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## Tri-Valley Lions Receive Membership Chevrons from Lions International for years of service



*Pictured from left to right are Tri-Valley Lions: Leah Exner, Terry Delaney, Claire Rennison, and Fran Fuller*

Leah Exner received a Chevron for 25 years of service

Terry Delaney received her Chevron for 25 years of service

Claire Rennison received a Chevron for 10 years of service (but the # of years may be adjusted upward)

Fran Fuller received her Chevron for 45 years of service

Gary Buley (not pictured) was awarded a Chevron for his 25 years of service

Joe Pond (not pictured) was awarded a Chevron for 45 years of service

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## Tri-Valley Lions present Daniel Pierce Library with \$400 Donation from the Pumpkin Party

On Wednesday, March 6, 2024, Lions Directors Gene Froehlich, and Esta Jacob presented the Daniel Pierce Library with a donation from the Tri-Valley Lions Soda Booth proceeds from this year's October 7th Pumpkin Party. From left to right are Tri-Valley Lion Director, Gene Froehlich; Mikki Greene, Assistant Director of the Daniel Pierce Library; Tri-Valley Lion Director, Esta Jacob, and Beth Wolpert, new Director for the Daniel Pierce Library.

As you may recall, this year's Daniel Pierce Library's Pumpkin Party was just about a WASHOUT, with pouring rain, cold temperatures, and windy conditions. (Contd. Pg. 4)



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**On the Front Burner:** Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord.

Leviticus 26:2

## OBITUARY

**June Carol Smith** was born in



Grahamsville, New York on June 24, 1938, the daughter of Theron William and Sarah Knight Hasbrouck, of Grahamsville, and only sister of her older brother Douglas Charles Hasbrouck of Glenmont, NY. She attended Tri-Valley School graduating in 1956, and then attended Oneonta State College in New York for a short time. June told the story that she was the "third choice" for a date with her soon-to-be husband, Thomas D. Smith, of Woodbourne, NY. After hitting it off on that first date, June and Thomas married on December 7, 1957, after Thomas had completed two years of active duty in the United States Army. After working several years for the New York Telephone Company, June and Thomas were expecting their first child, Wendy Susan, in February 1962. Six years later, Scott Thomas was adopted and joined their family at just three days old, and Matthew William, their third child was born in August of 1973. June was a loving and devoted mother to her children, keeping herself always busy making cookies, providing wonderful meals, and being involved with her children's friends, their schooling, and teaching them all the things to be successful in life. June and Thomas were married for 61 years prior to Thomas passing in 2019.

June returned to the world of work after Matthew was born, opening the Black Kettle western wear shop, specializing in Square Dance clothing and accessories. June was not only an avid square dancer with Thomas, but was involved in the United Methodist Church of Grahamsville for many years, the Revonah Chapter of the Eastern Star, for which she twice served as grand matron and other leadership positions, and was an active member of the Grahamsville First Aide Squad. Over the years, June worked for several local businesses, including Community General Hospital of Harris, Hillside Greenhouses,

Intercounty Feed Company, and the Tri-Valley School District.

In addition to caring for her children, working outside the home, and being involved in community service, June also dedicated her life to caring for both her mother Sarah Hasbrouck, and her mother-in-law, Emma Smith, for many years. June and Thomas lost both their fathers in March of 1970. Taking care of their widowed mothers became a priority for June, moving Thomas' mother Emma into their home in Hasbrouck for several years before her passing in 1984. When her own mother needed assistance years later, June and Thomas moved from their home in Hasbrouck into her mother's home in Grahamsville to care for Sally. June spent the remainder of her life in this home in Grahamsville, after her mother's passing in 2000, continuing to care for her family, working as a seamstress, and enjoying life with Thomas.

In May of 2010, June suffered a major stroke which left her with irreparable damage to her brain. The last 14 years have been difficult for June as vascular dementia had taken its toll on her mind and body. June went on to her final rest on the evening of January 27, 2024, while sleeping peacefully at her son's home in Florida. June is survived by her brother and sister-in-law Douglas Hasbrouck (Marilyn) of Glenmont; her sister-in-law Jane Buchman of Woodbourne; daughter Wendy Hyndman (Harry) of Colorado Springs, her son Scott Smith (Kate) of Cape Coral, and her son Matthew Smith of Baltimore; three grandsons, Joshua Smith (Jennifer), Nathan Hyndman (Madison), and Noah Hyndman; two great-grandsons, Gage Smith and Benjamin Hyndman; four nieces and one nephew.

Her family is so very grateful to those who have helped care for June over the past several years, especially her good friend and caretaker, Kandy, her son's best friend, Kate, and the many others who have bestowed their love through visits, cards, well wishes, and prayers. We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the wonderful nurses and staff of Orange and Sullivan County Hospice for their compassionate care. Donations in June's honor can be made to Hospice of Orange & Sullivan, the Grahamsville First Aid Squad, and Grahamsville Reformed Church.

# DAYS OF YORE...

## Today's History

### March 24, 1954

A son, Gregory Paul, was born to Pfc. and Mrs. Paul Henderson of Lackawack on February 26th at the Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Texas. Mrs. Henderson is the former Adele Brown.

Miss Martha Pomeroy is currently sporting her new copy of the Columbia Encyclopedia around Tri Valley School. Martha won the encyclopedia as a result of obtaining the highest grade in a test put out by TIME magazine and given to the seniors at Tri Valley.

The Shavertown covered bridge over the Beech Hill creek is to be dismantled this month and reassembled near the Farmers' Museum in Cooperstown. The bridge, which is just west of the forks where the road turns south to go over Beech Mountain to Lew Beach, has to be torn down because of the dam to be built at Downsville for New York City.

### March 11, 1964

William Lawrence, a junior at Tri Valley, has been selected to attend the 1964 Summer Conference Orientation Program at Clarkson College of Technology in Potsdam, New York. Selection for this unusual opportunity is highly competitive and represents a distinct honor for the student. William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burr Lawrence of Liberty.

Jemima D. Tillson, age 90, died on March 4, 1964 at Hasbrouck, N.Y. She was the daughter of David and Louisa Tappen DePuy. Mrs. Tillson was married at Shokan in January, 1912 to the late Clark Tillson who passed away on February 4, 1952. A housewife, she had been a lifetime resident of Hasbrouck.

Birthday wishes this week to: John Krom, Master William Warren Schulte, Keith Ferber, Mrs. Donald Hill, Christine and Mike Dean, Ralph Countryman.

### March 13, 1974

Miss Kathi Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker of Grahamsville, will be appearing on March 23rd as one of the four high school soloists with the Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra. Kathi competed with other talented young flutists from the county to determine who would receive this honor. The concert will be held in the SCCC auditorium.

President Marion Robinson of the Tri-Valley Teachers Association is leading a contingent of the delegates to the second annual Representative Assembly of the New York State United Teachers in Montreal, Canada. The meeting runs from March 21 to the 24th. Other delegates include Martha Hatch.

March 15, 1984 - Michael Parker, 1983 Tri-Valley graduate, of Grahamsville, has earned a place on the Dean's List for the fall 1983 semester at Marist College in Poughkeepsie. Along with the freshmen Dean's List, students in the division of Natural Science, Management Studies, and Computer Science will be honored at a special dinner sponsored by the college.

Last July Rosemarie Nitschke participated in a three week Wildlife Safari in Kenya, Africa visiting ten National Parks from Nairobi to Mombassa. She flew to Kilokifora on Lake Turkana and visited the camp and site where world famous Archeologist, Richard Leakey's expedition unearthed many fossils including remains of early man 52 million years old!

## Household Hint:

### Use Irish Spring Soap to Deter Deer and Rabbits

Sprinkling **Irish Spring** Soap is a tried and true method of deterring deer from entering and destroying your garden. Cut **Irish Spring** soap into cubes, and place the pieces into the ground around newly growing plants. You can also put some of the cubes in little scrap cloth bags and tie them to stakes and place them in the garden

## Nature Column - L. Comando

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

## The Magic and the Mystery of the Shamrock

There is a bit of green everywhere! You may even have a little pot of green shamrocks sitting in your window, or what we believe to be shamrocks.

Back in 1597, John Gerard, an herbalist, defined the shamrock as *Trifolium pratense flore albo*, meaning Red or White Clover. Then in 1726, the Irish botanist Caleb Threlkeld, wrote in his work entitled *Synopsis Stirpium Hibernicarum* or *A Treatise on Native Irish Plants* identifying the shamrock as *Trifolium pratense*, or White Field Clover.



In 1737 botanist Karl Linnaeus claimed the shamrock as *Trifolium pratense*, which is purple field clover. By 1830, London botanist James Ebenezer Bicheno added to the confusion, proclaiming that the real shamrock was indeed *Oxalis acetosella* or Wood Sorrel.

According to a survey taken in 1893 by Nathaniel Colgan, an amateur naturalist, the results were that there was no 'true' species of shamrock. Almost one hundred years later, in 1988 a comparable survey was carried out by E. Charles Nelson, Director of the Irish National Botanic Gardens. Both surveys involved, asked people from all across Ireland to send in samples of a shamrock, which were then potted up and allowed to flower so that their botanical species could be identified. The results of both surveys were very similar, showing that the conception of the shamrock in Ireland had changed little in almost a hundred years; there is no one "true" species of shamrock.

The *Trifolium dubium* (Lesser clover) is considered to be the shamrock by roughly half of Irish people, and *Trifolium repens* (White clover) by another third, with the remainder split between *Trifolium pratense*, *Medicago lupulina*, *Oxalis acetosella* and various other species of *Trifolium* and *oxalis*.

The little potted shamrock plants that you have seen in the shops are most likely wood sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*) that is shipped from Ireland in great quantity for St. Patrick's Day. As you see, they are not highly considered as the 'true shamrock', but look like a shamrock, so to us, they must be shamrocks!

Now this may sound like a lot of Blarney, but this truth is based on science!

Whoever knew there was such diversity of opinion as to what a real shamrock was?

One thing that all Shamrocks represent is they have been symbolic of many things over the years. According to legend, the shamrock was a sacred plant to the Druids of Ireland because its leaves formed a triad, and three was a mystical number in the Celtic religion. St. Patrick used the shamrock in the 5th century to illustrate the doctrine of the Holy Trinity as he introduced Christianity to Ireland.

The shamrock became symbolic in other ways as time went on. In the 19th century it became a symbol of rebellion, and anyone wearing it risked death by hanging. It was this period that spawned the phrase "the wearin' o' the green".

Today, the shamrock is the most recognized symbol of the Irish, especially on St. Patrick's Day. And the magic of the shamrock - when you put one on - you simply become Irish for the day!

And begorra - that's a truth we can rely on!

**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**



## LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published March 19, 1998

A good many years ago when I was a child, boys and jackknives went together. One of the first gifts a dad gave his son when he became of school age was a jackknife along with instructions for proper use and care of it. Every boy who could afford one, had a jackknife. My dad grew up carrying a knife and he told us kids that it was a gift from his dad. It was just an ordinary jackknife, no frills, no gold toothpick and no initials were carved on it. He used it daily to peel an apple, cut a chew of tobacco and each night he used it to whittle shavings for starting the fire in our wood-burning stove.

Dad's knife also served as a tool; a screwdriver, wire cutter and as a pair of pliers. He made us kids happy by making us whistles from whistle wood and spinning tops from mother's empty thread spools but we were never allowed to touch his jackknife.

Last summer, three of my daughters, Vera Atkins, Ella Charter and Minnie Stewart took me for a ride up to Grooviile where I lived as a child. Our old home is gone now but my maple tree still stands. I have many memories of that maple tree. My dad has been gone for eighty two years and one of the last things he did with that jackknife was to carve his name, "JOHN DAVIS", into that tree. The carving remains and it reminds me of how much daddy valued his jackknife and it also brings back a good many memories of our days together.

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(From Pg. 1) All of this factored in to a small public turnout for this event. Most purchases from the Tri-Valley Soda Booth consisted of lots of hot coffee, hot tea, and hot chocolate. For almost 40 years, the Tri-Valley Lions have donated the proceeds from the Pumpkin Party to the Daniel Pierce Library. The donation was always a percentage of the proceeds taken in by the Soda Booth. With the small turnout, this year's proceeds were well below the norm, so the Tri-Valley Lions voted to donate all the funds from this year's soda booth receipts and rounded the donation up to \$400. The Library uses these donations to fund children's and adult reading programs.

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 47th year of existence, and we are always looking for new members. Just as a reminder, The Tri-Valley Lions bring in donations and funding by selling sodas from our Soda Booth for events at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies, our Annual Journey for Sight Walk and Tag Day. Our funding allows us to continue to provide monetary and service support to Local Food Pantries, Tri-Valley School Community Service and Achievement

Awards, Children's Eye Screenings, support for Diabetes, Lymphoma and Leukemia organizations, childhood cancer, WSUL Heart-A-Thon, Guiding Eyes for The Blind, and so much more. If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com

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## New Citizens to Take Oath in Ulster County

Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack announces that a naturalization ceremony will take place at the historic Ulster County Courthouse on Wall Street in Kingston on Friday, March 15th at 11:00 a.m.

Approximately 25 new citizens will take their Oaths of Allegiance accepting the responsibilities of an American, while also gaining the rights and privileges afforded to most Americans by birth. "I am honored to be a part of such a special ceremony," states Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack. "It's a moving experience to watch as people are finally able to realize their dream of becoming a U.S. citizen."

Several local elected officials and organizations will be helping to welcome the new citizens by awarding them with congratulatory certificates and providing them with useful resources and materials.

Presiding over the ceremony will be the Honorable Kevin R. Bryant, Justice of the Supreme Court. Judge Bryant will be the keynote speaker welcoming our 25 participants as newly naturalized American Citizens.

For further information about the ceremony or other programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please call County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040.



# Volunteer Open House at the Time and the Valleys Museum Sunday, March 24th 1 to 3 p.m.

Volunteer Open House will be held on Sunday, March 24, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum, St. Rt. 55, Grahamsville, NY. The afternoon is a welcome and introduction to the Museum and all that we do for anyone interested in learning about volunteering



The afternoon includes refreshments, door prizes, tours of the Museum's current exhibits and information gathering about the Museum's volunteer needs and the many benefits of volunteering. Attendees will learn about all of the different ways they can help and make a difference with teaching students, greeting visitors, at events, in the Museum shop, office tasks, scanning photos, projects at home, and more!

Volunteers can help one or two afternoons a month or more, whatever suits their lifestyle, as much or as little as they like. All information and training will be provided. NO

previous knowledge of history or museum experience is required, just time and a willingness to learn.

"We have many volunteer needs including helping in the museum shop, reception desk and offices," according to Volunteer Chairperson, Mary Inghrim. For more information on the volunteer open house, the many different volunteer positions, benefits and training, email [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or call the Museum at 985-7700.

Benefits to being a Museum volunteer include a 10% discount in the Museum Shop, an invitation to a special yearly recognition event, gaining new skills, and meeting new people and making new friends. By also joining Sullivan County R.S.V.P. (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) they can receive mileage reimbursement, too!

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

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

- o **Water and the Valleys**, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- o **Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story**, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- o **Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds** an art exhibit with a fun interactive augmented reality component.
- o **1930s Lost Catskill Farm**, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

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

For more information or to schedule a school field trip or adult tours for groups of 10 to 100, call 845 985-7700, e-mail [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org).





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## The Mercenary

### Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 79

by John Dwaine McKenna

### Mysterious Book Report No. 439

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Moscow, during the late winter-early spring of 1985-in the waning times of the Soviet Empire and end of nearly fifty years of the Cold War-is the setting for a master work of espionage thriller entitled: *The Mercenary*, (Pegasus Crime, \$25.95, 288 pages, ISBN 978-1-64313-620-2), by Paul Vidich, in which a high-ranking KGB Officer is attempting to defect to the United States with a treasure-trove of priceless Soviet military secrets.

After approaching the CIA Moscow Station Chief in an open and dangerously clumsy way, the potential turncoat's information is vetted, then he's given the code name GAMBIT, and knowledge of him is restricted to the fewest number of persons-less than a handful-because the Americans have never been able to successfully exfiltrate anyone from Moscow Station.

GAMBIT demands that an ex-CIA officer, a man named Alek Garin, be his handler. Garin's an ex-KGB officer who defected to the U.S. and joined the CIA. He failed in a prior attempt to bring out a KGB general, who was killed in the process. The CIA chiefs don't trust Garin, but decide to go ahead with the mission anyway, because GAMBIT's huge amount of top-secret military information could be key to ending the Cold War.

Garin gains GAMBIT's trust, but not the CIA's. Is he just a mercenary-a hired gun-acting only out of self-interest? Will he sellout to another, higher bidder? Will he be recognized by his old spymasters at the KGB . . . or is GAMBIT himself merely an elaborate ruse to lure Garin back so that he can be captured, tried and then executed?

You'll find yourself reading faster and faster and ignoring routine chores as you race to the electrifying conclusion of this astonishingly tense and well-plotted spy yarn that's as real as it gets without actually being there and running in fear for your life!

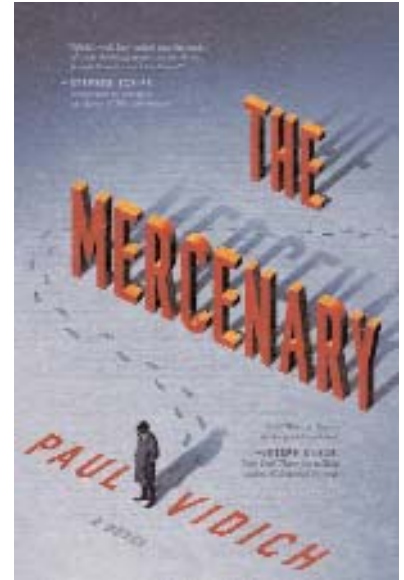
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# The Olive Jar

## by Carol Olsen LaMonda

### Going, Going, Gone



So many readers wrote back adding things to my list of items no longer in common use that they wrote the sequel to my column from last week. As I type this on my keyboard, I realize how fortunate I was to learn typing on a typewriter and still can type quite fast. However, as I type, I realize how convenient it is to have word

processing. Nightmares of re-typing term papers with carbon paper and white-out remind me how far we have progressed from then.



