Supporting NY Corrections Officers

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/politics/2025/03/06/new-york-house-republicans-sign-into-resolution-supporting-correction-officer-strike>

Corrections officers across the state have had enough of the unsafe working conditions imposed on them by Albany Democrats' pro-criminal policies, like the HALT Act. I am outraged by Governor Hochul's failure to prioritize their safety and well-being and her refusal to address serious concerns about staffing shortages and the effects of the HALT Act, which make every New York correctional facility even more dangerous. Enough is enough. This week, I led the entire New York Republican Delegation in introducing a resolution in support of the Corrections Officers striking for safer working conditions across New York. This demonstrates our unwavering support for New York's corrections officers as they continue to fight for better working conditions.

READ MORE: New York House Republicans sign onto resolution supporting correction officer strike

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/politics/2025/03/06/new-york-house-republicans-sign-into-resolution-supporting-correction-officer-strike>

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

H.R. 1773, the Federal Firearms Licensee Protection Act - This bill would increase federal penalties on theft of a firearm from an FFL. I strongly support the Second Amendment and law-abiding gun owners. Criminals stealing and trafficking in firearms must be held accountable for these crimes that threaten our families and children. This bill will crack down on FFL robberies to keep our streets safe. (Contd. Pg. 53)

H.R. 182, the FLASH Act - This bill will strengthen border security by building patrol roads, granting CBP access to federal wilderness areas, preventing land managers from obstructing enforcement, allowing states to place temporary barriers, addressing illegal drug cultivation and hazardous waste, preventing border wildfires, and stopping the housing of illegal migrants in national parks like New York's Floyd Bennett Field. (Contd. Pg. 53)

This Week with Claudia

(From Pg. 52)

H.R.919, Chronic Disease Flexible Coverage Act - This bill provides statutory authority for guidance from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that expands the types of preventive care that may be offered under a high deductible health plan (HDHP) without requiring a deductible or with a deductible below the minimum threshold. Allowing HDHPs to cover chronic disease prevention pre-deductible will empower patients to effectively manage their chronic conditions, which will improve health outcomes and reducing health care expenses for patients and their employers over the long-term.

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.

Monday, March 3

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 856, the Safe and Smart Federal Purchasing Act. This bill requires the Office of Management and Budget to evaluate whether using the lowest price technically acceptable process poses a national security risk in federal contracting. While I support all efforts to save taxpayer dollars, we must ensure that we do not risk national security in the procurement process by buying cheap goods from adversaries like China. This bill passed by a vote of 417-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 758, the Mail Traffic Deaths Reporting Act. This bill requires the United States Postal Service to collect, analyze, and publicly report all injuries and deaths from traffic crashes involving postal vehicles. This commonsense bill will help promote oversight and accountability for the USPS. This bill passed by a vote of 402-16.

Wednesday, March 5

I voted "Yes" on H.J.Res. 61, the Rubber Tire Manufacturing CRA. This joint resolution overturns the Biden Administration's emission standards for rubber tire manufacturers, halting burdensome and costly new regulations, protecting American jobs, and keeping costs low for consumers. To comply with the Biden Administration's regulations, domestic tire manufacturers will be forced to install costly technology that will increase overhead expenses and have an adverse impact on public health. During his four years in office, President Biden, backed by Congressional Democrats, advanced a Green New Deal-inspired agenda that prioritized environmental interest groups over American businesses and families. This resolution, of which I am an original cosponsor, will stop this disastrous resolution. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 216-202.

I voted "Yes" on H.J.Res. 42, the Energy Conservation Standards CRA. The Biden Administration has enacted at least 31 regulations on residential and commercial appliances, imposing an estimated \$60 billion in costs as part of its broader crackdown on fossil fuels. This resolution, of which I am a cosponsor, repeals burdensome energy conservation certification and labeling requirements for common household appliances-which would disrupt supply chains, restrict consumer choice, and drive-up costs. According to the

Department of Energy's own estimates, these regulations would add \$213,000 to annual compliance costs for manufacturers and require an additional 2,905 hours of paperwork. These expenses will inevitably be passed on to American consumers. H.J. Res. 42 eliminates these costly and unnecessary energy efficiency mandates, protecting consumer choice and keeping household costs low. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 222-203.

Thursday, March 6

I voted "Yes" on S.J.Res. 11, the Offshore Energy CRA. This resolution of disapproval would utilize procedures under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to overturn the rule issued by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) titled "Protection of Marine Archaeological Resources." Finalized in September 2024 and effective as of October 3, 2024, this BOEM rule mandates that oil and gas lessees and operators conduct an archaeological survey and submit a report on their findings as part of any exploration or development plan presented to BOEM for approval of proposed activities on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Overturning these burdensome Biden Administration regulations will help unleash American energy dominance and provide much needed relief to an already over-regulated industry. This joint resolution passed the House by a vote of 221-201, with one member voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 189, Censuring Representative Al Green of Texas. H.Res. 189 censures Representative Al Green (TX-9) for violating rules of decorum by interrupting President Donald Trump during his joint address remarks. This outburst was wholly inappropriate, and Representative Green had to be forcibly removed from the chamber by the Sergeant at Arms to allow President Trump's speech to continue. I cosponsored and voted for this resolution to hold Representative Green accountable for his actions and to uphold the rules of decorum during joint addresses by the President of the United States. H.Res. 189 passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 224-198 with 2 members voting present.

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It was another busy week in Washington working to make the Hudson Valley more affordable, more safe, and more free. There was a lot in the national news this week, so I wanted to take a moment to update you on what I've been doing to help Hudson Valley families.

HEALTH CARE IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

Whether it's inaccurate billing, new or increased fees, or difficulty getting appointments, it's unacceptable for any corporation to be driving down quality and driving up costs. I'll keep pushing to get to the bottom of this and ensure every Hudson Valley family gets the care they deserve.

RAISING THE ALARM ON HOUSING CUTS

Enough is enough. It doesn't matter who you voted for, or where in the Hudson Valley you're from - this is simply un-American.

Everyone in our community needs to stand up immediately and make it clear: we will not let Donald Trump put dozens of families, including kids and veterans, on the street.

We're urgently assessing every possible legislative option, but it will take all of us, together, to get this decision reversed. This fight is only just beginning.

Read more coverage and my full press release below:

News12: Formerly homeless people, including vets, face loss of HUD grant to help them to stay in homes

<https://hudsonvalley.news12.com/formerly-homeless-people-including-vets-residents-with-disabilities-face-loss-of-hud-grant-to-help-them-to-stay-in-hudson-valley-homes>

<https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-raises-alarm-and-condemns-trump-cuts-department-housing>

Congressman Pat Ryan Raises the Alarm and Condemns Trump Cuts to Department of Housing and Urban Development That Will Force Dozens of Families, Including Veterans, Onto the Street

FIGHTING TO PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY

Two weeks ago, the Poughkeepsie Social Security Office showed up on the DOGE website under "savings," with "end of term" planned for July.

This is entirely outrageous and unacceptable.

My team is working around the clock to make sure Hudson Valley seniors have access to their earned benefits.

Read more: Daily Freeman: Temporarily closed Poughkeepsie Social Security office on DOGE list for cuts

<https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/02/28/temporarily-closed-poughkeepsie-social-security-office-on-doge-list-for-cuts/>

SHOWING UP FOR OUR FIRE FIGHTERS

Last week I was honored to speak at the International Association of Fire Fighters Legislative Conference, and see some of our great Hudson Valley locals as well!

Our first responders are heroes. They work around the clock to protect us, and I will always fight to deliver for them.

RESPONDING TO THE PRESIDENT'S JOINT ADDRESS

Every hard-working family is feeling the pressure of making ends meet - that's why my absolute top priority is lowering costs, from housing to healthcare to groceries, for Hudson Valley families.

But Trump's made it clear he cares more about helping his billionaire cronies than lowering costs for the middle class.

Whether it's cutting access to Social Security services by closing field offices, taking away health care from sick children and seniors on Medicaid, or putting a new 25% tax on middle-class families with tariffs, his actions are directly hurting Hudson Valley families

working to make ends meet.

In the face of these harmful actions, know that I will always stand up and fight for YOU, and against ANYONE who would do you harm.

PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Last week I was proud to join all of my Democratic colleagues in introducing the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, to restore and modernize the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The right to vote is foundational to our democracy, and must be protected.

STANDING UP FOR OUR VETERANS

The devastating real-world impacts of what Trump is doing at the VA cannot be understated. He's fundamentally breaking the sacred trust with our veterans.

At Castle Point we've already lost 20 in-patient beds for mental health and detox because of Trump. Firing 80,000 VA workers will definitively mean that countless veterans will go without care. This action by the Trump administration is reckless, it's shameful, and it's un-American.

Read more: Daily Freeman: Ryan blasts Trump on plans to cut 80,000 employees from Veterans Affairs

<https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/02/28/temporarily-closed-poughkeepsie-social-security-office-on-doge-list-for-cuts/>

THANKING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

I was absolutely devastated to hear the news out of Chester this week about a fatal car crash on Route 17.

I'm incredibly grateful to our brave first responders for their swift response and for always working around the clock to keep us safe. My thoughts are with those who lost their lives and their families.

PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING WORKERS' RIGHTS

Every American should have the right to stand together and negotiate for high wages, better benefits, and safer working conditions.

I was proud to join my friends in labor in introducing the Protecting the Right to Organize Act to finally put those rights into law!

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

This International Women's Day, I am celebrating all the women who have battled for equal rights, and reaffirming my commitment to protecting those rights.

Every day, we must fight to expand freedoms -- not roll them back.

GRANTS CORNER

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

BJA FY25 Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry

This funding opportunity seeks to enhance corrections and community supervision systems and community-based providers' capacity to address the substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support needs of people during incarceration and upon reentry. The goals of this program are to support the implementation or expansion of evidence-based and trauma-informed SUD treatment programming, as well as to promote the implementation of deflection as part of the treatment and recovery safety net, which helps persons in treatment stay in treatment, and prevents further and unnecessary contact with the criminal justice system.