Many of these items are replaced by technology or style; however, there are many items that are in planned obsolescence. Things like lightbulbs, batteries, appliances, cars, and smart televisions and phones are designed to last only a limited time. Repair of such items are usually cost-prohibitive, so buyers merely replace them with the next latest model. They are designed to lose value and be re-purchased. Our only recourse is to recycle their components.

With so many items being replaced, I wonder what the next new thing will be. I predict it will be satellite communication with all our television, video, and social media coming from the cloud. Or perhaps we can "chip" ourselves and just receive data directly.

### 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 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*



### So here is the list of reader contributions:

- mimeograph machines
- square-box dumb televisions
- Speedo bathing suits for men (thank goodness!)
- styrofoam packing peanuts
- fountain pens
- monogrammed stationery
- engraved wedding invitations
- photo albums
- paper manufacturer or store coupons  
(replaced by digital)
- CD players in new cars
- Nash and Saturn brand cars
- Pogo sticks





**Daniel Pierce Library**

*Between the Bookends*

## New Programs and a Full Calendar Makes the DPL a Busy Place!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-The DPL is the place to be this spring!

Starting in April, we'll be adding a host of new teen programs to our already bustling schedule. In collaboration with Tri-Valley CSD, we will be offering three new programs.

Rock the Library jam sessions will be open to Tri-Valley CSD students in grades 9-12 on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:45PM. Bring your instrument or your singing skills and be part of the first ever band to rock the DPL. Sessions are expected to continue into May with a performance event in June on our beautiful patio. While no registration is required, students should contact the Tri-Valley Secondary School to make bussing arrangements. On Tuesdays, Tri-Valley teens can attend our Teens Teach Tech and Taco Tuesdays and help senior citizens with their tech problems. Tacos will be offered to those who teach and bussing is available from the school to the library and back. In addition, those teens seeking volunteer hours for National Honor Society or other entities will be given a verification form. Finally, teens can join our Tri-Valley Chess program on Wednesdays from 3:15 to 4:45PM. Join us for snacks, a rousing game of chess and alleviate some of that pent up stress. Whether you are a master or a novice, there's a place for you. Again, bussing back-and-forth to school is available but teens have to contact the secondary school main office to set that up.

Also in April, celebrate National Library Week with us. Tri-Valley students in UPK to third grade can register to attend Spencer Investigates the Library, a puppet show by the much beloved Sue Moore, her puppeteers and her Stop, Drop and Pray puppets on Wednesday, April 10 from 3 to 4:30PM. While the more the merrier for this program, there is a limit of 20 for the bus from the school. If you need your child to ride the bus, please send a note to the elementary office no later than Monday, April 8. If the bus fills up, parents will need to provide transportation to this program. Pick up will be here, at the library, at 4:30PM.

Okay, now back to March.

If you haven't done so yet, but have a child who meets the age eligibility for our 8 week Spring Children's Program, please register them now. Having the right number of attendees early on affords us better prep. For a complete description of each of our three age groups and to register, visit our website at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org).

We're celebrating Read Across America all month and asking children to visit the library, pick up a book and review sheet and leave their completed review with us. There are also logs available to complete as they read, and for every log filled out, they receive a prize.

At the tail end of March, we have the author visit by Lisa Titus, the 5 hour Pre Licensing class and Adopt a 'Furever' Reading Bunny Program, scheduled. For complete information and to register for any of these three exciting programs please



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Calling all local artists! This year will be the Daniel Pierce Library's 125th birthday and in part of celebrating that incredible milestone we are looking for local artists to participate in an art contest. We have a bare mantle in the 1902 building just looking for something spectacular to draw the eye. The subject matter of your original piece must be of local interest to the Neversink area. The medium is your choice: oil, pastels, acrylic, charcoal and pencil are all accepted. The completed dimensions should be approximately 24" X 30." The library will frame the winning entry and it will be placed above the mantle. In addition, the winner will receive \$500! All entries must be brought to the library no later than 12PM on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

And finally, we'd like to open our "staff picks" section up to our patrons. If you have read an incredible book and would like to share your review with us, and have it showcased in our Tri-Valley Townsman weekly article, please email the book's title and author, along with a paragraph describing what you enjoyed most about the story and/or why others should read it, to [lcarroll@rcls.org](mailto:lcarroll@rcls.org). I'd love to get reviews that span the multitude of genres available out there!





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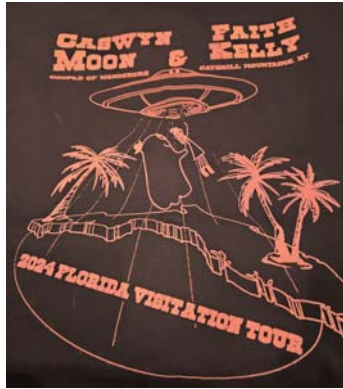
# The Scene Too

- By Jane Harrison

We are again at a confusing time of the year...resetting the clocks. I tried my best to 'reset' my furry ones schedule and felt I had done a really good job. Then came this crappy weather weekend. I had gone out before the deluge on Saturday to pick up the last few ingredients of a new recipe for the Instant Pot, and then there I was cutting and chopping in the kitchen, and I noticed my three were looking at me. I ignored them. Dinner done, the kitchen cleaned, I sat down and they were all looking at me. I thought it must be their dinner time (I'd moved it to 5:30) and the light seemed about right for that. Imagine my surprise when I checked the clock to find it was 2:30!! What a cruel joke by the weather on this, of all weekends!!!



Does anyone out there watch Indie films? 'Inde' is short for Independent, which denotes any films by fledgling actors, producers and directors and are generally low budget. Many are



Faith Kelly and Caswyn Moon

really really bad, but some go on to be cult classics (Eraser Head, Blair Witch Project), so for me it's worth checking them out from time to time. That's why I went to CABERNET FRANK'S on a Wednesday night to see my friends CASWYN MOON and FAITH KELLY before they departed on their THIRD tour, and a sneak peek at the Indie film ABBADON'S PIT. How did that get into the line-up? Well, among her many talents, FAITH KELLY was in it!

Not only in it, but in a starring role, which she never told anyone, to her credit. In my circles over the years in the three major cities, I have been privileged to have known many producers, directors and actors in these Indie films, and some have been seriously cringe-worthy. But many were not. This is one that was not. It actually took my by surprise. It took me a minute to recognize her as a female preacher. Her performance was relaxed and believable throughout, even as the film itself took a turn to the supernatural. The film itself is not bad, landing on the streaming INDEFILM CHANNEL which is accessible via the AMAZON PRIME streaming service. And you can google the film for additional information. Pretty impressive.



Antoinette Sorrentino

That Friday was THE ROCK HILL RAMBLERS at the TANGO CAFÉ in Hurleyville debuting ANTOINETTE SORRENTINO in her very first gig outside of the Open Mics. The first thing the staff told me when I walked in was the place was sold out!

And indeed, every table and almost every seat at the bar was taken (I got the last vacant one). And if there was one 'star studded' event in Sullivan County, this was it, from the musicians to the audience. The band, STEVE SCHWARTZ, guitar man extraordinaire, KENNY WYNDHAM, bassist extraordinaire and ANTOINE MAGLIANO, guitar, vocals and performer extraordinaire comprised the back up for ANTOINETTE's gentle, easy renditions of songs that spanned time. I give her a great deal of credit, her very first official gig in front of the 'who's who' of this music world was daunting but she pulled it off beautifully to thunderous applause.



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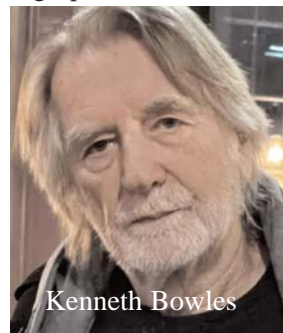


Joanna Gass



Antoine & Laura Gatone

Saint Patrick's Day is coming up this weekend with a few notables performing.



Kenneth Bowles

KENNETH BOWLES and his band will be at RAFTERS in Callicoon Friday night, March 15 at 7pm. Mainly sticking close to home in Orange County, this is a rare chance to see them here and they are well worth seeing justifying the trip.

ALBI and JESSE NOREN will be at the HASBROUK TAVERN on Sunday, March 17th at 3pm to 9. Here's another 'must see' as rumor has it, it should read 'and friends. And the food there is exceptional!

And further ahead, THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMUNITY CHORUS will be performing at LINCOLN CENTER in New York City on April 8th at 8pm. The piece, CREATION, is by Dan Forrest, a living composer finished only a few months ago.

Until next time.....



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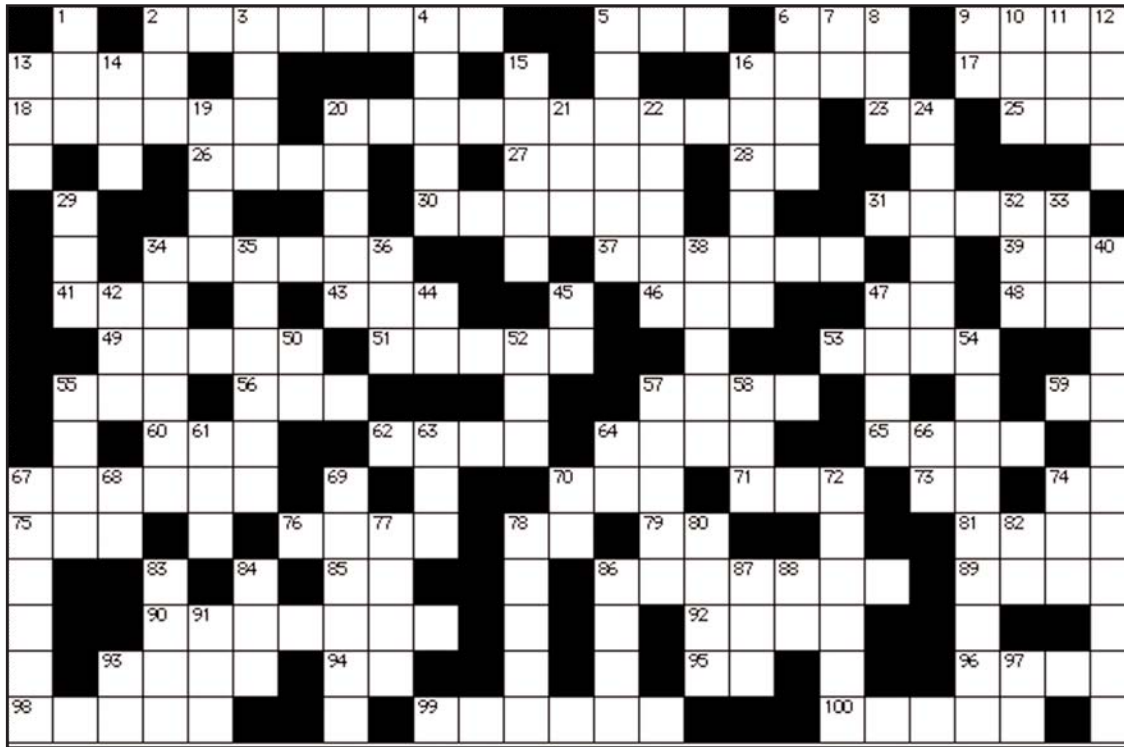
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**ACROSS**

- 2 Clover-like plant associated with St. Patrick
- 5 Pelt
- 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 Accomplished unaccompanied
- 39 Petroleum
- 41 Grade
- Point Average
- 43 Persuade
- 46 Prioress
- 47 Exist
- 48 Single unit
- 49 people of Ireland
- 51 Extraordinary
- 53 Scottish girl
- 55 Leguminous round 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 Automatted 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 Assert to be 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 Pigpen
- 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 Room
- 83 Slim
- 84 Everything
- 86 Small island
- 87 Rule
- 88 Arrive at a particular place
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- 93 Perform
- 97 Mountain

**Traditional Irish Soda Bread**

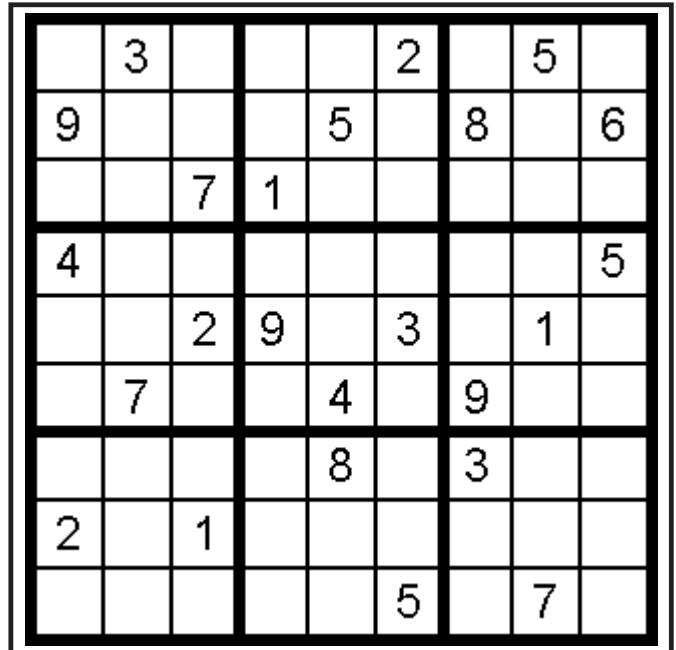
- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 5 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 3 tablespoons butter, chilled, cut into cubes
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2/3 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray 8-inch-diameter cake pan with nonstick 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.

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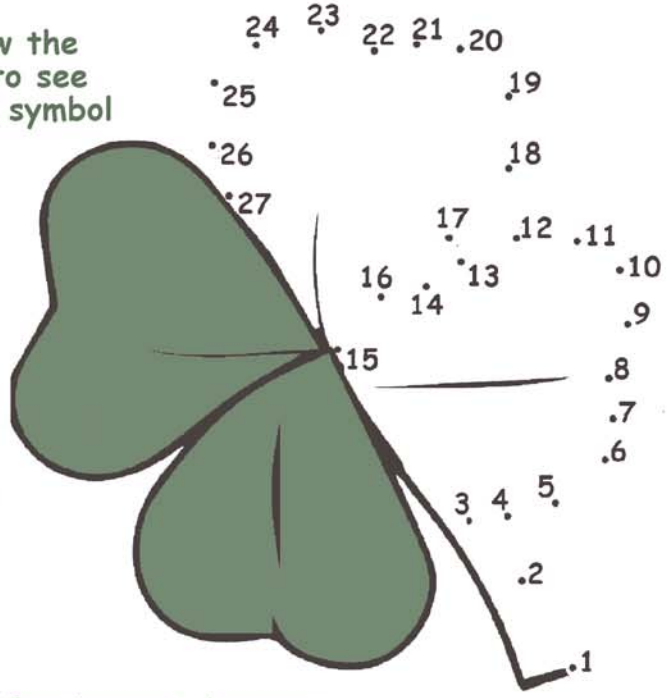
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## ... and don't forget St. Urho!

"Ancient writings" on St. Urho, (pronounced Ooor lo) the Finnish saint that saved the wild grape vineyards are scant. Actual dates of his life are still in dispute. We do however know that tales of St. Urho all claim he rid Finland of plagues -frogs or grasshoppers. Either way, he saved the wild Vineyards of Finland!

According to the ancient writings that were kept by a group of archeologically-minded Tontuu (Finnish gnomes) claim that before the last glacial ice age, grapes grew in abundance throughout Finland. Frogs or grasshoppers threatened the crop. The old St. Urho purged the country of frogs or grasshoppers, thus saving the vineyards in Finland.

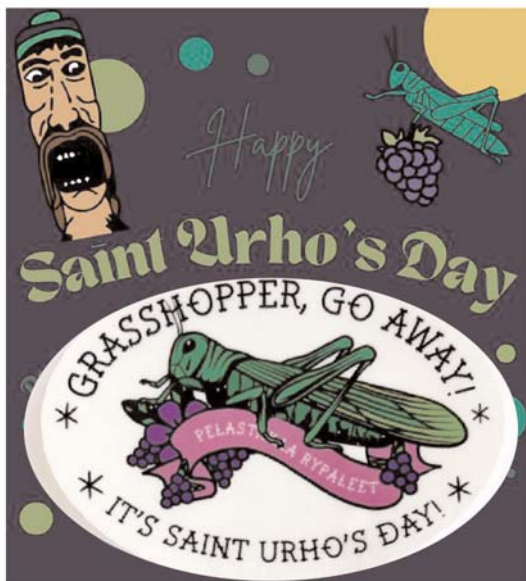
This beloved Finnish saint is celebrated on March 16th.

Today, there is a more accepted thought - it was grasshoppers.

Back in the mid 20th century, the modern day celebrations of St. Urho's Day began to pick up momentum and became a popular celebration in Finnish communities throughout the United States and Canada. The source of this legend was produced by more than one person. The original tale can be traced back to Virginia, Minnesota where Richard Mattson, a worker in Ketola's Department store conjured up the Finnish counterpart to St. Patrick in the spring of 1956. It was at this same time that Urho Kekkonen also became the well-like president of Finland. A little research about Urho Kekkonen adds a little spice to the legend.

Gene McCavic took Mattson's tale and with his help, they wrote the "Ode to St. Urho".