Grants.gov Deadline March 27, 2025, 11:59 pm Eastern

Application JustGrants Deadline April 3, 2025, 8:59 pm Eastern

FY25 STOP School Violence Program

This funding opportunity aims to support school safety by implementing solutions to enhance school climate, establish school-based behavioral threat assessment and intervention teams to identify violence risks, introduce technologies like anonymous reporting tools, and apply other evidence-based strategies to prevent violence. The goal is to equip K-12 students, teachers, and staff with tools to recognize, respond to, and prevent acts of violence.

Grants.gov Deadline March 27, 2025, 11:59 pm Eastern



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

1. Fighting for Social Security

Cutting staff at the Social Security Administration (SSA) could result in the collapse of the entire Social Security system, jeopardizing the benefits on which millions of Americans depend.

That's why Kirsten is demanding answers about reports that the Trump administration plans to reduce the SSA workforce by as much as 50 percent. This week, she wrote a letter to the acting SSA commissioner highlighting the importance of Social Security for New Yorkers and requesting additional information about the impact of staff reductions and office closures on SSA's vital operations.

2. Working to combat bird flu

Avian flu has been found in 44 of New York's 62 counties, forcing farmers to cull millions of birds and dramatically driving up the cost of eggs.

That's why this week, Kirsten called on the Trump administration to take action to develop and approve a vaccine for poultry and contain the outbreak. This is a necessary step to protect farmers' livelihoods, safeguard human health, and make groceries more affordable.

Read more.

<https://www.silive.com/news/2025/03/bird-flu-in-new-york-senator-urges-trump-to-take-action-following-detection-in-42-counties.html>

3. Shining a spotlight on 9/11 heroes

In the wake of President Trump and Elon Musk's attempts to cut funding and staff for the World Trade Center Health Program, Kirsten brought Andy Ansbro, 9/11 first responder and president of the FDNY Uniformed Firefighters Association, to this week's joint session of Congress in order to shine a light on the importance of the WTC Health Program.

The stories of 9/11 heroes like Andy remind us of our promise to "never forget." Amid political division, we must come together to make sure 9/11 survivors and first responders get the health care they deserve.

Read more.

<https://x.com/gillibrandny/status/1897074018660049006>

4. WATCH: Kirsten on CNN

On Wednesday, Kirsten joined CNN's Pamela Brown to discuss foreign policy, the affordability of groceries, and President Trump's recent speech to a joint session of Congress.

Watch here

<https://www.cnn.com/2025/03/05/Tv/video/gillibrand-sitroom-trump-zelensky>

5. LISTEN: Kirsten on On Brand with Donny Deutsch

This week, Kirsten spoke with Donny Deutsch on his podcast. They discussed her analysis of Trump's joint session speech, the impact of tariffs on the economy, and how Democrats can win voters back during the 2026 midterm elections.

Listen here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHi4uHDvI4>

6. Helping older New Yorkers

When a senior constituent with Alzheimer's disease needed to complete the naturalization process so that she could travel and pay respects to her late husband in their home country, she contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team contacted USCIS on her behalf and she was granted a medical accommodation. Now she will be able to secure her U.S. passport and travel as planned.

Individual casework is Kirsten's top priority. If you need help with any federal agency, contact her here.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-yorkers/>



Newsletter from Senator Peter Oberacker

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Winter is nearly behind us and my office has hit the ground running as we look ahead to spring. With the state budget deadline just weeks away, I am fighting to ensure our region's needs are not overlooked. From affordability to infrastructure, agriculture to small business growth, my focus remains on delivering policies that bring real, meaningful change.

We recently hosted two successful workshops with NYSEG officials, giving residents direct access to company representatives to address concerns over skyrocketing utility costs. Infrastructure remains a top priority and I continue to push for increased CHIPS funding to ensure our roads and bridges receive the critical repairs they need. Additionally, my team and I have doubled down on efforts to support our region's farmers and small businesses—the backbone of our rural communities.

As always, your voice matters. Whether you have a concern, an idea, or an issue that needs attention, I want to hear from you. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me anytime at Oberacker@NYSenate.gov or call my office at (518) 455-3131.

Sincerely,

Peter Oberacker

Senator Oberacker Passes Life-Saving Marrow Transplant Bill

<https://www.oneidadispatch.com/2025/03/04/legislators-call-for-increased-chips-funding/>

I'm proud to announce the passage of Senate Bill S3335, a landmark bill that will expand the National Marrow Donor Program and improve access to life-saving bone marrow transplants for individuals with blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma. This legislation addresses the urgent need for more diverse donors and will make it easier for New Yorkers to register as marrow donors through routine DMV transactions. By simplifying the registration process, we're increasing the number of donor matches, resulting in more transplants and ultimately saving more lives. Together, we're giving families more time with their loved ones. (Contd. Pg. 56)

Senator Peter Oberacker Newsletter

(From Pg. 55)

Congratulations, Freeland "Stub" VanBuren!

It was my honor to recognize Freeland "Stub" VanBuren, a true pillar of community service whose dedication has spanned over six decades.

Stub celebrated 66 years with the East Worcester Hose Company surrounded by family, friends, and a grateful community. His journey began in 1958 and since then he's held countless vital roles, including Chief from 1991-2000, Fire Commissioner, and District Chairman. Through it all, Stub has saved hundreds of lives and made an unforgettable impact on the safety of our community.