## St. Urho's Fun Page



### Ode to St. Urho

by Gene McCavic and Richard Mattson  
Virginia, Minnesota

Ooksi kooksi coolama vee  
Santia Urho is ta poy for mel!  
He sase out to hoppers as pig as pirds  
Neffor peefor haff I hurd tose words!

He reely tolt tose pugs of kreen  
Braffest Finn I effer seen  
Some celebrate for St. Pat unt hisss nakes  
Putt Urho poyka kot what it takes.

He kot tall and trong from feelia sour  
Unt ate kala moyakka effery hour.  
Tat's why tat kuy could sase toes peetles  
What krew as thick as chack bine neetles.

So le's give a cheer in hower pest vay  
On Sixteenth of March, St. Urhoo's Tay!

Also credited with the St. Urho legend is Dr. Sulo Havumaki, a psychology professor at Bemidji State College in Bemidji, Minnesota. He is credited with changing the plague to grasshoppers, who were consuming the grape crop that would become wine in ancient Finland. Pre-historic Finland was allegedly a much warmer place than it is today. St. Urho's triumph was saving the vineyards and the jobs for those who picked the grapes and he became the Patron Saint of *Finnish Vineyard Workers!*

These legends spread quickly and reached the Tri-Valley area in 1979 when Isabelle Bernstein and Elyse Hornbeck were in New York City getting ready to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The day before, March 16th, they witnessed the celebration of St. Urho in NYC and brought their story home!

St. Urho was again mentioned 30 years later, in 2009 in the *Townsmen's Days of Yore* column. Recognizing the familiar saint, Jona Hamilton expressed her delight when she read about this 'great man' who was celebrated in her hometown in Minnesota!

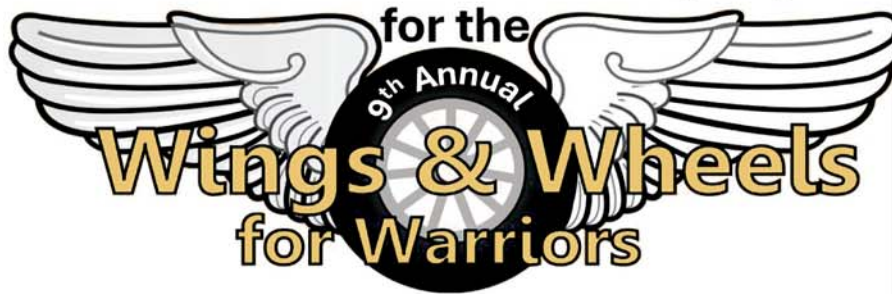
That's not the end of this saga for sure. Three years later, while working with the committee to put together our high school reunion I realized that one of my classmates, Dan Gartrell lives in Bemidji, Minnesota with his wife and family and attended Bemidji State University, where he was Director of the Child Development Training Program and professor of Early Childhood Education at Bemidji State University. He is now a professor emeritus. Sound amazing? See for yourself - go to [dangartrell.net/about-dan/](http://dangartrell.net/about-dan/) and read about Dan and his connection to Bemidji State University, the same university where Dr. Sulo-Havumake was a professor!

And there is yet another chapter. On August 23, 2014 my nephew Adam Hornbeck (Elyse's brother) married his beautiful bride, Melanie Karkkainen. Melanie's father was from the same town in Finland -Korpo -where my grandfather, Methodius Gronroos was born! That was the same year that our grape vine began to flourish and and we finally had enough grapes to make two jars of jelly. However, since then, the vine has grown and covers a 10' x 20' arbor. We have had grape jelly ever since - maybe some wine this year! St. Urho you are doing a good job. Your vines have flourished. You helped connect Sundown, Grahamsville and Bemidji and other places in Minnesota. Our grand-daughter Aurora will certainly celebrate on Saturday, March 16 -it's her 5th birthday!

Call it what you may...(the little people a/k/a gnomes, the Tontuu or Leprechauns helping St. Urho) have fun and enjoy St. Urho's Day and the next day - let's all become Irish and celebrate St. Patrick!

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**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Rain Date: Sunday, May 19th  
9am to 3pm

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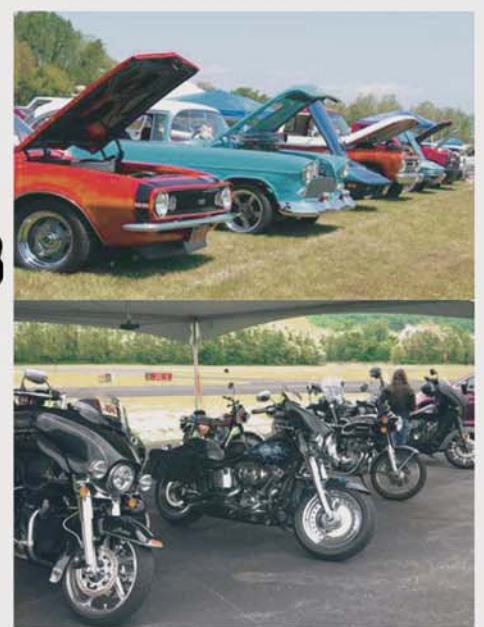
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**Ellenville, NY 12428**





# LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

## ATTENTION:

### PARENTS OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

In accordance with Section 3635(2) of the Education Law, the Tri-Valley Central School District requires that requests for transportation to a non-public school for the 2024-2025 school year be received, in writing, no later than April 1, 2024.

Tri-Valley residents should submit their requests to:

District Clerk  
Tri-Valley Central School District  
34 Moore Hill Road  
Grahamsville, New York 12740

By Order of the Board of Education.

Norma Peña  
District Clerk  
March 1, 2024

3/7; 3/1430

The annual Plot-Holders' meeting of the **Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association** will be held on Tuesday, March 19 or, in the event of bad weather, Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Grahamsville.

3/7; 3/1410

## Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 2024

Meeting Opening/Call to Order - 6:15 p.m.  
Proposed Executive Session - 6:15 p.m.  
Meeting Resumes - 7:00 p.m.  
Secondary School Library

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkI224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>

The Agenda will be available on BoardDocs  
2 days before the meeting.

**Tri-Valley CSD Board of Education**  
will hold a **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
on **Monday, March 18, 2024, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**,  
Secondary School Library Lower Level.

## Administrative Opening Tri-Valley Central School

### Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

This individual assists the Superintendent of Schools by providing financial oversight and leadership in all areas of cash mgmt., purchasing, accounting, financial statements, insurance claims, state aid reports & claims, school budget, capital projects, financial audits, and real estate transactions. This position also has operational oversight of business office staff, food service operation, transportation, nursing, buildings and grounds, and information technology departments.

Knowledge of the development and oversight of school budgets, NYS aid formulas and completion of state financial reports, managing self-funded medical insurance plans, and the successful leadership in initiating, evaluating, and upgrading school financial operating practices and systems, including the use of new software and technology, and a high-level communication and interpersonal skills are required.

Salary: \$125,000 - \$150,000  
commensurate with experience

NYS SDA or SDL certification with a minimum of five (5) yrs. in education and school business mgmt. is preferred.

Please forward resumes & Tri-Valley's application (located at [www.trivalleycsd.org](http://www.trivalleycsd.org)) by **Mar 29th**  
To: [tri-valley-recruitment@scbores.org](mailto:tri-valley-recruitment@scbores.org)  
Attn: Asst. Sup for Finance Search EOE

3/7; 3/1445

## Use Extra Vigilance Before the Statewide Burn Ban goes into effect on March 16

To date, the winter season has not provided typical snow cover across much of New York State, leaving dormant vegetation from last year's growing season exposed and susceptible to the daily fluctuations of spring weather. To help prevent fires, DEC is advocating extra vigilance before the statewide burn ban goes into effect on **March 16**

## WAHS Players 20th Anniversary *Les Misérables* Builds Community

The WAHS Players will perform the musical *Les Misérables* at Wallenpaupack Area High School (6552 Route 6, Hawley) on Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m.; Friday, April 12 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 13 at 6 p.m.; and Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 and are available for advance purchase at [wallenpaupack.org](http://wallenpaupack.org) or for same-day purchase at performances beginning one hour before curtain time. Senior citizen tickets are free, and promotions are available for complimentary tickets for select patrons on Friday and Saturday.

Given the musical's themes of hunger and compassion, the WAHS Players are cooperating with the district-wide Our Kids Food Pantry to collect food donations at all four shows. Those who bring a donation to the Friday, April 12, 7 p.m. show are eligible for one free ticket at the door (specific seating reservations unavailable). The pantry requests unexpired, non-glass donations of cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, pop tarts, mac and cheese, canned tomato sauce, ramen, peanut butter, jams, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. To learn more about the food pantry, please visit [wallenpaupack.org](http://wallenpaupack.org) or call Founder Rosemary Martynuk at 570-226-4557, ext. 5242.

This production marks 20 years since the WAHS Players last staged *Les Misérables* and 20 years of leadership by Director Alison Hoffmann. In celebration of this anniversary, members of the original production and all WAHS Players alumni are welcome to attend the Saturday, April 13, 6 p.m. performance and to participate in a meet-and-greet immediately after the show. Complimentary tickets are available to WAHS Players alumni for those events (specific seating reservations unavailable); visit [wallenpaupack.org](http://wallenpaupack.org) or email WAHS Players Manager Sara Rosencrance at [rosencsa@wallenpaupack.org](mailto:rosencsa@wallenpaupack.org) by no later than April 6, one week in advance, for more information.

Additionally, WAHS Players alumni aged 21+ are invited to an afterparty at The Foundry (318 Main Street, Hawley) following the Saturday night meet-and-greet. Tickets to this event will be sold separately; \$20 will cover entry, appetizers, and non-alcoholic drinks; there will be a cash bar. For more information or to purchase tickets for this event, email [hoffmaal@wallenpaupack.org](mailto:hoffmaal@wallenpaupack.org). Advance purchase by April 6 is required; no same-day tickets will be available.



THE WAHS PLAYERS PRESENT:

# Les Misérables

School Edition

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Based on the novel by VICTOR HUGO  
Music by CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHONBERG  
Lyrics by HERBERT KRETZMER  
School Edition specially adapted and licensed by  
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Performances:  
April 11th & 12th 7:00 PM  
April 13th 6:00 PM  
April 14th 2:00 PM

Ticket Prices:  
Adults: \$8.00  
Students: \$5.00  
Senior Citizens: FREE

Performed Entirely By Students  
Wallenpaupack Area High School  
2552 Route 6, Hawley, PA 18428

VISIT US AT: [www.wallenpaupack.org/wahsplayers](http://www.wallenpaupack.org/wahsplayers)  
Online Ticket Sales begin March 1, 2024



Tri-Valley Elementary School  
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# Tri-Valley Elementary School

## UPK REGISTRATION

**If you have a child that will be 4  
years old by December 1, 2024 please  
call us at**

**845-985-2296 ext. 5405**

**Or send an email to:**

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

**and leave your name, your child's  
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**Sundown United Methodist Church  
Covered Dish Supper  
5:30 pm  
Apr 6, 2024**

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

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*

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

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

**WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**  
8:00 AM Monday through Friday  
9:00 AM Saturday

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

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)  
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

**Weekend Mass schedule:**  
Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm  
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

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

**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 3:45 to 4:15 pm  
Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator  
(845) 434-7643

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

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

**Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches  
House Worship Plan  
Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link**

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>  
Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740  
Dial by your location  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

**The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.**  
If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

*The Church with a friendly welcome*  
**Pastor Kenneth Ronk**  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Worship Service 9:30 am  
P O Box 238 - Route 55  
Grahamsville, NY 12740  
845-985-7480

**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
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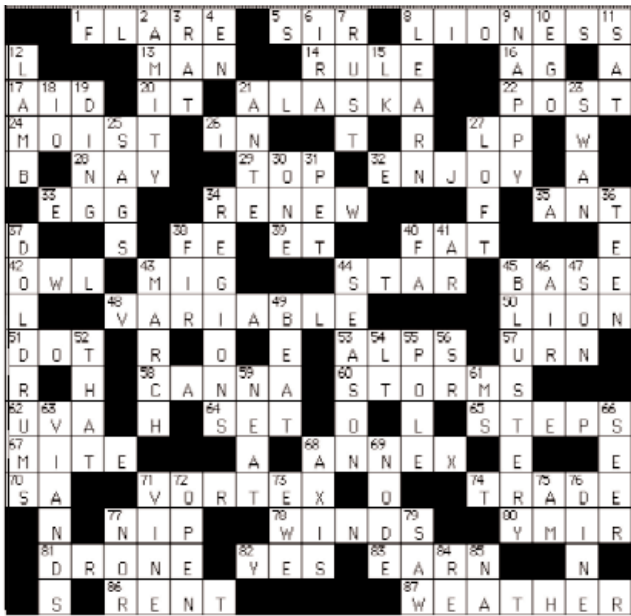
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Ellenville, New York  
(845) 647-4343

**St. Augustine's Chapel**  
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
Holy Days 5:30 pm  
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor



Ans to last week's Crossword



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

Also  
**WANTED**  
 People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU  
 answer

6	3	8	4	9	2	1	5	7
9	1	4	3	5	7	8	2	6
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**GRAHAMSVILLE UMC THRIFT MINISTRY**

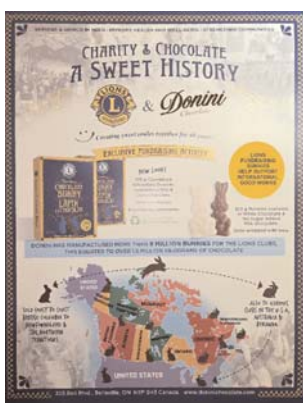
We are no longer accepting donations for the Thrift Ministry. Thanks to all for your generosity which has helped to make a successful season. We look forward to returning in the Spring of 2024.

**The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team**

<https://grahamsvilleUMC.org>  
 GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com—Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

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

**2024 Journey For Sight Walk**  
 Saturday, May 4, 2024 **Journey For Sight Walk** at the **Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building and Grahamsville Fairgrounds**. We would love to have you join us this year, and you will see more information about **The Journey For Sight Walk** in upcoming editions of *The Townsman*.



**Tri Valley Lions Easter Bunnies Available For Sale at the Daniel Pierce Library**

Milk or Dark Chocolate Easter Bunnies are available for sale at The Daniel Pierce Library or through most Lions. They are \$5 each, delicious, and help with Fundraising so The Tri Valley Lions can continue to support our community and organizations. Stop in and purchase a bunny or two. They make great additions to Easter baskets.

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

## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/12/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
3/13/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
3/17/24	Claryville Fire Department <b>All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast</b> 8 am - 12 noon
3/19/24	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
3/21/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
3/21/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
3/29/24	Town of Neversink Holiday <b>Good Friday</b>
4/2/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
4/3/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
4/6/24	<b>Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper</b> 5:30 Church Hall
4/9/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

**Save the Date!**

May 4, 2023 **Tri-Valley Lions' Journey For Sight Walk** at 8:30 am at Grahamsville First Aid Squad Bldg and Fairgrounds. Call Lion Esta Jacob for more information at 845-866-1579.

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

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

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

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

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of March 11 - March 15, 2024

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

**Monday, March 11**

- o **5:00 PM - Fleet Management Review Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board**, in the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Governance Committee**, in the UCRRRA Offices, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

**Tuesday, March 12**

- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Health**, 239 Golden Hill Lane, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Kingston

**Wednesday, March 13**

- o No Meetings

**Thursday, March 14**

- o **9:30 AM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Reform Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **4:00 PM - Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o **5:30 PM (Or Immediately Following the Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee) - Ways & Means Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

**Friday, March 15**

- o No Meetings

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Classified ads - \$5.00  
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20 cents each additional word

1" Boxed ad (1"x3")-

\$6.00 per week

Business card ad ( 2" x 3")

- \$12.00 per week

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

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

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

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

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

Full Page - 8" x 10" -

\$100.00 per week

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

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

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

**Low Rates  
High Visibility!**



# Free Automotive Tech Course Available County Again Partners with BOCES to Build Workforce

Liberty, NY - Building upon the popularity and success of construction and welding courses offered last year, Sullivan County's Center for Workforce Development (CWD) and Sullivan BOCES have teamed up once again to offer a free course - this time in automotive mechanics - to up to 15 local residents.

"I thank the Legislature for devoting funding to a third initiative to provide local workers with practical, career-building skills," said CWD Director Loreen Gebelein. "Graduates of this program will earn ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certification as Automotive Technicians and be immediately employable."

The 8-week program is being administered by the CWD, part of the Division of Community Resources. Open to County residents who are 18 or older and have reliable transportation, classes start April 9 and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-9 p.m. at the Rubin Pollack Education Center on Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

"This is hands-on training at BOCES' classrooms and shops in Liberty, and graduates of this program will be ready to work in a field full of employers eager to hire them," said Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley. "I encourage anyone interested to contact us right away, as only 15 spots are available for this course."

To find out more or to apply, contact the Center for Workforce Development at 845-794-3340 or linda.kalman@sullivanny.us.

# Empowering a Healthier Generation 2023-2025 Grant Awards • Healthier Generation School Grants

[Liberty, NY] Sullivan 180 is pleased to announce the first of the Healthier Generation School Grant recipients for the 2023-2025 grant cycle. The Healthier Generation School Grant, in the amount of \$4,000, supports initiatives that bring awareness and advance goals of the District's Wellness Policy within a particular school building.

The following nine Sullivan County schools have been awarded grants. Additional Healthier Generation Grant recipients will be announced over the coming weeks.

"This is our third school year offering Healthier Generation Grants to Sullivan County Public Schools and they continue to amaze us with their hard work and dedication to school health and wellness," said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Director of Health & Wellness.