It was my privilege to present Stub with a Senate Commendation Award and proclamation in recognition of his extraordinary service. Congratulations Stub and thank you for your unwavering commitment!

Watch Senator Oberacker Speak on NYS Future Farmers of America Week!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drk5doqs9bg>

Broadband & Connectivity Roundtable Discussion

My office was packed with some of the brightest minds in broadband for a fantastic discussion on connectivity expansion!

This critical conversation wouldn't have been possible without the collaboration of industry experts, local government officials, service providers, and nonprofit organizations all working toward the shared goal of bringing reliable, high-speed internet to every corner of our region—an effort spanning thousands of square miles.

I'm incredibly grateful to all who participated, including my Assembly colleagues Brian Miller, Chris Tague, Robert Smullen, and Jordan from Assemblyman Brian Maher's staff as well as our dedicated local providers like Delhi Telephone Company, Margaretville Telephone Company, and Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc.. We were also joined by industry leaders from Hunt Engineers, Architects, & Surveyors, Southern Tier 8, Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, Inc., and Otsego County Planning, all of whom contributed valuable insights toward shaping a roadmap for expansion.

High-speed internet is not a luxury—it's a necessity. It powers our small businesses, keeps our schools and libraries connected, and ensures families can access critical information. Thank you to those who joined us for this discussion and I look forward to our continued collaboration to bridge the digital divide in our rural communities!

Popular Programs in the 51st District Italian-American State Legislator Scholarships are Now Open

Learn More

<https://www.nyiactsl.org/apply-for-scholarship-form>

DEC Summer Camp Registration Opens Soon

Learn More

<https://www.fingerlakesdailynews.com/regional-state-congressional/dec-announces-date-for-summer-camp-registration-to-open>

SUNY Micro-credentials for NYS Direct Support Professionals

Learn More

<https://www.suny.edu/microcredentials/dsp/>

This Week in Albany

New York Farm Bureau's Taste of NY Reception

The Arc Lexington Self-Advocates Stop In For a Meeting



Senator Oberacker Welcomes Champion Monticello Trap Team

No Tax on Tips & Overtime Wages Press Conference
Social Media Spotlights

Visit to Athelas Therapeutic Riding!

I enjoyed visiting with Anneliese and Jocelyn at Northfield Farm and Athelas Therapeutic Riding in Otego. From horse boarding and lessons to providing therapeutic riding for children and adults in with mental, emotional, and physical special needs, their work is nothing short of inspiring!

It's clear that Anneliese and Jocelyn have built something truly special—a place where the bond between humans and horses creates healing, confidence, and joy. Their unwavering commitment to sharing the transformative benefits of equine-assisted services has profoundly impacted the lives of countless individuals.

Congratulations to Eagle Scout Nathan Artist



Happy to join a full house in Sidney to celebrate and congratulate Nathan Artist on earning the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout!

Achieving Scouting's highest honor truly requires the support and dedication of many, and I was deeply moved by Nathan's unwavering commitment to his family, fellow Scouts, Scoutmaster, and community. His heartfelt thanks to each of them during the ceremony was a testament to his character and gratitude.

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Support Local Infrastructure - Bolster CHIPS!

<https://www.oneidadispatch.com/2025/03/04/legislators-call-for-increased-chips-funding/>

We are not some forgotten backwater or mere drive-through towns. We are proud, resilient communities with hardworking families who depend on safe and reliable roads and bridges!

That's why I was proud to stand with my Assembly colleagues Brian Miller, Chris Tague, Joe Angelino and Robert Smullen alongside officials from Otsego County highway departments to demand an increase in CHIPS funding. Our towns can no longer bear the weight of spiking material costs. We must RESTORE and STRENGTHEN our infrastructure!



ICE SKATING

Schedule

THURSDAY: 6:30-8:30 PM

FRIDAY: 6:30-8:30 PM

SATURDAY: 1-3PM & 6:30-8:30 PM

SUNDAY: 1:00-4:00 PM

Scheduled Last Day for Ice Skating this Season - Sunday, March 16, 2025

MUSIC | ICE SKATING | ALWAYS FREE!!

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Days & times subject to change, check Facebook for updates or text Tanya @ 845-807-7502

GREATER LIBERTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Meet & Greet

Spring Mixer



Meet & Greet

**Guest Speaker Town Councilman Bruce Davidson
with an update on recent happenings in Liberty**

Thursday, March 27 • 5:30-7

Sweet Basil

19 John Street, Liberty NY

Network, mingle, and enjoy the flavors of
Sweet Basil Thai Restaurant at our
Liberty Chamber of Commerce Meet & Greet!

**Spring Rolls • Vegetable Dumplings • Pad Thai
Thai Rice Fried • Wontons with Dipping Sauce**

Call or email for more information

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\$25 per person in advance

\$30 at the door

Buffet* / Cash Bar

**menu subject to change without notice*

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, March 16th

Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$13

Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs: \$13

Call 845-985-7270

We accept cash and checks only. ATM now available on-site!