"The school-based Healthier Generation Advisors and district-based Wellness Coordinators have gained a lot of traction in their schools and are making a real impact."

For more information about Sullivan 180, visit [www.Sullivan180.org](http://www.Sullivan180.org) or call (845) 295-2680.

Sullivan 180 is working to build a healthy community, one degree at a time, through people, places and policy with support from Bold Gold Media Group, Manor Ink, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat and WJFF Radio Catskill. Learn more at [Sullivan180.org](http://Sullivan180.org) or [Facebook.com/Sullivan180inc](https://Facebook.com/Sullivan180inc)

<u>School Building</u>	<u>Districts</u>	<u>Initiative</u>
George Ross Mackenzie Elementary	Eldred	Outdoor Learning Space (Gaga Ball Pot)
Benjamin Cosor Elementary	Fallsburg	Nutrition/ Cafeteria Updates
Liberty Elementary	Liberty	Walking Classroom/ Yoga
Liberty Middle School	Liberty	Outdoor Adventure
Liberty High School	Liberty	Curriculum
Livingston Manor Elementary	Livingston Manor	Staff Mindfulness/ Meditation
Robert J. Kaiser Middle School	Monticello	Spartan Club 2.0
Roscoe Central School	Roscoe	Stencils/ Affirmation Signage
Sullivan West Elementary	Sullivan West	PE/ Indoor Recess Expansion



# Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK at the Daniel Pierce Library!

Books and puppets are just the beginning.  
Stop in, say hello and check us out because libraries transform lives every day!

## Spencer Investigates the Library Puppet Show | UPK - 3rd Grade Wednesday, April 10, 2024

3 - 4:30 p.m.



Back by popular demand, talented Sue Moore, her Puppeteers and her Stop, Drop & Pray Puppets! Join us for this wonderful performance of Spencer Investigates the Library!

**PLEASE NOTE:** More the merrier for this program, BUT we have a limit of 20 seats on the bus. If the bus fills up, parents will need to provide transportation to this program. If you wish for your child to take the bus from school, please send a note to the elementary office no later than Monday, April 8th. Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Registration is required at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)

To Register go to:

<https://danielpiercelibrary.org/Pages/Index/228762/spencer-investigates-the-library---puppet-sho>



# DEC Announces Mild Weather Spurs Early Start to Annual Salamander and Frog Migration in Hudson Valley

*16th Annual Amphibian Migrations and  
Road Crossings Project Underway  
Volunteers Advised to Put Safety First  
While Helping Amphibians Cross the Road  
Annual Migration of Vernal Pool  
Amphibians Captured on DEC's  
Facebook Live Video*

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that the breeding migrations of vernal pool amphibians got an early start this year due to weather conditions, and 167 volunteers throughout the Hudson Valley braved the rain to document the emergence. Volunteers document the seasonal migration and help salamanders and frogs travel safely as part of DEC's annual Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings Project.

"The Hudson Valley is home to remarkable amphibian diversity and during this time of year, road mortality poses a significant threat to salamanders and frogs migrating from forests to vernal pools for breeding," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "DEC is grateful to the dedicated volunteers ready to assist amphibians attempting road crossings during their annual migrations. I encourage all New Yorkers and visitors traveling the state's roads to be on the lookout for these vulnerable amphibians and the dedicated volunteers keeping them safe."

The Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings (AM&RC) Project was initiated by DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program and Cornell University to raise awareness about critical amphibian habitat, engage volunteers to help collect data on the annual migration, and reduce amphibian road mortality. More than 1,000 volunteers have participated in the effort since 2009, helping to move more than 40,000 salamanders, frogs, and toads safely across roads.

In late winter and early spring, amphibian species like wood frog (*Lithobates sylvatica*), spotted salamander (*Ambystoma maculatum*), and Jefferson-blue spotted salamander complex (*Ambystoma jeffersonianum* x *laterale*) emerge from underground shelters in the forest and head to vernal pools for breeding. Vernal pools are small, temporary wetlands that are critical breeding habitat for these amphibians. The pools hold water until summer, so the adult amphibians must gather, breed, and deposit eggs early enough to ensure their aquatic young can hatch, grow, and leave the pools before they dry up.

The timing of migration is weather-dependent with concentrated activity on the first rainy nights of the season, when the ground is thawed and night air temperatures remain above 40 degrees Fahrenheit. The timing of migration varies throughout the Hudson River estuary watershed, but when weather conditions are just right, there can be explosive "big night" migrations with hundreds of amphibians on the move. On their journeys between forest habitat and breeding pools, these amphibians often need to cross roads, where mortality can be high even when traffic is low.

With the mild winter and recent warm days, recent rainfall triggered one of the earliest migrations DEC has observed since the AM&RC project started in 2009. Volunteers already counted more than 2,000 amphibians since Feb. 27, mostly wood frogs and spring peepers. DEC expects more migration this week, including the appearance of salamanders that breed in vernal pools.

Project volunteers document road locations where they observe migrations in the Hudson Valley, record weather and traffic conditions, and identify and count amphibians on the move. Volunteers also carefully help the amphibians safely cross roads. Since the project started, volunteers have documented 20 species and counted more than 47,000 live amphibians and 20,000 migrating amphibians killed by passing vehicles. Species reported most frequently during migration nights include spotted salamander, wood frog, and spring peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*). To a lesser degree, volunteers have also observed Jefferson-blue spotted salamander complex and four-toed salamander (*Hemidactylium scutatum*), two species of conservation concern in New York.

Safety is paramount, and project volunteers are advised to take all necessary precautions. Volunteers are strongly encouraged to wear reflective safety vests and headlamps to increase visibility on dark roads and should not interfere with passing vehicles. Amphibian safety is also important, and frogs and salamanders should be handled carefully with clean hands, free of hand sanitizer, lotion, and other substances that can be toxic to amphibians' porous skin.

With such a large geographic area to cover, the AM&RC project benefits greatly from the support of local partners who assist with coordinating volunteers in their communities. This year, partners include Climate Smart Rhinebeck, Hudson Highlands Land Trust, Rensselaer Plateau Alliance, Saw Kill Watershed Community, Teatown Lake Reservation, Town of Bedford Conservation Board, Town of Lloyd Environmental Conservation Council, Town of Pound Ridge Conservation Board, Vassar College, and Wallkill Valley Land Trust.

For more information, including a short video about amphibian migrations, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHRbsAsnQi8> DEC held in-person and virtual trainings for volunteers in February with 144 participants. New Yorkers interested in volunteering to participate in this annual event are encouraged to watch a series of training videos on YouTube [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLD75N4nbucqfJNZKH-MW0rVdz4y3PL\\_15](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLD75N4nbucqfJNZKH-MW0rVdz4y3PL_15)

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In addition, potential volunteers can access a recording of the training and use materials available on the project website to learn more. Anyone interested in receiving project updates and news about the migration can subscribe to the project e-newsletter through DEC Delivers.

DEC supports programs like the Amphibian Migration and Road Crossings Project to connect people to nature; educate about the importance of wetlands and healthy, connected forests; and encourage proactive conservation planning that prevents habitat fragmentation. Forests are carbon storage and sequestration powerhouses, making them an invaluable tool in New York's nation-leading fight against climate change. The program is also critical for maintaining the state's rich diversity of plants and animals, and especially the vernal pool breeding amphibians that are of conservation concern throughout their Northeast range.

Project volunteers are encouraged to use the hashtag #amphibianmigrationhv in their photos and posts on social media.

# DEC Issues Public Safety Information and Viewing Guidance Ahead of 2024 Solar Eclipse Rare Celestial Event on April 8 Expected to Attract Thousands of Visitors to New York State

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today provided valuable tips to help the public prepare to recreate safely and responsibly as New Yorkers count down the days to the highly anticipated total solar eclipse, which occurs exactly four weeks from today. While DEC law enforcement and operations staff will be prepared for visitors, eclipse watchers are encouraged to find Adirondack destinations outside the backcountry or opt for visiting one of the many designated viewing locations across the state. Monday, April 8, 2024, the roughly 100-mile-wide path of totality across Upstate New York will begin near Jamestown, Chautauqua County, at approximately 3:16 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time and exit near Plattsburgh, Clinton County, at approximately 3:29 p.m. Cities and towns within the path of totality also include Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Rochester, Syracuse, Watertown, Old Forge, and Lake Placid.

“A total solar eclipse is one of the most captivating natural wonders on Planet Earth. In four weeks, New Yorkers from Chautauqua to the Adirondacks will have a front-row seat to this rare celestial event,” said Commissioner Seggos. “DEC, in partnership with New York State partner agencies, encourages eclipse viewers to prioritize safety by observing all rules and regulations, and at all times, to be respectful of others and our shared environment.”

Preparing in advance of the eclipse day is important to ensuring a safe, enjoyable, and out-of-this-world experience. DEC encourages visitors to put safety first - to protect yourselves, loved ones, and others - while traveling and while viewing the eclipse.

DEC recommends eclipse enthusiasts take advantage of the numerous eclipse-viewing gatherings scheduled across the state instead of visiting State lands, particularly the Adirondack High Peaks because of the prevailing muddy conditions, especially in the backcountry and elevations above 2,500 feet. There also remains a significant chance of icy trails in some areas at this time of year that will be even more treacherous in darkness.

Check DEC's calendar at: <https://dec.ny.gov/get-involved/events>

of events for educational programs on the eclipse at DEC's environmental education centers, including Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve and Environmental Education Center in suburban Buffalo and Five Rivers Environmental Education Center near Albany. People who would like to register for the dozens of events and activities hosted at New York State parks and historic sites may do so through the State Parks event calendar and the New York State Eclipse website. <https://www.iloveny.com/events/eclipse-2024/>

Other areas outside the path of totality, including New York City and Long Island, will experience 88 percent eclipse or more during the event and also have eclipse-themed events scheduled. While it is highly preferred for eclipse visitors to head to these scheduled events, remember these key safety tips and general

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- o Protect your eyes: Do not look directly at the sun during the eclipse. According to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, viewing any part of the sun through a camera lens, binoculars, or a telescope without a special-purpose solar filter secured over the front of the optics will instantly cause severe eye injury. Some of the best ways to view a solar eclipse include through a pinhole projector where you look at a projected image through a pinhole in cardboard paper, or by using International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 12312-2 certified eclipse glasses from a trusted source. Regular sunglasses, polarized or otherwise, are not a safe replacement for solar eclipse glasses. Do not walk or drive while wearing eclipse glasses. The glasses are specially designed for viewing the eclipse. Further information about safe viewing can be found on the American Astronomical Society website. <https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety/>
- o Road safety: Traffic volume is expected to be very high on the day of the eclipse. Plan on staying in one place for the day and allow for plenty of extra travel time.
- o Use 511NY for travel conditions. Streets or bridges may be closed and extensive traffic jams are possible. 511NY apps can be downloaded on Apple and Android devices.
- o Pack vehicles with water, fuel, medications, and food.
- o Do not stop to view the eclipse along the roadway, especially interstates, parkways, and freeways. Choose a safe viewing destination off the road and arrive early.
- o Observing all rules and regulations when visiting State lands: All State land regulations remain in effect in the days leading up to, during, and after the eclipse. Anyone visiting State Forests or Forest Preserve lands in the Adirondack and Catskill Park must observe all designated rules and regulations to protect fellow visitors as well as the forest environment, including restrictions on group sizes.
- o Because large groups are more likely to have an impact on trails and other natural resources, groups of more than 20 people and those that wish to visit state land for weddings, filmmaking, research, and other uses must get a Temporary Revocable Permit (TRP) from a DEC land manager. Note that both the High Peaks Wilderness area and the Catskills Wilderness area have lower group size limits. (Contd. Pg. 30)



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o In the Adirondacks and Catskills, mud season is late March through May and DEC recommends staying on trails below 2,500 feet to protect the resource and the recreating public. For more, see DEC's Spring Recreation tips.\_

o Regulations vary for Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), but still require TRPs. Overnight camping and fires, except for cooking or personal warmth, are prohibited in WMAs. Also prohibited are motorized vehicles like trucks, cars, motorcycles, ATVs, and snowmobiles.

o Eclipse, fire safety, and the New York State Burn Ban: The New York State Burn Ban begins March 16 and runs through May 14. It will be in effect during the 2024 eclipse. The annual burn ban began in 2009 and is enforced to prevent wildfires and protect communities during heightened seasonal conditions for wildfires. This season, extra vigilance is important because the past winter season was warmer and drier than normal, leaving dormant vegetation from last year exposed and susceptible to fire. For more information, visit DEC's website for the full press release related to this year's New York State Burn Ban at: <https://dec.ny.gov/news/press-releases/2024/2/dec-reminds-new-yorkers-annual-residential-brush-burning-prohibition-starts-march-16>

For the last 17 months, an interagency task force, comprised of nearly two dozen State agencies and authorities, has been collaborating on plans to ensure a safe and memorable viewing experience for New York State's residents and visitors. It is focused on building awareness of the State as a prime location to experience the eclipse by gathering important safety and preparedness information, amplifying and supporting region-specific viewing activities, and maintaining regular communication with local governments and municipalities, especially those within the path of totality. New York's public safety efforts align with the State's normal jurisdictional role over state lands and State roads and support local governments in their planning and decision making in accordance with their own codes, laws, and needs as this exciting event approaches.

Public safety challenges for such an event include traffic management, communications capabilities, and public health and safety. State, county, and local public safety and emergency management efforts are being tailored to the anticipated needs of those who come to view the eclipse from both inside and outside the state.

Visitors who do choose to hike on state lands as part of their eclipse plans should review DEC's Hike Smart NY web page at: <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hiking/hike-smart-ny> before visiting trails. Also notable is that this time of year, darkness comes earlier than sunset in many backcountry and remote areas, so it is critical that visitors prepare themselves with overnight and extra gear. In case of emergency, dial 9-1-1, Forest Ranger Dispatch at 1-833-NYS-RANGERS, or ECO Dispatch at 1-844-DEC-ECOS.\_

In addition, DEC offers more than 100 newsletter topics, including information about fishing, boating, hiking, environmental tips, and regional newsletters, which will provide region-specific

ic details about the eclipse as the event draws near. DEC encourages anyone interested to subscribe to the DEC Delivers newsletter service. Read more about how to best experience the eclipse in New York State at

:<https://www.iloveny.com/events/eclipse-2024/>

## DEC Announces Completion of Projects to Replace Harmful Greenhouse Gas Refrigerants in Disadvantaged Communities

### Climate-Friendly Refrigeration Alternatives Help Implement Climate Action Council's Scoping Plan Recommendations to Reduce Building Emissions Buffalo and Islandia Stores Serve as Training Locations for Green Workforce Development Opportunities

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the completion of two projects that successfully demonstrate the use of sustainable refrigerants in grocery stores as a replacement for climate-altering greenhouse gas refrigerants. The projects at an ALDI in Buffalo, Erie County, and a Walgreens in Islandia, Suffolk County, are models for future commercial sustainable refrigeration transitions in supermarkets and drugstores in disadvantaged communities.

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "New York State continues to advance efforts to help reduce climate-altering greenhouse gases and strengthen community resilience. These retailers in Buffalo and Islandia will help bring New York closer to realizing the Climate Act's ambitious emission reduction requirements. I applaud ALDI and Walgreens' proactive approach to advance sustainable refrigeration in communities that are most vulnerable to environmental pollution. These projects are models for other food retailers statewide to work with DEC to reduce the pollution contributing to climate change."

Buildings contribute 32 percent of statewide greenhouse gas emissions in New York-the most of all sectors. The Climate Action Council Scoping Plan recommends phasing out hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), which are extremely potent greenhouse gases, to advance emission reductions in this sector. The demonstration projects undertaken by Walgreens and ALDI will help guide a statewide transition away from HFCs while informing policy development and programming, and help New York reach its emission reduction requirements. By modeling a successful project and exemplifying its benefits, the State hopes to encourage businesses across New York to transition to natural refrigeration systems. In addition, by using these locations as training sites, the North American Sustainable Refrigeration Council (NASRC) will be able to facilitate workforce development and help support the widespread adoption of climate-friendly technologies.

The projects are supported by the State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) and were completed through a partnership with NASRC and the New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I). The EPF is a critical resource for climate mitigation and other programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, environmental justice, invasive species prevention and eradication, recreation access, and water quality improvement. In the 2024-25 Executive Budget, Governor Hochul kept funding for the EPF at \$400 million, the highest-ever level of funding in the program's history. (Contd. Pg. 30)

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(From Pg. 29) The Buffalo ALDI and Islandia Walgreens upgraded from synthetic HFC refrigerants to systems that use natural alternatives. HFCs are often used in refrigeration and cooling and can have hundreds to thousands of times higher global warming potentials than natural refrigerants, meaning HFCs have a significant impact on climate change.

NYSP2I will conduct research and monitoring to compare pre- and post-installation efficiency and emissions data for ALDI. Sustainability considerations will also be monitored and analyzed by Walgreens, including the ability to achieve required temperatures, energy efficiency, maintenance, and ultimately total emission comparisons between equipment types. These studies are expected to be completed in 2024.

The projects will help demonstrate New York's efforts to address the upfront cost barriers of technology adoption, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and ensure food security. NASRC will also coordinate free technician training events at both sites to increase opportunities for the local technician workforce to learn about natural refrigerant equipment and systems.

Consistent with New York's landmark Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act), New York State adopted regulations in 2020 that limit HFCs in new equipment. These projects support the Climate Act requirements to reduce statewide emissions 85 percent by 2050 and ensure at least 35 percent of benefits, with a goal of 40 percent, are directed to disadvantaged communities.

In December 2023, DEC released proposed regulations to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions from refrigerants, foams, and aerosol propellants. The draft regulation includes prohibitions, reporting, and other requirements regarding the sale, use, and supply of HFCs and new products and systems that contain HFCs to help achieve the required statewide greenhouse gas emission limits. Public comments on the draft regulations are being accepted until March 19, 2024.