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

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

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Be Inspired ~ Be Empowered ~ Be You

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For More Information Call

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*Please RSVP
Seats are limited*



Eligibility & Pre-Registration is required.




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Serving & Empowering People with Disabilities



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vet2vet@atitoday.org

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Monticello, NY 12701



Join the DPL 2025 Reading Challenge!

Read ALL year and you could win a book or two!

Ready to dive into new adventures, explore fresh ideas and discover exciting worlds? The 2025 Book Challenge is here and it's open to readers of all ages! Whether you're a child just learning to read, a teen devouring every novel in sight or an adult looking for your next great read, this challenge is for you!

Make sure to stop by the library and grab your reading log!

- Set Your Goal – whether it's 5, 10 or 30 books, there's no limit!
- Read – explore new genres, authors and topics.
- Track Your Progress – add the titles as you go.
- Celebrate Your Success – complete the challenge by December 31, 2025 and be entered to win a book each time you fill out one side of your reading log!

Challenge yourself and your family.

Expand your horizons with new books.

For ALL ages!

Read adventurously!



New to the Daniel Pierce Library this year...

Introducing
Pages & Percs

Join us for a brand new experience at the DPL
Now you can sip, relax and read all in one place.

Get cozy and caffeinated while you enjoy a delicious cup of coffee and browse our book sale selection, located in our beautiful 1902 Room.

You can:

Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee from Happy Belly for \$2. Choose the perfect coffee pod for yourself at our front desk.

Pick out a book to buy and take home or dive into it right here.

Sit back, sip your coffee and enjoy a peaceful moment.

Whether you're looking for your next page-turner or just need a break, Pages and Percs is your perfect spot to relax and recharge.

Enjoy!

Go Sham-Rockin' in the Sullivan Catskills

As we inch toward the first day of spring, next week, we have a Sham-Rockin' good time on tap this weekend. Break out your green, grab your friends and book a place to stay. Choose from our full-service resorts, boutique inns, hotels, or vacation rentals. Now get ready for the fun. Parades will be held in Jeffersonville (Saturday) and Yulan (Sunday). Elsewhere on Saturday, Callicoon Hills is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl to Conover Club, The Old Foundation, Callicoon Brewing, and Pelkey's Tavern. They're also hosting a St. Patrick's Day-themed Whiskey Tasting on Sunday. There are also parties, music and dinners on Saturday at Roscoe Mountain Club, Roscoe Beer Company, Pelky's Tavern, and The Courtyard Bar and Grille. On Sunday the fun happens at Big Eddy Brewing, Holiday Mountain, and Two Farms Brewing. Blue Fox Motel holds their St. Pat's celebration on Monday, March 17. Check out all the details for the whole weekend of celebrations here on our weekly blog post.

See Our Spring Offers

https://sullivancatskills.com/spring-offers/?utm_source=brevo&utm_campaign=03-12-25&utm_medium=email

We're over the hump on Wednesday and the weekend is in sight. Tonight at 6 pm, Bethel Woods hosts Imagination Training: Remembering Play Through Movement. It's their next installment of the Adult Winter Wellness Series that wraps up on March 19. At Forage and Gather in Hurleyville, they host a Girls Night Out Paint, Sip & Snack tonight from 6-9 pm. Also at 6 pm, HPAC invites you to Sip & Craft a Lucky Fishbowl Terrarium.

These last few days of winter mean you can still go for a Skate Under the Lights at Roscoe Mountain Club Thursdays (and Fridays) in Roscoe from 4 - 7 pm. Then head to their Thirsty Thursday and enjoy half-price drinks and appetizers until 9 pm. At Conover Club in Callicoon Center, it's TGIT. Buy one, get one from 4 - 6 pm. It's Trivia Night at Tavern on Main starting at 6:30 pm. Also at 6:30 pm, Woodstock Way Groovy Eatery is hosting a Sip and Paint with Kim Simmons. and it's Martini Mix Up at Kenoza Hall (Thursday-Monday until March 31). Pick a martini and frites for \$22.

Slam that laptop shut and start the weekend with Fish Fry Friday at Roscoe Mountain Club starting at 5 pm. Or head to Proper to Go for Rotisserie Chicken Friday. Over at the Woodstock Way Groovy Eatery from 5-7 pm, hear the Type A Duo play their tunes while you enjoy a beer tasting of new releases from Roscoe Beer Company. Expand your wine knowledge this weekend at Terra Space in Jeffersonville. Learn about and taste Skin Contact Wines, commonly known as 'orange wines' with WSET Diploma Sommelier A.J. Ojeda-Pons tonight from 6-7:30 pm (or Sunday from 5-6:30 pm). Movie night, anyone? At 6 pm, HPAC in Hurleyville screens Mickey 17. You can see it at 7:30 pm at the Callicoon Theater if you're near Callicoon. Do Good Spirits in Roscoe is hosting a five-course Spirited Supper tonight at 7 pm. Tonight is also the start of Maple Tapping Weekend at Kenoza Hall and Holi, the Festival of Colors, featuring music, food, dance, and more at Villa Roma.

Today and every Saturday through July 26, try a 10:30 am Vinyasa Yoga class at Catskill Art Space. While you're there, see an exhibition of work by Lauren Daccache, Elizabeth Orr, and Eleanor White. For a change of pace, SUNY Sullivan will host The Met: Live in HD with a 1 pm performance from Lincoln Center in NYC of Fidelio. The DVAA FREE Salon Series continues today at Krause Hall in Narrowsburg with the 2 pm show, Conversations in Chi with Jane Ira Bloom (Soprano Saxophonist) and Kazzrie Jaxen (Pianist). They are practitioners of Tai Chi and Qigong, who will perform together, creating music which celebrates the joy and freedom of improvisation. Two other exhibits worth checking out in their Narrowsburg gallery are Assembly Required and Baubo. In honor of Women's History Month, HPAC is celebrating the power of women with a concert by the Hudson Valley Jazzwomen, a talented group of local female jazz musicians. This FREE community event starts at 8

pm. Many women-owned and women-led businesses are here in our Sullivan Catskills, including boutique shops, wellness retreats, and artisanal food and beverage proprietors. We hope you'll patronize these fine businesses during Women's History Month.

It's Sunday Funday! Time for a Catskill-icious brunch (see the list). At 1 pm, the Mamakating Environmental Education Center is hosting Vermicomposting: Let Worms do the Work, a workshop to show you how to turn kitchen scraps into rich organic compost with composting worms. At 3 pm, it's the All-Day Happy Hour in the Lounge at Eldred Preserve. Over in Narrowsburg, it's Pizza Sunday at the Laundrette. Enjoy a pizza, a green salad, and a bottle of wine for just \$49! Eat in or take out a Sunday Family-Style Dinner at Conover Club. Or check out Monday Sips at Kenoza Hall from 5-9 pm, where you'll get the second at half price when you buy one signature cocktail.

PLAN AHEAD:

How sweet it is! It's Maple Weekend in our Sullivan Catskills-March 22-23 and again March 29-30:

Maple Magic at Mamakating Environmental Education Center March 23 from Noon - 3:00 pm.

Come experience the full maple journey-from tapping a Sugar Maple tree to tasting the final golden syrup.

Callicoon Caffe has Maple Lattes to wash down your delicious breakfast dishes.

Peppino's Restaurant in Callicoon features specialty cocktails including the Maple Old Fashioned and Maple Sour, crafted with local maple syrup and Catskill Provisions Maple Bourbon.

Rock Valley Spirits in Long Eddy is mixing up their Maple Pecan Old Fashioned, and their Cider House Rye

Justus Asthalter Maple's in Parksville is holding an Open House from 10 am - 3 pm on

March 29 and 30 offering a tour and demonstration of maple making.

Catskill Mountain Sugar House in Grahamsville invites you to stop by and taste the goodness of their locally produced maple syrup.

Winterton Farms/Two Farms Brewing in Bloomingburg is offering maple tours and maple-inspired food pop-ups both weekends featuring creative, farm-fresh flavors.

Diehl Farm Homestead will hold a FREE Open House on March 22 & 23. Enjoy fresh syrup and pancakes.

The Woodstock Way Groovy Eatery will host Whispers from Heaven from 2- 4 pm on March 22. It's an afternoon with psychic medium Jenna Fontanez.

Time and The Valleys Museum in Grahamsville presents: Hiking the Catskills: Then and Now by Paul Misko on March 23 at 2 pm.

The Delaware Valley Alliance and the Sullivan Public Library Association will present The 4th Annual Youth Poetry Festival at 2 pm on March 29 at Bethel Woods. And Roscoe Mountain Club hosts the murder-mystery I Love the '80s to Death at 6 pm.

Sullivan Catskills Restaurant Week is March 31 - April 13. At 18 participating locations, enjoy prix-fix lunches and dinners priced between \$24.95 and \$44.95.

The Farmhouse Project hosts the spring Maker's Market on May 3 & 4 in Callicoon. Come back on May 10 for the Seminary Hill Cider Fest.

Go Sham-rockin' with us in the Sullivan Catskills. Plan your weekend visit now. We're a 90-minute drive from Manhattan and the metro NY-NJ area.

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knitting & crochet group
Thursdays 2-3pm

IT ENDS WITH US



**Saturday
Movie Matinee
at the Library
March 22 at 1pm
*It Ends With Us***

Music Café

Every 3rd Thursday
7:00 - 9:00p.m.

NEW!

ROUNDING 3RD is a duo with Gilles Malkine and Michael Belmont, both lifelong guitarists and songwriters. They will take you on a musical journey without borders, surprising you with a different genre around every bend, including Folk, Blues, Ragtime, Bluegrass, Funk, Latin, Classical, and more! There is one concert you're guaranteed not to doze off!



**Thursday, March 20,
7:00-9:00p.m.**

This is a free concert open to all where you will hear some of the finest local and regional musicians right here at the library in the community room. You will enjoy a cozy "coffeehouse" atmosphere with complimentary beverages and snacks served.

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Guatemalan Worry Doll Workshop

**MARCH 22
@ 11 A.M.**

with Andrea Del Cid from the Reher Center in Kingston

A Guatemalan legend says, "Tell your worries to the worry dolls before you go to bed and put them under your pillow. In the morning, the dolls will have taken your worries away!" Explore the story of Muñeca Quitapena and get creative by making your own Worry Dolls!