Dan Gavin, Vice President of National Real Estate for ALDI, said, "At ALDI, we're taking tangible steps to support a healthier planet without raising prices so consumers can feel good about shopping our aisles. We are transitioning to environmentally friendly natural alternatives across all of our stores by 2035 that will not only keep products fresh, but also reduce nearly 60 percent of potential carbon emissions each year. As ALDI continues to grow, we are committed to making sustainable shopping affordable and accessible to everyone."

Greg Sisk from Walgreens Engineering said, "Walgreens is committed to staying at the front end of sustainable solutions. This project and similar projects completed in other parts of the country are a demonstration of our commitment to our roadmap for implementing lower global warming potential refrigerants and enhancing development of maintenance labor competency through commercialization and adoption of new technology."

Danielle Wright, NASRC Executive Director, said, "We applaud the leadership of these retailers for proactively transitioning to cli-

mate-friendly technologies. This pilot funded by DEC demonstrates how states can drive significant emissions reduction that is not only cost-effective but supports businesses, ensures food security, and catalyzes workforce training and development."

Roger Downs, Conservation Director, Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter, said, "The advancement of heat pumps and modern cooling technologies are important solutions to the climate crisis - but it makes little sense to continue to operate them using HFCs when there are far safer alternatives that have far less potency as greenhouse gases. The Sierra Club applauds the Hochul administration for advancing new rules to ratchet down the use of harmful HFCs and funding pilot products in disadvantaged communities that showcase affordable alternative refrigerants that will significantly cut climate pollution."

Dr. Richie Kaur, Non-CO2 Climate Pollution Reduction Advocate at the Natural Resources Defense Council, said, "The completion of these two projects shows that it's possible for grocery stores to take concrete steps against climate change right now. Hydrofluorocarbons are super-pollutants that have hundreds to thousands of times the heat-trapping power of carbon dioxide and their unchecked growth could add up to 0.5 degrees Celsius to global temperatures by the end of the century. New York is a leader in enabling the transition away from HFCs in supermarkets and for proposing new standards for climate-friendly heating and cooling equipment across the state. If finalized, the DEC's current proposed regulation will help meet the state's climate goals, provide national leadership, and predictability and clarity for industry."

New York State's Nation-Leading Climate Plan

New York State's nation-leading climate agenda calls for an orderly and just transition that creates family-sustaining jobs, continues to foster a green economy across all sectors and ensures that at least 35 percent, with a goal of 40 percent, of the benefits of clean energy investments are directed to disadvantaged communities. Guided by some of the nation's most aggressive climate and clean energy initiatives, New York is advancing a suite of efforts - including the New York Cap-and-Invest program (NYCI) and other complementary policies - to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent by 2030 and 85 percent by 2050 from 1990 levels. New York is also on a path to achieving a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040, including 70 percent renewable energy generation by 2030, and economywide carbon neutrality by mid-century. A cornerstone of this transition is New York's unprecedented clean energy investments, including more than \$40 billion in 64 large-scale renewable and transmission projects across the state, \$6.8 billion to reduce building emissions, \$3.3 billion to scale up solar, nearly \$3 billion for clean transportation initiatives, and over \$2 billion in NY Green Bank commitments. These and other investments are supporting more than 170,000 jobs in New York's clean energy sector as of 2022 and over 3,000 percent growth in the distributed solar sector since 2011. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality, New York also adopted zero-emission vehicle regulations, including requiring all new passenger cars and light-duty trucks sold in the State be zero emission by 2035. Partnerships are continuing to advance New York's climate action with 400 registered and more than 100 certified Climate Smart Communities, nearly 500 Clean Energy Communities, and the State's largest community air monitoring initiative in 10 disadvantaged communities across the State to help target air pollution and combat climate change.

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# Governor Hochul Designates March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month

## *Landmarks Illuminated in Yellow on March 12*

Governor Kathy Hochul today issued a proclamation designating March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in New York State, as the Responsible Play Partnership, consisting of the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports, the New York State Gaming Commission, and the New York Council on Problem Gambling, continues to ensure New Yorkers are aware of problem gambling as well as the prevention, treatment and recovery services available across the state.

"New York continues to lead in providing responsible entertainment for millions while bringing in record-shattering revenue for education, youth sports, and problem gambling prevention," Governor Hochul said. "We also remain committed to supporting New Yorkers struggling with addiction across our state through significant investment in prevention, treatment and recovery services."

To further drive attention to the issue, state office buildings and iconic landmarks were illuminated in yellow light yesterday, March 12, which also serves as Gambling Disorder Screening Day.

The following locations are participated in the coordinated lighting

- o Albany International Airport Gateway
- o Empire State Plaza
- o Fairport Lift Bridge over the Erie Canal
- o Grand Central Terminal
- o Lake Placid Olympic Jumping Complex
- o MTA-LIRR
- o One World Trade Center
- o Peace Bridge
- o Penn Station - East End Gateway
- o State Fairgrounds - Main Gate and Expo Center

Problem gambling is often a hidden addiction that can go undetected and untreated, and result in financial, emotional, social, occupational, and physical harm, moreover, it can have permanent devastating consequences for individuals, families, friends and others in their lives who are impacted.

New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports Commissioner Dr. Chinazo Cunningham said, "As gambling becomes more prevalent throughout New York, it is vitally important to bring greater awareness and heightened attention to the potential harms that can be associated with gambling. For individuals who are at risk or currently experiencing problems with gambling, screening can help connect them to services so that they can receive the appropriate level of care they need."

Gaming Commission Executive Director Robert Williams said, "As the numbers clearly show, more and more New Yorkers of legal age are participating in regulated gaming, and it is incumbent upon the Gaming Commission to ensure that all wagering is conducted fairly and responsibly. In addition to requiring licensed operators to have comprehensive responsible gaming measures in place, we continue to highlight and promote the invaluable resources offered by OASAS and the New York Council on Problem Gambling so that those who need help have access to services."

New York Council on Problem Gambling Executive Director Jim Maney said, "Every day we receive phone calls and emails from those who are experiencing harms caused by gambling. Whether it is a family member or the individual themselves the message is always the same: 'I need help; Please tell me how to get help.' The Council is focused this month, and every month, on doing just that. Through Support, Education and Engagement we hope to help New Yorkers S.E.E. they are not alone and that there is a life free from gambling harm waiting for them."

National Problem Gambling Awareness Month was created by the National Council on Problem Gambling. This year's theme is "Every Story Matters," noting that "every narrative, battle and triumph related to problem gambling is significant."

Throughout the year, the RPP visits gaming facilities across New York State to partner with gaming operators and local service providers to promote responsible gaming practices in their communities.

The RPP was formed to bring all stakeholders together to address problem gambling, including bridging the gap between gaming facility operators and problem gambling treatment providers. The RPP works to ensure that all gaming entities in the state comply with all rules and regulations and provide access to help for individuals who need it. The RPP continues to collaborate to advance New York's ongoing commitment to prevent and treat problem gambling.

Those seeking help can visit [NYProblemGamblingHelp.org](http://NYProblemGamblingHelp.org) or call New York State's confidential HOPEline at 1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369) or text HOPENY (467369).

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## DEC Announces 2024 I Bird NY Challenge

*I BIRD NY Encourages New Yorkers to Enjoy  
Birding Close to Home and on the New York State  
Birding Trail*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the start of the 2024 'I BIRD NY' Challenge for birders of all ages and abilities. The challenge provides opportunities to identify birds and learn about birdlife and awards program finishers with a commemorative I BIRD NY Challenge patch and the chance to win birding equipment.

"New York State's wide-ranging habitat types, from the Atlantic Ocean's sandy beaches to majestic Catskill and Adirondack peaks, Great Lakes shorelines, and everything in between, create a birder's paradise for residents and visitors year-round," Commissioner Seggos said. "I encourage bird-watchers to get outside and check out the 450 different bird species that call New York home."

New York has more than 350 Birding Trail locations and new locations are added often, making it even easier for New Yorkers to get started with this fun activity. Birdwatching is one of the fastest-growing outdoor recreational activities in the U.S. According to the 2022 National Survey of Hunting, Fishing, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, 7.4 million wildlife watchers generated \$10.8 billion in New York State in 2022. This is up from an estimated four million New York resident wildlife viewers spending more than \$6.4 billion annually in 2016.

Backyard birding, or watching birds close to home, is the most common way people engage in birding. As a birder's skill and interest develop, there are several opportunities to contribute to scientific knowledge about birds and the natural world. Programs like eBird, New York's Breeding Bird Atlas, Cornell Lab of Ornithology's NestWatch, and the Great Backyard Bird Count rely on volunteer birders to contribute sightings to a centralized database.

The I BIRD NY program was launched in 2017 to build on the State's efforts to increase access to New York's vast natural resources and promote no- and low-cost opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and connect with nature. The annual birding challenge saw a 745 percent increase in participation in 2023, with 1,226 birding enthusiasts completing this fun challenge.

I BIRD NY is just one of DEC's ongoing efforts to engage New Yorkers in nature-based activities that provide a fun opportunity for the entire family to learn about the natural world. Because people can observe birds wherever they live, work, or recreate, birding is an accessible activity that does not require transportation or the purchase of specialized equipment. Birdwatching can be enjoyed by people from all economic backgrounds and education levels. While binoculars can help, many birds can be identified without them.

"Early spring is an exciting time to observe birds as they engage in fascinating behavior like establishing territories, finding a mate, and gathering nest materials. Others are just starting to arrive from their wintering grounds, and some will only be passing through. By staying quiet and moving slowly, you'll maximize your chances of seeing the birds that are around you. We recommend visiting the New York State Birding Trail for its unique and accessible settings," said Michael Burger, Executive Director, Audubon Connecticut and New York.

"Birds are awesome!" said Maisie (10) and Sam (14), members of the WNY Young Birder Club.

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"The 'I BIRD NY' Challenge not only offers an inclusive and hands-on approach, but also provides a fun, low-cost way to explore the beauty in our own backyards, neighborhoods, and New York's natural areas. By participating, people will actively contribute to a collective celebration that highlights the significance of birds in our world," said Lauren Makeyenko, Co-Chair, Feminist Bird Club's Buffalo Chapter.

The 2024 I BIRD NY Challenge is open to all ages and ends on Nov. 1, 2024. To complete the Challenge, participants must identify 10 bird species of their choosing and submit a challenge sheet to DEC. Challenge sheets may be submitted online via Survey Monkey or sent via email or mail. Entries must be received by Nov. 15. Entry forms are also available in Spanish. All participants will be awarded a commemorative patch, given a completion certificate, and entered into a drawing for great birding prizes. Two youth and two adult winners will be chosen. Participants will also receive an extra prize entry for providing a photo documenting their challenge experience. As an extra bonus, the first 50 participants will receive a special goodie bag of birding swag items.

Birding enthusiasts can visit I BIRD NY to access this year's challenge sheet, as well as find information on where and how to watch birds, upcoming birding events, a downloadable Beginner's Guide to Birding (also available in Spanish), and additional resources. Those interested may also opt to sign up for DEC's monthly birding newsletter, Words of a Feather, to have birding tips and tricks, New York State Birding Trail site recommendations, events, and more delivered right to one's inbox.

As always, participants are encouraged to Love Our New York Lands this year by practicing Leave No Trace principles and by recreating safely and sustainably.

## Guided History Hike in Liberty

Liberty, NY Sunday, March 24 at 3:30 pm, the public is invited to join a Guided History Hike at Walnut Mountain Park in Liberty, NY. This will be a 60-minute (approx. 1 mile) round-trip walk along wide, gently uphill carriage roads. The trip leaders are volunteers Lisa Lyons and Ruth Huggler, with support from Liberty Parks & Recreation. Since the group size is limited, early registration is recommended.



Colorized postcard of Walnut Mountain House, circa 1900

We will take a trip back in time to 1886-87 when the Walnut Mountain House was built at the summit of Walnut Mountain while we walk to its remaining foundation. The hike takes place before the leaves unfurl, offering participants a chance to see what the views must have been like when most of the mountain was cleared. Dogs on leash are welcome; please register them in advance.

REGISTER by SATURDAY, MARCH 23 by calling Lisa at Morgan Outdoors (845) 693-4181. Registrants will receive the meeting location and other hike details. Several pairs of hiking poles will be available to sample. [www.morgan-outdoors.com](http://www.morgan-outdoors.com)

Walnut Mountain is a 265-acre Town Park - with historic carriage roads and recently constructed mountain bike trails adding to Liberty Parks & Recreation's trail network.

## UC Clerk's Office Celebrates Women's History Month with Historical Profile of Sophie Miller

Kingston, NY - In celebration of Women's History Month, Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack proudly presents the latest addition to the "Historical Profiles" series in partnership with Friends of Historic Kingston and the Ulster County Historian. This month's feature showcases the inspiring life and achievements of author, entertainer, businesswoman, and historian Sophie Miller. The display will be exhibited throughout March on the first floor of the Ulster County Office Building located at 244 Fair Street, Kingston.

Born in the Russian Empire in 1906, Sophie immigrated to the United States in 1908 as an infant with her parents Isaiah Ginzburg and Marie Kohan Ginzburg. By 1913 the Ginzburg's were living off Broadway in the Rondout section of Kingston where her father ran a pharmacy. As a young immigrant, Sophie learned about the world from behind the counter in her father's shop and gained a deep appreciation and love for her adopted home of Kingston. After graduating from Kingston High School, Sophie eventually became a personality and host on Kingston's new radio station WKNY in 1939. During World War II she organized benefits and entertainment programs for wounded soldiers recovering in regional Veterans' hospitals. Having witnessed incredible changes over the period of her youth, Sophie then transformed her passion for people and storytelling into a popular regular column called "Do You Remember?" for the Kingston Daily Freeman. Through her article she introduced younger generations to their rich community history and preserved the memories and experiences of the old-timers she recalled from her youth. Prior to her death in 1967, she was witness to the devastation caused by Urban Renewal on the Rondout. While she was unable to stop the wrecking ball, she did leave behind a remarkable collection of community history, preserved through her foresight, that continues to benefit historians today.

"Sophie Miller's life and work are a testament to the countless women chroniclers whose efforts to preserve and share community history often go unrecognized and unappreciated. Much of what we know about the vibrant neighborhoods and rich history of Kingston is thanks to Sophie Miller and the people she inspired through her writings and community involvement. The Ulster County Clerk's Office is honored to shine a spotlight on her story and hope this will inspire others to recognize the women who continue to carry the great responsibilities of community chroniclers and preservationists."

For further information about this or other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or [countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us) or visit us on Facebook.



Sophie Miller Historical Profile at the Ulster County Office Building. Courtesy of the Ulster County Clerk's Office.



Sophie Miller at WKNY, c.1944. Courtesy of Friends of Historic Kingston.




# Daniel Pierce Library

## Teach our Teens

Chess Mastery Wednesdays  
Coming this Spring  
Tournament Event in June

Do you have a talent for chess?  
Come volunteer and share your knowledge.

*Share your talent, change a life!*



To volunteer for one or many sessions in this series,  
please email:

Director, Beth Wolpert at [bwolpert@rcls.org](mailto:bwolpert@rcls.org)

## DEC Forest Rangers Week in Review

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.

### Town of Hunter Greene County

**Wilderness Rescue:** On March 1 at 4:50 p.m., Forest Rangers Dawson and Peterson responded to a report of a hiker stranded on the ice near Kaaterskill Falls. The 27-year-old from Maryland was wearing sneakers and did not have micro-spikes, which are needed to cross the ice-covered area. Hikers at the viewing platform saw the hiker was stuck on the ice and called for help. At 5:40 p.m., Ranger Dawson reached the hiker, provided micro-spikes and a hiking pole, and helped her off the ice. Rangers walked the subject back to the trailhead. Resources were clear at 6:40 p.m.

### Delaware, Herkimer, Madison, and Schoharie Counties

**Wildfires:** On Feb. 26, Forest Rangers responded to fires caused by debris burning in Delaware and Madison counties, including one a fire in town of Hamilton that was more than 20 acres. On Feb. 27, Rangers responded to fires in Delaware and Schoharie counties, both caused by debris burning with wind carrying fire to grassy and wooded areas. On Feb. 29, Rangers responded to a small fire in Herkimer County. To date, the winter season has not provided typical snow cover across much of New York State, leaving dormant vegetation from last year's growing season exposed and susceptible to the daily fluctuations of spring weather. To help prevent fires, DEC is advocating extra vigilance before the statewide burn ban goes into effect on March 16.

## DEC Announces Falconry, Wildlife Rehabilitator, and Leashed Tracking Dog Examinations

*Registration Deadline is April 10 for  
Online Exams on April 12*

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that examinations for individuals seeking a license to practice the sport of falconry, become a volunteer wildlife rehabilitator, or use leashed tracking dogs to find wounded or injured big game animals are scheduled for April 12. DEC is offering the examinations online and at no cost to participants to increase access to the examinations.

The registration deadline is April 10. To register, visit the 2024 Special Licenses Exams Registration website. Applicants will receive email acknowledgement of registration; an additional one-time link to access the website on the date of the exams is sent to registrants at a later date. The link to the exam registration webpage can also be found on each of the individual license webpages at Division of Fish and Wildlife Special Licenses and Permits.

### Apprentice Falconry License

Falconry has a rich history and tradition throughout the world and requires a significant commitment of time and effort. Apprentices are limited to possessing one bird, either an American kestrel or a red-tailed hawk. To qualify for the Apprentice Falconry license, applicants must:

- score 80 percent or higher on the written exam;
- be at least 14 years of age;
- possess a valid New York State hunting license;
- maintain DEC-approved facilities for housing falconry raptors; and
- be a resident of New York State.

A falconry study guide and examination manual are available from DEC at no cost on the DEC Falconry License webpage. The cost of a five-year falconry license is \$40. Birds of prey are protected species and cannot be possessed without a license or other authorization from DEC.

### Wildlife Rehabilitator License

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

## Bingo at the Monticello Elks Lodge Every Tuesday at 7 PM 46 North Street in Monticello For information

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

Wildlife rehabilitators provide for the care of injured, sick, and orphaned wild animals for the purpose of returning rehabilitated animals to the wild. Prospective applicants are encouraged to gain experience by serving as an assistant to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. To qualify for the Wildlife Rehabilitator License, applicants must:

- score 80 percent or higher on the written exam;
- be at least 16 years of age;
- be interviewed by DEC Regional wildlife staff; and
- be a resident of New York State.

A wildlife rehabilitator study guide and examination manual are available from DEC at no cost on the DEC Wildlife Rehabilitator License webpage. There is no cost for the five-year wildlife rehabilitation license.

### Leashed Tracking Dog Handler

Leashed tracking dog handlers use their dogs to track and recover dead, wounded, or injured big game. Leashed tracking dog handlers provide a valuable service in aiding hunters in locating wounded big game that otherwise may go unrecovered. To qualify for a Leashed Tracking Dog Handler License, applicants must:

- score 80 percent or higher on the written exam; and
- possess a valid New York State hunting license.

A leashed tracking dog study guide is available from DEC at no cost on the DEC Leashed Tracking Dog License webpage. While the exam is free, first-time license applicants have a non-refundable \$25 license application fee. The five-year leashed tracking dog license is \$50.

For questions or assistance, contact DEC's Special Licenses Unit:

DEC Special Licenses Unit  
625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4752  
Phone: 518-402-8985, Fax: 518-402-8925  
Email: SpecialLicenses@dec.ny.gov.



# The Daniel Pierce Library

## Spring Children's Programs 2024

*The library is a wonderful place to ignite your child's love of reading!*

The following children's programs are open to caregivers and their children ages 12 months to 5 years who are residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District. The spring eight-week long session begins the week of April 8th.

These programs are free and are made possible through the generosity of our community. Registration is required.

**Mother Goose Time (12-23 months) Beginning Wednesday, April 10th**

This program is specially designed for very young children. It includes "read together" time (each child has his or her own board book), nursery rhymes, felt stories, playtime and music for our tiniest patrons ages 12-23 months. Two programs will be held each Wednesday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Must be 12 months by 12/1/23.

**Toddler Time (24-35 months) Beginning Thursday, April 11th**

Stories, felt stories, crafts, music and friendship-building geared for wee ones ages 24-35 months. Two programs will be held each Thursday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Must be 24 months by 12/1/23.

**Story Hour (3, 4 and 5 year-olds) Beginning Friday, April 12th**

Our classic, beloved program for three, four and five year-old children, featuring the "Magic Bag," a read-aloud, felt stories, craft projects, homework and music. Two programs will be held each Friday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Must be 3 years or older by 12/1/23.

**Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour**

Our "Story Hour on the Road" program visits the three UPK classes at Tri-Valley Central School. Children will be registered at school.

Give your child a head start by enrolling in one of these valuable programs this spring.

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Please register online at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org) by April 1st. If you have any questions, please email [dmchugh@rcls.org](mailto:dmchugh@rcls.org) or call (845) 985-7233 x105.

Register at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7vcO1BIAa9b0Rk4aGYX\\_Wg8nfEoEqHYTTTTys1QnLMOkloNQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7vcO1BIAa9b0Rk4aGYX_Wg8nfEoEqHYTTTTys1QnLMOkloNQ/viewform)



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845-985-7233 • [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)

Register  
Today!



# Tri-Valley Chess

AT THE DPL

Wednesdays in April  
3:15 - 4:45 pm  
Hop on the bus

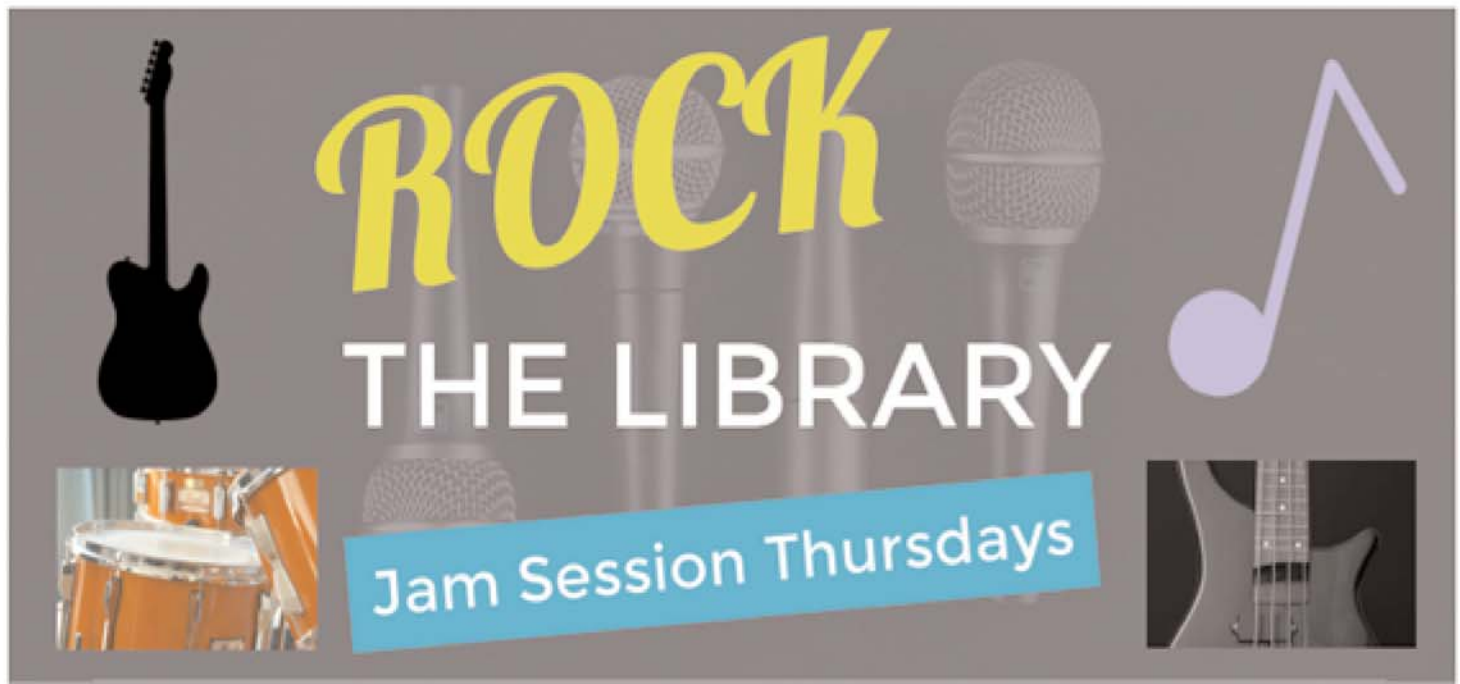


**Join us for Snacks, Chess, & No Stress!**

Tri-Valley Chess Club regular?  
Chess Novice or Chess curious?  
Come play in our library and let's organize a  
tournament event!

Tri-Valley students grades 9-12 only.  
Students should contact TVCS for bussing information.





*Thursdays in April @ the DPL*

*3:15 - 4:45 pm*

*Exclusively for Tri-Valley Teens - Grades 9-12*

*Clinic in the Board Room*

*Jam Sesh in the Reading Room*

Bus to and from School and Library

*Be a part of the first ever band to rock the DPL*

*Bring your instrument/talent*

*If all goes well, we'll continue in May*

*Performance event on the Patio in June*



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# Defensive Driving Course

Opened to all Community Members

Sponsored by: Claryville Vol. Fire Dept

**Date: Saturday, March 23rd, 2024**

**Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm**

**Cost: \$45 per a person**

**\*Checks made out to Claryville Vol. Fire  
Department**

**To sign up please contact Glenn at 845-985-2943 by  
3/20/24.**





Sundown  
United  
Methodist  
Church



**April 6, 2024**

**5:30 pm**

Bring a covered dish to share  
Enjoy good food and fellowship

and don't forget to check out the tables  
filled with a variety of collectibles,  
household items and more  
that will be available for sale

**Sundown United Methodist Church Hall**

(Intersection of Sundown Rd., Peekamoose Rd. & Greenville Rd., Sundown, NY 12740)



# Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Releases Green Fleet Annual Report

## *Report comes ahead of first meeting of the Legislature's Fleet Management Review Committee*

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger released the 2023 Green Fleet Annual Report today, highlighting the County's Sustainable Green Fleet Policy, fleet inventory, implementation strategies, fuel use and emissions information, assessment of goals, and further recommendations for transitioning the County's fleet to zero-emission vehicles. The report can be found at <https://ulstercountyny.gov/environment/sustainability-energy/green-fleet-initiative>.

### Highlights of the report include:

- o At the close of 2023, there were a total of 481 vehicles in the Ulster County fleet.
- o County Departments with the largest number of fleet vehicles include the DPW/Highway Department with 30.6% (147 vehicles), the Sheriff's Office with 21% (101 vehicles), and UCAT with 9.1% (44 vehicles).
- o In 2023, 50 vehicles were entered into service, and 52 were surplus or otherwise retired.
- o Of the 50 vehicles entered into service, 44% (22 vehicles) met the Green Fleet policy definition of green vehicles.
- o Local Law No. 6 of 2023 amended the Sustainable Green Fleet Policy to mandate that 1) by 2025, a minimum of 20% of the fleet are to be green vehicles, with at least 20% of those being zero-emissions. 2) After 2025, 100% of passenger and light-duty truck vehicles purchased, leased, or otherwise obtained will be zero-emissions vehicles.
- o At the close of 2023, 16.6% of the fleet was composed of green vehicles, well within reach of the 2025 target.

"We are excited to see that we are on track to reach our 2025 green fleet target and reduce harmful emissions, but we need to go even further. Beyond replacing fleet vehicles at the end of their useful life with zero-emissions alternatives, we must also look to reduce the size of the fleet and right-size vehicle purchases to Department needs," County Executive Metzger stated.

The Report comes ahead of the first meeting of the Legislature's Fleet Management Review Committee, which was created in October to review the County's vehicle fleet, including the policies in place regarding take-home vehicles. Fleet Management Review Committee members include Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee Chair Chris Hewitt, Deputy Majority Leader Aaron Levine, Minority Leader Kevin Roberts, and Legislators Herbert Litts III, Joe Maloney, and Eric Stewart.

The County is always seeking to refine and streamline policies to further adhere to the stated goals of the Green Fleet Policy. In the coming

weeks, the Executive's Office will be issuing further guidance to County Departments to reduce and right-size the overall fleet, as per the Green Fleet law.

### BACKGROUND

In August, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger took a significant and necessary step in advancing the County's commitment to combat climate change by signing into law major changes to the County's vehicle purchasing policy that commit the County to accelerate the transition to a zero-emissions fleet. The local law, passed unanimously, amends the County's 2015 Green Fleet Policy to make zero-emissions vehicles the default purchase where possible and require that 100% of all County-owned passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks be zero-emissions by 2035. The legislation also requires that other vehicle classes shift to zero-emissions, including the transit fleet and non-road equipment by 2035 and medium- and heavy-duty vehicles by 2040, where feasible.

Ulster County is committed to continuously improving the efficiency of its fleet and embracing advancements in green vehicle technology, paving the way for a cleaner, greener, and healthier future.



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Saturday, May 18, 2024  
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Museum and Library Parking Lot  
332 Main Street, Grahamsville

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



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

# Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



### Sunday, March 17, 2024

**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**

## The Easter Bunny will be here!

**Pancakes, French Toast, 3 eggs any style, Hash brown, Sausage,  
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**\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry**



# Daniel Pierce Library

## 5 HOUR PRE-LICENSING CLASS FOR PERMIT HOLDERS

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024**

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

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

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

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

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

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



### Daniel Pierce Library

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# ELEMENTARY SOCIAL SKILLS

Registration is open for Grades K-5.

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

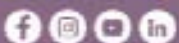
- Manners
- Listening
- Hygiene
- Emotions

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

*Funding is provided by OPWDD. There is no cost to the student or family of students on the Autism Spectrum who receive or are eligible to receive OPWDD services.*

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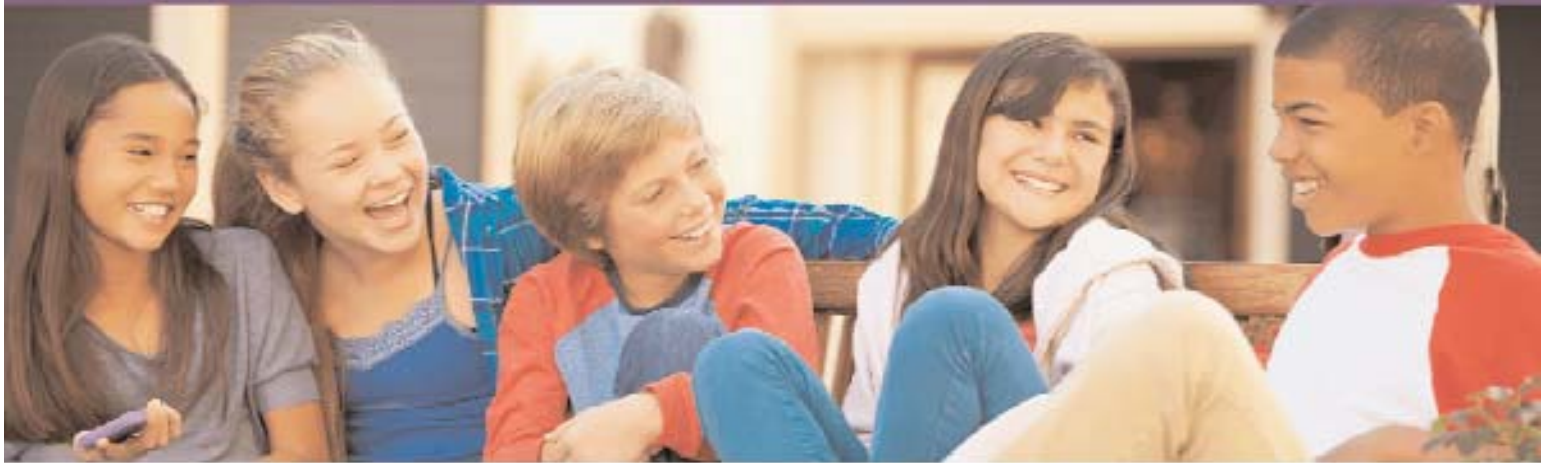
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# Middle School Social Skills



Action Toward Independence offers interactive and fun Social Skills groups for children with developmental, learning, emotional, and behavioral disabilities grades 5 - 8.

The informative sessions cover age-appropriate topics for pre-teens and teens that promote positive behavior, respectful communication, and building confidence.

Social skills classes will be held in person at ATI Main Office at 309 E Broadway in Monticello, NY

**For more information:**  
Family Peer Advocate  
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*If interested in donating please contact Westchester Medical Center and speak with a Living Donor Coordinator at 914.493.1990*

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

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

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

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

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

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Are You Ready?



# Life Skills Group

## WORK READINESS EDITION

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

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

**309 East Broadway**

**Monticello, NY 12701**

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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## UC Clerk Announces Completion of Land Record Digitization Project

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce the completion of the project to electronically convert the land records currently located in the Records Room of the Ulster County Clerk's Office on the 1st and 2nd floors of the County Office Building at 244 Fair Street in Kingston. This 16-month project started in October 2022, and is now complete with all land record indexes available online.

Yearly, hundreds of people search, file and record land records in the Ulster County Clerk's Office including deeds, mortgages, assignments, powers of attorney, satisfaction of mortgages, and many other document types. These public records are available to search in hardcopy format from 1685 to present. Prior to the reformatting project, the only digital copies available online were 1950 to present; however, only 1976 to present were verified and meet the criteria needed to complete a title search or for legal matters. Any official searches for land records pre-1976 still needed to be researched in person.

To address these issues, the reformatting project had two segments - first, verification of previously digitized Land Record images and indexes from 1950 to 1975; and second, digitization and electronic conversion of Land Record documents and indexes from 1685 to 1949. Now completed, 153 index books and over one million documents and images are accessible online through the County Clerk's Search IQS website <https://www.searchiqs.com/NYULS/Login.aspx>.

"I am so pleased that we will be able to provide access to public records from the comfort and safety of our community members' homes and offices," stated County Clerk Nina Postupack. "This project makes these documents more accessible to the public and those with mobility challenges. Plus, this will make valuable space in the county building available for other uses. Working on projects such as this brings the best possible services and value to the citizens of Ulster County."

The Clerk's Office was able to digitize and convert hundreds-of-thousands of documents to electronic format ensuring access for years to come. The public are able to access these records online and view them free of charge, while copies require a minimal charge of only \$5.00 per document. Larger companies such as title search firms, attorneys, real estate offices, and others are able to purchase a monthly subscription to facilitate their higher usage.

It is the duty of the County Clerk's Office to maintain the County's Land Records for generations to come and by digitizing and storing the hardcopy, we reduce public use and potential damage or loss of these documents. With the removal of hardcopy records into storage, approximately 1,485 square feet of prime office space will be available for staffing of County departments. Also, the revenue generated from the annual subscriptions to the Search IQS system are estimated to increase by at least 50% per year based on the revenues of other counties in New York who have made this changeover. As we continue to add more documents each year, we are estimating that this project will pay for itself within 5 to 7 years of completion.