Please sign up in advance! This program is appropriate for the entire family; parents should remain with their children.

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**Nat Drake
Jörg Madlener
Wayne Toepp**

3.22.25 - 4.27.25

Opening Saturday, March 22, 4pm - 7pm



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MEDICATION TAKE BACK EVENTS

Keeping medications in a secure location and disposing of unused medication ensures that they are less likely to be consumed by those that they are not intended for.

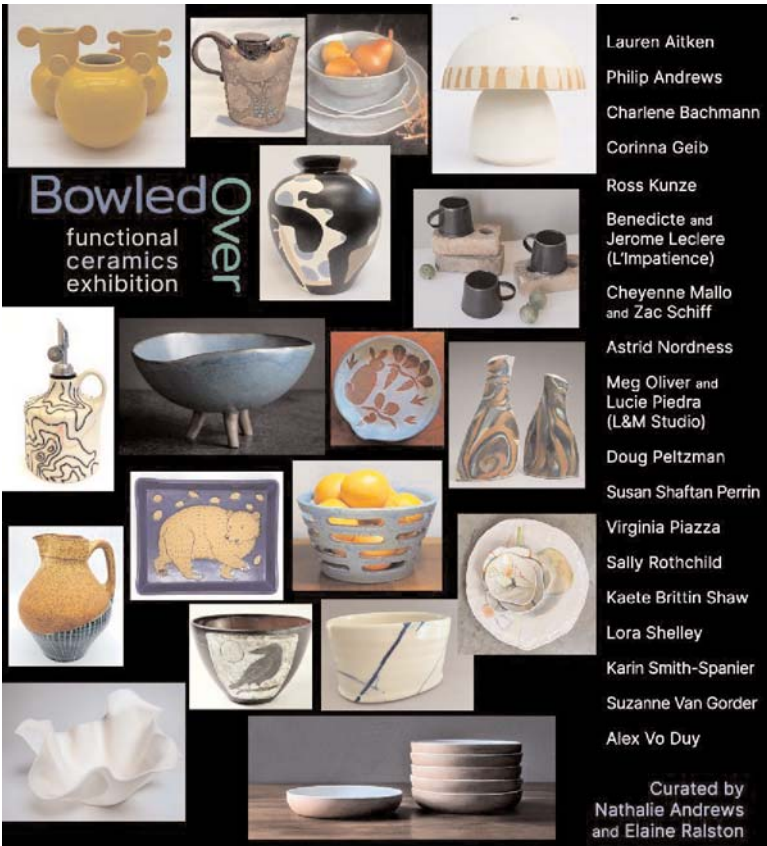
- Tuesday, March 18th**
Matthews Pharmacy
101 Canal St Ellenville
11:00am - 2:00pm
- Monday, March 10th**
Catskill Pharmacy
16401 US-209, Kerhonkson
11:00am - 2:00pm
- Friday, March 21st**
Ellenville Regional Hospital
Emergency Department Lobby
10 Healthy Way
12:00 - 4:00pm




Monday, March 17, 2025
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Special One Day
ERH AUXILIARY GIFT SHOP LUCKY SHAMROCK SALE

Choose one shamrock from the lucky Shamrock board to get either 10%, 20% or 30% or 40% off your total.
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Bowled Over

functional ceramics exhibition

Lauren Aitken
Philip Andrews
Charlene Bachmann
Corinna Geib
Ross Kunze
Benedicte and Jerome Leclere (L'Impatience)
Cheyenne Mallo and Zac Schiff
Astrid Nordness
Meg Oliver and Lucie Piedra (L&M Studio)
Doug Peltzman
Susan Shaftan Perrin
Virginia Piazza
Sally Rothchild
Kaele Brittin Shaw
Lora Shelley
Karin Smith-Spanier
Suzanne Van Gorder
Alex Vo Duy

Curated by
Nathalie Andrews
and Elaine Ralston

March 15 – May 3, 2025
Opening: Saturday, March 15, 3 – 5 pm

 OLIVE FREE LIBRARY
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OLIVE SENIORS

When: 2nd Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m.
Where: American Legion Hall*
What: Guest speakers covering topics like CPR, wildlife, Ashokan Reservoir, etc. & visits from local vendors like the Catskill Visitor Center and Fruition Chocolate
Shuffleboard: meets January-May every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-noon**

* 26-28 Mountain Road, Shokan, NY; handicap accessible, bathrooms on site
** follows Ontario School District calendar and is cancelled when Ontario schools cancel due to a weather event

OLIVE FREE LIBRARY

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Daria Podorozhnova & Terri Ji
with Inesa Sinkevych

Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door

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A program for DPL Patrons

Every Tuesday
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Receive help on a variety of basic tech topics including:

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Middletown Lions Club Spring Craft Fair

Saturday, March 29, 2025
9 a.m to 3 p.m.

Town of Walkill Community Center
8 Wes Warren Drive in Middletown, NY

Over 30 vendors are expected to participate with a variety of crafts and handmade products for purchase.