For questions or more information, please contact Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040, email [countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us), or visit us online at <https://clerk.ulster-countyny.gov>.



After a busy week, I wanted to provide another update on how I'm fighting for Hudson and Delaware Valley priorities: **DELIVERING \$17 MILLION FOR NY-18 COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

It's my honor to deliver nearly \$17 million in community project funding to 14 deserving organizations and municipalities that have made huge impacts serving and strengthening the Hudson Valley. They go above and beyond every day to help our communities thrive.

I fought tooth and nail to secure this landmark federal funding to help families across the district, from the Boys & Girls Club in Newburgh, which will transform kids' lives for generations to come through their new literacy center, to the Rumshock Veterans Village in Orange, which will provide housing for homeless veterans.

The impact these organizations have already had on our communities is undeniable, and I'm proud to deliver these resources to expand their reach and benefit the lives of more Hudson Valley families.

Read more about the projects here [https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-delivers-landmark-funding-hudson-valley-youth?fbclid=IwAR2qo2oMPxS7S5maTw-wnF1gmVLKWCvOo2bixHU4\\_HVfXpnhBxOThpyJuDk](https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-delivers-landmark-funding-hudson-valley-youth?fbclid=IwAR2qo2oMPxS7S5maTw-wnF1gmVLKWCvOo2bixHU4_HVfXpnhBxOThpyJuDk)

### FIGHTING FOR POUGHKEEPSIE ALONGSIDE MAYOR FLOWERS

Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers is a true champion for her community - born and raised in Poughkeepsie as the daughter of the great John M. Flowers Sr., public service is in her bones. She's a history-making leader, driven purely by service, empathy, and care for her neighbors. It was an honor to have her join me not just for President Biden's State of the Union address, but also for meetings in D.C. with other elected officials and experts to discuss how we can harness the full power of the federal government to support her Poughkeepsie priorities.

I'm proud to have her as a partner in the fight to address the housing affordability crisis, combat gun violence, and remove lead pipes. I look forward to our continued partnership as we continue to deliver for Poughkeepsie families.

### CRACKING DOWN ON FENTANYL

Illicit fentanyl is wreaking havoc on Hudson Valley families and laying waste to lives across the country. Time and time again - from holding up the bipartisan border security bill, to refusing to pass an actual budget, to refusing to save lives from fentanyl overdoses by holding a vote on the FEND Off Fentanyl Act - we've seen the GOP-led House, under Speaker Mike Johnson and Rep. Elise Stefanik's leadership, reject real and ready solutions to the crises facing our nation.

They're letting their own intra-party chaos and dysfunction, stoked by Donald Trump, get in the way of helping Hudson Valley families. Cracking down on fentanyl traffickers shouldn't be controversial, it's common sense. Last week-end, I joined with other leaders to call for a vote on the FEND Off Fentanyl Act immediately. (Contd. Pg. 54)

## Pat Ryan (From Pg. 53) BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

Last week kicked off March's C.A.R.E.S. Van events, and I was proud to partner with State Senator Michelle Hinchey's office to bring assistance with both federal and state agencies to Red Hook and Rhinebeck. We're nearing the goal of visiting all of NY-18's municipalities - join the Van's next visits on March 26!

## SUPPORTING EARLY EDUCATION

I want to give a shout out to the dedicated staff and volunteers at the Newburgh Armory Unity Center for the amazing Saturday enrichment programs they provide to Newburgh kids.

I got to see their inspiring work in action last weekend when I dropped off 100 books donated by the Library of Congress in DC for their programs.

Special thanks to William Kaplan for showing me around the Armory!

## CELEBRATING INSPIRING GIRLS AND WOMEN

This past Friday, we celebrated International Women's Day and NY-18's strong and inspiring women and girls.

Bethany Moultry founded "Happy Bags" and has delivered thousands of bags of necessities and notes of kindness to the homeless across NY-18. Through her work, we see how acts of kindness can have a huge impact, uplifting thousands of lives. I had the honor of highlighting her great work in a speech on the House floor on International Women's Day.

## CONGRATULATING NY-18'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT



A huge congratulations to NY-18's newest Eagle Scout, Basil Metz!

Basil's extraordinary acts of service to the NY-18 community include installing a new playground at his church in Wappingers Falls.

Basil, you've got a bright future, thanks for letting me share in your celebration!

## FIGHTING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

Thank you to Riverkeeper President Tracy Brown and Jeremy Cherson for joining me in my DC office for a productive conversation on our efforts to protect the Hudson Valley's cherished waters.

From fighting for a full cleanup of PCB pollution in the Hudson River, to keeping barges from anchoring on the Hudson River, Riverkeeper's advocacy is invaluable in our shared fight for clean water in the Hudson Valley, and I look forward to many more years of working together.

## SUPPORTING THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

The Civil Air Patrol works to keep our skies safe and provide unparalleled opportunities for youth.

I recently had the opportunity to meet with some of the Patrol's cadets and hear about their work serving our communities and their future goals.

These cadets truly have bright futures ahead!

## KICKING OFF ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



I had a great time kicking off the Hudson Valley's St. Patrick's Day celebrations last weekend.

Thanks to grand marshal Andrew O'Grady for leading the parade and to everyone who braved the rain in Wappingers Falls!

## GRANTS CORNER –APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds regional and local initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and injuries. Application webinars are available here . <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A/webinars>

The FY2024 application has multiple deadlines depending on the grant type:

April 4: Deadline #1 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.

May 16: Sole deadline for Implementation Grants. Deadline #2 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.

August 29: Deadline #3 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.

The Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) Competitive Grants Program supports the development of urban agriculture and innovative production through planning and implementation activities. Planning activities will initiate, develop, or support the efforts of farmers, gardeners, citizens, government officials, schools, members of tribal communities, and other stakeholders in areas where access to fresh foods are limited or unavailable. Implementation activities will accelerate existing and emerging models of urban and/or innovative agricultural practices that serve multiple farmers or gardeners. Applications are due April 9, 2024.

The NYS ConnectALL Broadband - Municipal Infrastructure Program will assist municipalities, non-profits, and other entities to construct open and accessible public broadband infrastructure to provide New Yorkers with high-quality, reliable, and affordable service options. The Municipal Infrastructure Program will prioritize projects that address unserved and underserved locations. Learn more here . <https://broadband.ny.gov/municipal-infrastructure-program> (Contd. Pg 55)



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(From Pg. 54) The Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant Program provides critical funding to strengthen volunteer fire departments and districts statewide. Eligible applicants can apply for up to \$1,000,000 if proposing projects for construction, renovation, or purchase costs for critical facilities (buildings, training facilities, etc.) that support fire operations, or up to \$500,000 if proposing projects for allowable fire service equipment to upgrade and improve their response capabilities. Application due April 30. See the following for more information and resources: Request for Applications (RFA) , Application Worksheet , Frequently Asked Questions , E-Grants Tutorial

<https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/12/sfy2023-24-volunteer-fire-infrastructure-response-equipment-v-fire-rfa-final.pdf>

<https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/12/sfy2023-24-v-fire-faq-final-12.19.2023.pdf>

<https://www.dhSES.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/12/dhSES-e-grants-tutorial-sfy2023-24-vol-fd-grant.pdf>

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

The AFG Program is holding application webinars - sign up  
<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/workshops>

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

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

<https://patryan.house.gov/>



### My Thoughts on President Biden's Divisive and Dangerous State of the Union Address

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45cCawoL5aQ>

Since Joe Biden took office, inflation has skyrocketed, the border is a dangerous catastrophe, energy costs continue to rise, there is chaos around the world, and our greatest ally in the Middle East has been brutally attacked. Yet, at his recent State of the Union, President Biden dared to declare the State of our Union as strong. Rather than lay out a clear plan to restore our economy, strengthen our national security, tackle the border crisis, and keep our families safe, Biden barked out lies and harsh partisan rhetoric as if he were speaking at a campaign rally. He refused to provide solutions to the myriad of problems plaguing communities across NY-24.

At the address, President Biden's demeanor and hyper-partisanship created a divisive and hostile environment in the House Chamber that was unbecoming of the President/Commander in Chief of our armed forces and insensitive to the American people who are suffering under his disastrous policies.

The tragic death of Laken Riley could have been avoided if President Biden and Albany Democrats had enacted strong border policies and ended the pro-criminal bail reform policies that have allowed these dangerous criminals back into our communities. President Biden can end this crisis that is killing our neighbors and children with a stroke of a pen. Yet he refuses to put Americans first, endangering every single one of our communities. We cannot allow this reckless disregard for our nation to continue.

That's why I voted in favor of H. R. 751, the Laken Riley Act, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to ensure illegal immigrants charged with a crime are held in police custody. A similar bill known as "Laken's Law," was introduced in the New York State Senate by Senator Andrew Lanza and was introduced in the New York State Assembly by Assemblyman Jarett Gandolfo. Many of the State-level officials representing our community are cosponsors of this important bill, including Senators Rob Ortt, Pamela Helming, Tom O'Mara, George Borello, and Assemblymen Will Barclay, Marjorie Byrnes, Scott Gray, Phil Palmesano, David DiPietro, John Lemondes, and Mike Norris.

I am committed to supporting policy solutions that will end this crisis and protect our communities.

### Introducing the Protect TANF Resources for Families Act

Currently, some states are using Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to finance activities that previously had been state and local responsibilities. As welfare caseloads have dropped, certain states now use available TANF funds to fill "gaps" in their state budget. To ensure states do not divert TANF to cover state budget shortfalls, I introduced the Protect TANF Resources for Families Act to prevent states from misusing TANF funds to fill gaps in state budgets. This bill requires TANF funds to be used to enhance existing state funding rather than replace it, as well as provide robust oversight to curb the misuse of these funds and ensure tax dollars are used responsibly. ((Contd. Pg. 56)

## This Week with Claudia

(From Pg. 55) **Attorney General Merrick Garland's claim that voter ID laws "discriminatory, burdensome, and unnecessary" is a direct attack on election integrity.**

At a time when illegal immigration into our country is at a historic high, we must ensure only American Citizens vote in our elections. Voting is one of the most sacred rights and responsibilities we have as Americans and should be reserved for the legal citizens of our country. Cities like New York City have already allowed noncitizens to vote, and by granting illegal immigrants Secure Docket Cards, we are one step closer to allowing non-citizens to vote in our federal elections. In October, I introduced the No IDs for Illegals Act to ban federal funding from being used to support these cards that would give illegal immigrants access to the sacred rights of United States citizens.

As chair of the Election Integrity Caucus, I am dedicated to ensuring only legal votes count in our elections.

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

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

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3843, the Action for Dental Health Act of 2023. H.R. 3843 reauthorizes through 2028 a grant program that is intended to develop the dental workforce in areas of need across the country. In our rural communities, including those in Upstate and Western New York, countless Americans have difficulty accessing necessary dental care due to a shortage of dentists and other dentistry professionals. Poor dental care can significantly increase the risk for other conditions such as heart attack, stroke, diabetes, and kidney disease. To address this, H.R. 3843 would provide \$13.9 million annually to fund loan forgiveness for dentists in shortage areas, dentistry recruitment, tele-dentistry, and expanding dental residency programs. It is vital we close these gaps so all Americans can access the dental care they need. H.R. 3843 passed the House by a vote of 391-32.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7511, the Laken Riley Act. H.R. 7511 follows the devastating homicide of 22-year-old nursing student Laken Riley, whose suspected murderer was a Venezuelan that entered the United States illegally and had previously been arrested and released in New York City. This bill would ensure that illegal aliens charged with a crime are held in police custody until their case is adjudicated. The tragic death of Laken Riley could have been avoided if President Biden and Albany Democrats had enacted strong border policies and ended the pro-criminal bail reform policies that have allowed dangerous criminals back into our communities. President Biden can end this crisis with a stroke of a pen. Yet he refuses to put Americans first, endangering every single one of our communities. We cannot allow this reckless disregard for our nation to continue. I am honored to be a cosponsor of this critical legislation and strongly supported this bill when it passed the House by a vote of 251-170.

I voted "No" on H.Res.1061, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024, which funds departments such as the VA, USDA, Commerce, DOJ, Department of Energy, Department of Interior, and Department of Transportation though the remainder of the 2024 fiscal year. While there were positive aspects of this bill, including the 12 Community Funding Projects we submitted to help residents of NY-24, fully funding veterans' healthcare and toxic exposure programs, military construction projects and important agricultural research programs, this bill in its entirety, negotiated behind closed doors, was a bridge too far. With over \$34 trillion of national debt and counting, Congress should not spend

another \$1.65 trillion while failing to address the crises plaguing our nation in a meaningful way. I understand the complexity and frustration of a divided government, however our communities will continue to suffer under Biden's policies that spend our tax dollars on the woke and Green New Deal projects that have been inserted into this bill. This 1,050-page spending monstrosity does not provide the relief that the American people are demanding and will only increase already sky-high prices and add to our national debt. Among the worst provisions in the bill, the legislation continued to fund the Biden Administration's illegal WOTUS rule, failed to rein in the ATF's anti-second amendment rules, and maintained funding for the VA's and DOJ's anti-life initiatives. It is vital we do more to hold the Biden Administration to account and provide real policy wins for the American people. This bill passed the House by a vote of 339-85.

I voted "Yes" for H.R. 3821, the Firefighter Cancer Registry Reauthorization Act of 2023. The Firefighter Cancer Registry was created in 2018 by Congress to track incidences of cancer among firefighters and help determine how their work-related cancer risks may vary. Now that this service is due to expire this year, this legislation reauthorizes the registry through 2028 and increases its annual appropriations from \$2.5 million per year to \$5.5 million per year. It is vital we identify the hazards and cancer risks for firefighters so we can act to reduce and work-related harm for these brave public servants. This bill passed the House by a vote of 413-7.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3391, the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0. H.R. 3391 would reauthorize the National Institute of Health's (NIH) Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program (Kids First) until 2028. Since 2014, Kids First has invested more than \$100 million in research for childhood cancer, which remains one of the deadliest diseases for children. H.R. 3391 builds upon Kids First by allowing collaborative foundational research to continue, while avoiding duplicative efforts and promoting efficiency in the program. In addition, H.R. 3391 requires a report from the Secretary of Health and Human Services to detail pediatric research projects and any advances made in pediatric medicine that were funded by Kids First. This bill marks an important step in helping us fight back against childhood cancer. H.R. 3391 passed the House by a vote of 384-4.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3838, the Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act of 2023. H.R. 3838 would help improve mental health outcomes for new mothers. Specifically, it would reauthorize grant programs designed to expand mental health resources for new mothers, while promoting research intended to help prevent maternal mortality. In addition, it would amend the Maternal Mortality Review Committees to make clear that the clinical specialties who participate in these committees will include obstetricians and gynecologists (OB/GYN). Lastly, the bill would change data collection for pregnancy-related deaths to use death records if available. Current law allows for discretion by stipulating that death records only must be used "if applicable," opening the door to possible inaccuracies in the data. H.R. 3838 passed the house by a vote of 382-12.

Ryan Corbett, a husband, father, and Western New Yorker has been wrongfully detained by the Taliban since August 10, 2022. Anna, his wife, has been tirelessly fighting for her husband's release, who is being held in a basement cell without regular access to a bathroom, sunlight, or medical care. Other Westerners who have been released from the prison where Ryan is being held report that he is in deteriorating health.

Anna Corbett has been bravely advocating for Ryan's release for nearly 600 days, sharing her family's story and bringing attention to her husband's unjust detention and the brutal conditions of his captivity.

It was an honor to have Anna, Ketsia, Miriam, and Caleb Corbett as my guests at the State of the Union this week. I hope their presence increased attention to Ryan's case and the urgency to bring Ryan home to his family.





CONGRESSMAN  
**MARC MOLINARO**  
*Representing New York's 19th District*

## MOLINARO REACTS TO PRESIDENT BIDEN'S STATE OF UNION ADDRESS

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) released the following statement on President Biden's State of the Union Address:

“Yes, we must protect Social Security and Medicare. Yes, we must invest in American manufacturers. And yes, we must support unions and working families.

“Unfortunately, there's little evidence that these statements are anything more than campaign slogans in an election year.

“Upstate New Yorkers know the State of the Union isn't 'strong' as the President claims. Cost of living is still up, crime is still a big problem, and despite the President having executive authority to close the border today, it remains wide open.

“If President Biden decides he wants to approach these issues honestly and earnestly, then I'm ready to have the bipartisan discussions and work together. Until then, I'm not going to accept the gaslighting and neither will the working families, farmers, and small businesses that I represent. They understand the pain caused by Biden's agenda because they're living it.”

## FOLLOWING LAKEN RILEY MURDER, REP. MOLINARO PASSES BILL TO CIRCUMVENT NYS SANCTUARY LAWS, DEPORT UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS GUILTY OF CRIME

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) released the following statement and spoke on the House Floor on his vote to pass the Laken Riley Act:

“Laken Riley was a 22-year-old nursing student with a bright future. Last month, she was brutally murdered by an undocumented immigrant who entered the country illegally, and was later arrested and released in New York State.

“In the wake of this tragedy, I voted to pass the Laken Riley Act. This bill will circumvent New York's broken 'sanctuary' laws by assigning federal immigration officials to criminal cases involving illegal immigrants - allowing them to detain and deport dangerous individuals.

“President Biden could take the border crisis he created seriously, but he's chosen a path that's fueled instability and crime. Governor Hochul could take the crime crisis she's created seriously by repealing bail reform and 'sanctuary' laws. Unfortunately, they've both chosen inaction.

“I will always choose to stand with victims, law enforcement, and the neighbors I took an oath to serve and protect.”