Middletown Lions Club is a service organization consisting of your friends and neighbors dedicated to improving all aspects of our local community but especially sight, hearing, environment, childhood cancer, diabetes and hunger.

Contact Diane Youngs if you have any questions at
liondiane1@gmail.com

Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

Are you a parent struggling with your family?
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Help is available now!

We are here anytime you need to talk.

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



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4pm-10pm
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5pm-12am



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@ 6:30 PM





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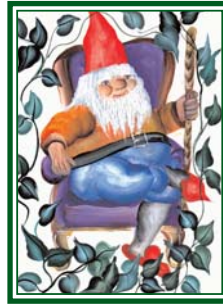




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Boisterous blarney, with beautiful Technicolor scenery, and equally beautiful music by Victor Young. This

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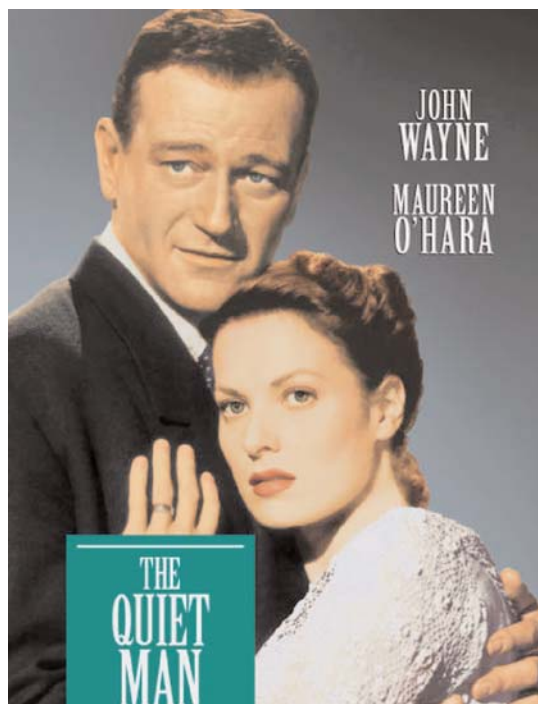
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The Quiet Man (1952) An Irish ex-boxer, play-ed by John Wayne



film was clearly a labor of love for Ford and his Irish-American stars. Maurice Walsh's story was scripted by Frank Nugent. Oscar winner for Best Director and Cinematography –Winton C. Hoch and Archie Stout.

Directed by John Ford. Starring John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Barry Fitzgerald, Victor McLaglen, Mildred Natwick, Arthur Shields, Ward Bond, Ken Curtis, Mae Marsh, Jack MacGowran, Sean



McClory, Francis Ford. (Contd. Pg. 5)

Answer to last week's Trivia Question: **Winona Ryder (Winona, Minnesota)**

This weeks' Trivia question:

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(From Pg. 74) *“Knarf’s Classic Movies II”*

R-Rated • 2h 50m
Prime; Amazon; YouTube; Fandango
Rated R

Gangs of New York

Gangs of New York is a 2002 American epic historical crime film that was **directed by Martin Scorsese**, with some scenes set in the New York City slums. The movie was inspired by **Herbert Asbury’s** 1927 non-fiction book *The Gangs of New York*. The screenplay was written by Jay Cocks, Steven Zaillian, and Kenneth Lonergan. The film stars **Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis, and Cameron Diaz**.



In 1863, a long-running Catholic-Protestant feud erupts into violence, just as an Irish immigrant group is protesting the low wages caused by an influx of freed slaves, as well as the threat of a compulsory enlistment into the Armed Forces.

Made in Cinecittà, Rome, and in New York, the film was completed by 2001, but its release was delayed by the September 11 attacks.

Released on December 20, 2002, the film grossed \$193 million worldwide against its \$100 million budget. Reviewers praised Day-Lewis’ performance, Scorsese’s directing, and the film’s production and costume design but criticized the story. The film received 10 Oscar nominations at the 75th Academy Awards.

“Knarf’s Classic Movies III”

G-Rated • 2h 50m

Amazon DVD; Fandango; Prive Video; Apple TV
Rated G

Finian’s Rainbow

Finian’s Rainbow, stars **Fred Astaire, Petula Clark and Tommy Steele**.

Finian MCLonergan (Fred Astaire), along with his daughter Sharon (Petula Clark), hurriedly leave Ireland and arrive in America with a crock full of gold that he stole from a leprechaun. With the gold hidden in a carpetbag Finian and Sharon head to Rainbow Valley, Missitucky where he intends to bury the treasure in close proximity to Fort



Knox as he believes doing so, the treasure will multiply. He intends on returning the 'borrowed' crock of gold once he makes his fortune.

One of the leprechauns, Og follows Finian with the idea of retrieving the crock of gold as he and fellow leprechauns can no longer make wishes come true.

The lives of a village whose citizens include a struggling farmer and an African American are threatened by a bigoted selfish politician, Senator Billboard Rawkins. However, their lives change after Finian and Sharon and Og arrive.

Finians Rainbow is a 1968 musical morality tale about prejudice. Directed by **Francis Ford Coppola** and adapted by E. Y. Harburg and Fred Saily from the 1947 stage musical of the same name.

Stay safe and stay well,

Knarf Odnamoe
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Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