## WITH GOV. HOCHUL TRAVELLING TO DC FOR STATE OF THE UNION, REP. MOLINARO INVITES GOV. TO MEET ON BORDER SECURITY & SANCTUARY POLICIES

Washington, DC - With Governor Hochul travelling to DC today to attend the State of the Union, U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today requested a meeting with the Governor on the border crisis and New York's sanctuary state policies:

“Right now, Governor Hochul's supposed silver bullet to the border crisis is a bill that has not even passed Chuck Schumer's Senate. In the House, I've taken action, voting 12 months ago to pass a comprehensive border security and immigration bill.

“We clearly have different approaches, but the rhetoric and verbal sparring isn't helping those in New York feeling the impact of this crisis. In the interest of actually finding common ground and solving this problem, I'd welcome Governor Hochul to meet with me today while she's here in DC for the State of the Union.

“The Governor is a leading voice in the Democrat Party. She can put pressure on President Biden to take executive action to close the border, compel Schumer's Senate to act on the House's border security bill, and in her position, push for the full repeal of New York's sanctuary laws.

“Governor Hochul: call my office at (202) 225-5441 and let's meet today.”

## CONGRESS ANSWERS MOLINARO'S CALL: FOLLOWING DAY OF ACTION IN BINGHAMTON, THINK DIFFERENTLY ABOUT EMERGENCIES ACT PASSES HOUSE WITH BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

This Is Molinaro's Third Standalone Bill To Pass House & 33rd Authored Measure To Pass the House

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) today announced the Think DIFFERENTLY About Emergencies Act has passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support. This comes one month after Rep. Molinaro held a Think DIFFERENTLY Day of Action in Broome County, in which he called on Congress to pass legislation he authored to break down barriers in key areas of society for individuals with disabilities. Watch Rep. Molinaro speak on the House Floor about the bill here. <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=969386837938023>

A study prepared for the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction found that individuals with disabilities are two to four times more likely to die or be critically injured during disaster situations. With billion-dollar natural disasters on the rise in the United States, Rep. Molinaro authored this bill to direct the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to commission a report on the assistance and resources available to individuals with disabilities and their families that are impacted by major disasters. (Contd. Pg. 58)

## **Congress Answers Moninaro's Call: Following Day of Action in Binghamton, Think Differently about Emergencies Act Passes House with Bipartisan Support**

(From Pg. 57) Rep Molinaro said, "Individuals with disabilities are more likely to be critically injured or die during natural disasters. My bill ensures no one is left behind by working to get them specialized support to safely evacuate and recover after a disaster strikes."

This is Rep. Molinaro's third standalone bill to pass the House since taking office. In total, he has authored and passed 33 measures in the House as part of larger legislation. Rep. Molinaro introduced the Think DIFFERENTLY About Emergencies Act alongside U.S. Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV-1).

## **Following Devastating Cyberattack on Largest Health Care Payment System in the Country, Gillibrand Colleagues Call for Plan to Address Cyber Threats to the Health Care System**

WASHINGTON, D.C - Following a major cyberattack in late February that crippled Change Healthcare, the largest health care payment system in the country, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is calling on the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to put forth a plan to help health care systems navigate this crisis and to prevent attacks like this in the future. The attack on Change Healthcare is preventing health care providers from getting insurance approval for medical procedures and prescriptions. The ripple effect of this has been increasingly serious, causing delays across the country for many patients seeking prescriptions, including on military bases globally. The impact on hospitals' finances also means that they may be unable to pay physician salaries or acquire medications and supplies.

"The ransomware attack on Change Healthcare is disrupting patient care across the country and causing a cash crisis at large and small hospitals and health care providers," said Senator Gillibrand. "Key federal agencies - the Department of Health and Human Services and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency - are working hard to address this problem, but the American people and the health care sector need more support and information. That is why I'm calling on these agencies to share their plan to address this crisis and provide hospitals in need with technical assistance to securely resume operations. I'm also asking HHS and CISA to explain what they are doing to proactively help the health care sector defend against cyber threats."

The letter was also signed by Senators Jacky Rosen (D-NV), John Hickenlooper (D-CO), Peter Welch (D-VT), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Richard Blumenthal (D-

CT), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Tina Smith (D-MN), Raphael Warnock (D-GA), Bob Casey (D-PA), and Ed Markey (D-MA), and Representatives Jerry Nadler (D-NY), Grace Meng (D-NY), Pat Ryan (D-NY), Joe Morelle (D-NY), Nydia Velázquez (D-NY), Ann Kuster (D-NH), Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), Chris Pappas (D-NH), Jimmy Panetta (D-CA), Jennifer McClellan (D-VA), and Andy Kim (D-NJ).

The full text of the letter is below:

Dear Director Easterly and Secretary Becerra:

We write today regarding the serious, recent cyber-attack impacting the healthcare sector. The attack against a UnitedHealth Group subsidiary, Change Healthcare, has had a severe and wide reaching effect across the nation. Americans have faced challenges getting their prescriptions filled, and many hospitals, physician's offices, and pharmacies disconnected their systems from key entities that process billions of healthcare-related transactions annually. We are also concerned about the impact the cyber-attack has had on military clinics and hospitals worldwide, with the Defense Health Agency reporting that the attack caused military members and their families significant delays in filling prescriptions.

Therefore, we request that the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) develop enhanced contingency plans for outages within the healthcare ecosystem and broaden the Joint Cyber Defense Collaborative (JCDC) to ensure key healthcare sector entities proactively receive actionable threat information. We also request that HHS offer guidance to providers about how they may request Medicare advanced and accelerated payments, including by directing the Medicare Administrative Contractors to prioritize expediting the processing of applications by hospitals impacted by the cyber-attack. Finally, we request that CISA and HHS offer technical resources and informational guidance to entities facing challenges securely resuming operations to assist hospitals and health systems that lives depend on.

The disruption is not limited to delays in filling prescriptions. We are hearing from healthcare sector businesses each day as they voice a growing concern that this cyber-attack already has, or will very soon, create significant cash flow disruptions to their operations. We refer you to the February 26, 2024, letter to Secretary Becerra from the American Hospital Association noting the "immediate adverse impact on hospitals' finances," and explaining that, without the critical revenue source from payments, hospitals "may be unable to pay salaries for clinicians and other members of the care team, acquire necessary medicines and supplies, and pay for mission critical contract work in areas such as physical security, dietary and environmental services."

As you help health systems navigate this devastating attack, we request information regarding efforts by CISA and HHS to protect Americans and healthcare sector businesses from this cyberattack and the ongoing threat to the healthcare sector. Specifically, we respectfully request a briefing regarding the questions below: (Contd. Pg. 59)



## Following Devastating Cyberattack on Largest Health Care Payment System in the Country, Gillibrand Colleagues Call for Plan to Address Cyber Threats to the Health Care System

(From Pg. 58)

o As the nation's cyber defense agency, what is CISA doing to monitor and proactively defend against cyber threats impacting the healthcare sector?

o As the Sector Risk Management Agency, what is HHS doing to proactively prepare the sector to face cyber threats and respond to cyber-attacks when they occur?

o How is CISA working with HHS to identify and provide technical support to healthcare critical infrastructure owners and operators that are most at risk?

o What technical assistance did CISA provide the affected entities and how quickly? Did CISA reach out to potentially affected entities with specific offers for assistance that entities declined?

o What steps are being taken to enhance timely sharing of actionable threat information with the healthcare sector?

o What steps are being taken to ensure the healthcare sector has robust contingency plans for system outages?

o How are CISA and HHS sharing information with Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISACs), (including the MS-ISAC) and State, Local, Territorial, and Tribal entities concerned about these intrusions?

o How is any applicable support and guidance being shared with smaller healthcare entities that do not have significant cybersecurity staffing and that are not members of the JCDC, Health-ISAC, Healthcare Ready or other affiliated healthcare-related information sharing organizations?

o What immediate steps are being taken to address the delays in filling prescriptions across the country?

o To what extent, and how, has CISA and/or HHS targeted healthcare specific cyber threat and response information to different healthcare organizations including hospitals, physician practices, healthcare support service providers, pharmacies etc.?

o Given the regional implications for this attack, has CISA or HHS considered engaging the Public Health and Medical Services Emergency Support Function under the National Response Framework in responding to this incident?

We appreciate the efforts to date by HHS and CISA to prevent and respond to cyber threats to our healthcare system, and look forward to working together to increase the support to healthcare providers and strengthen the resilience of our healthcare system to attacks such as this. Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and we look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

## Governor Hochul Announces New Protocols to Ensure New Yorker's Receive Continuity of Health Care Services Following Cyberattack

Change Healthcare Continues to Restore Systems Following Unprecedented Cyberattack

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2024/03/05/hhs-statement-regarding-the-cyberattack-on-change-healthcare.html>

### State Department of Financial Services Issues Letter Outlining Protocols for Health Insurers

Governor Hochul announced that health insurers were directed to follow new protocols and assist healthcare providers to ensure New Yorkers have access to uninterrupted healthcare services. This action was taken after a cyberattack on health care platform Change Healthcare, part of UnitedHealth Group, which saw disruptions from the cyberattack to the claims and payment systems on February 21, 2024.

“Every New Yorker deserves to feel confidence that their financial information, and sensitive medical data, are safe from digital attacks and the dark web,” Governor Hochul said. “Health care insurers and providers must work together to guarantee that any digital event doesn't stop people from receiving appropriate care, and my administration has allocated \$500 million to help hospitals rapidly and aggressively enhance their systems and safety protocols.”

Change Healthcare, a technology platform used by a substantial number of health care providers in New York, disconnected its systems during the cyberattack. The New York State Department of Financial Services (DFS) has issued a letter to health insurers and other health benefit issuers to ensure continuity of care following these disruptions. The letter provides guidance for how they should work with providers to avoid disruptions in care, which may include suspending certain utilization review requirements, appeal timeframes, claim submission timeframes, and eligibility verifications. The circular letter also strongly urges insurers to work with providers to address cash flow disruptions to avoid disruption of health care services.

New York State Superintendent of Financial Services Adrienne A. Harris said, “Under Governor Hochul's leadership, DFS has taken action to ensure New Yorkers do not experience interruptions in care or a delay in receiving critical prescription drugs because of a cyber incident. With vicious cyberattacks and emerging threats on the rise, strong cybersecurity protocols are more critical than ever to maintaining the safety and soundness of our healthcare system.”

New York State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, “The Department of Health has worked closely with the Department of Financial Services as well as other agency partners to assess impact and help promote continuity of care for health care systems. It is evident health care providers have prioritized patient care during this cyberattack and minimized impact on their patients.”

As a result of the cyberattack, some providers are currently unable to request preauthorization; engage in concurrent or retrospective reviews; submit internal appeals, external appeals, or claims for payment within the requisite timeframes; verify an insured's eligibility for coverage; and obtain timely payment for health care services. Governor Hochul has directed state agencies to actively monitor the impact of this cybersecurity incident.

A copy of the circular letter can be found on the DFS website. [https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry\\_guidance/circular\\_letters/cl2024\\_02](https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry_guidance/circular_letters/cl2024_02)



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# SPRING FLING

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH  
12PM-3PM

FREE  
RAVENSBEARD  
BIRD SHOW  
1PM

GIRL SCOUT  
TROOP 580  
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CRAFT &  
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Veterans' Park  
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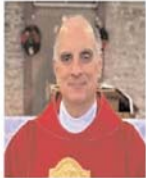
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# 2024 Celebration of Charity & Caritas Awards Dinner

## Reservations Now Open

Join Us in Honoring



Fr. Bob Porpora  
St. Peter's, Monticello



Chief William Worden  
Port Jervis Police Dept.



Sacred Heart Parish  
Highland Falls



### March 21

The Kartrite Resort  
555 Resorts World Drive  
Monticello

For Reservations & Info:  
[www.cccsos.org](http://www.cccsos.org)  
845.294.5124 x1005  
[Kristin.Jensen@cccsos.org](mailto:Kristin.Jensen@cccsos.org)

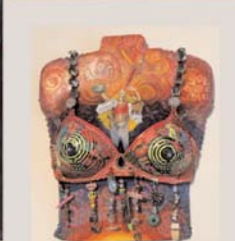
## IN SEARCH OF THE GODDESS



Curated by  
Kathy Yacoe and Sandra Scheuer

March 16 – May 4, 2024

▶ Opening: Saturday, March 16, 3 – 5 pm ◀



### Artists in this show:

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



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### Call for Voices of Survivors

~Be a beacon of Inspiration~

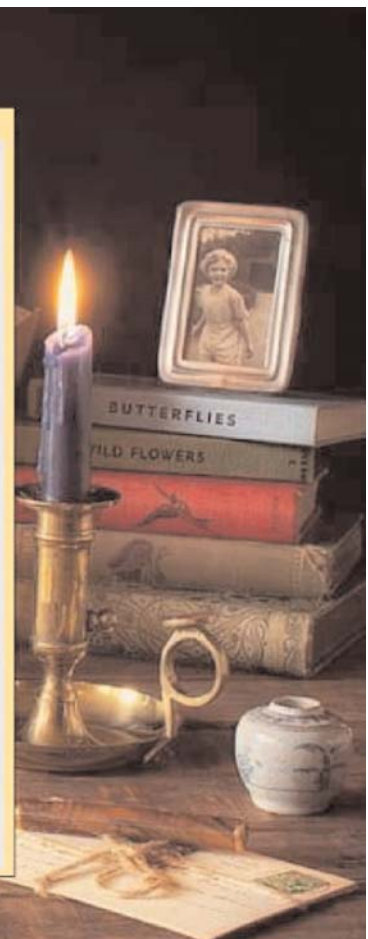
Join our immersive experience with themes of survival, hope and humanity, by sharing your voice as survivors from the Holocaust to present day.

Share your story, your family's story at our host locations:

The Liberty Museum and Arts Center, Liberty NY, and the Sullivan County Historical Society Museum, Hurleyville, NY.

Dates for LMAC are May 17-June 9<sup>th</sup> and At SCHSM are Sept. 12-15<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 26-29<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, contact [hope@hopescompass.org](mailto:hope@hopescompass.org)



# *Woodbourne Fire Department*

## *French Toast Breakfast*



Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

7am – 12 Noon

Location: Woodbourne Fire House

**Adults \$12.00**

**Children 6 or Under \$6.00**

For more information call: (845)-434-6763 or (845)-798-1035



### **Eat In or Take Out**

Breakfast includes: French Toast,  
Eggs ( Scrambled, Over Easy & Sunny Side Up)  
Sausage and Home Fries





**Cornell Cooperative Extension** | Sullivan County

# Tai Chi for Arthritis & Falls Prevention

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

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



## What is Tai Chi?

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

## Tai chi helps:

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

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

**Register:**



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

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

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



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## RABIES CLINIC

*FOR DOGS, CATS, AND FERRETS*



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

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

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

### **Sullivan County Residents Only!**

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

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



# Daniel Pierce Library

Poetry

## Author Talk & Book Signing

with Lisa Titus



### JOIN US:

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Lisa Titus, formerly Lisa Caloro, is a poetry writer from Grahamsville who recently published *First Time, Every Time*. Titus was the 2020-21 Poet Laureate of Sullivan County, the recipient of a 2021-22 Delaware Valley Arts Association (DVAA) Individual Artist Fellowship, and a 2020 Pushcart Prize nominee.

Engage in conversation with author, Lisa Titus, as she shares her poetry and the inspiration behind her work. Her poems have been a labor of love, a true reflection on how a poet looks at the world.

The title of the book, *First Time, Every Time* not only comes from a line in one of the 72 poems in the book, but it also has a much deeper meaning. Don't miss getting a glimpse into her writing and the stories behind her poems.

Advanced online registration required at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)  
Books available for purchase on the night of the event, while supplies last.



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Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233  
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# Time and the Valleys Museum

## Grahamsville, NY

### Are you interested in local history?

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

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



## Join now & get 10% off!

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

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

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<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Silver	<del>\$200</del> <b>\$180</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Gold	<del>\$500</del> <b>\$450</b>	

Thank you for supporting local history and the Museum.



## BONUS - Free Art Catalogue!

# Craft Fair, Yard Sale, Vendors & Food Vendors

Sponsored by: Woodbourne Fire Department

Location: 355 Fire House Road

Woodbourne NY, 12788

Time: 10am - 4pm

Date: Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Vendor spots are \$25.00 (NONREFUNDABLE) for a 10x10 spot.

\*Food Vendors are \$50.00 (NONREFUNDABLE)\*

\*All Vendors Must supply their own power for outside.\*

\*Payment must be made prior to setting up your spot\*

Vendor's spots will be available inside and outside. Tables will be provided for inside Only. If you have a spot outside, you will need to provide your own tables.

Indoor spots are a First come First serve basis (ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT)  
and No spots will be reserved.

Once indoor spots are filled everyone will need to set up outside.


For more information please contact Amanda at (845)-798-8648 or James at (845)-423-3910 or  
Send a email to [wfd91815@gmail.com](mailto:wfd91815@gmail.com) and put Vendor Information in subject.



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Call to speak with our Veteran  
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We didn't fight alone while  
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**Vet 2 Vet**



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*NYC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program*

Call or email us to register!

845-794-4228

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

309 E Broadway Suite A

Monticello, NY 12701

**Cornell Cooperative Extension** | Sullivan County

# 2024 Caregiver Resource Center Virtual Support Groups



Wednesdays | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

January 17th

January 31st

February 14th

February 28th

March 13th

March 27th

Via Zoom or Phone

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

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

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**ALZHEIMER'S  ASSOCIATION**

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

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





# ANGER MANAGEMENT

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

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

**For more information**

**and to register :**

**845-794-4228**

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

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



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# YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!



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

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM






VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!






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

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

EVERY 2ND & 4TH

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM





# ERH Gift Shop "Lucky Shamrock Sale"

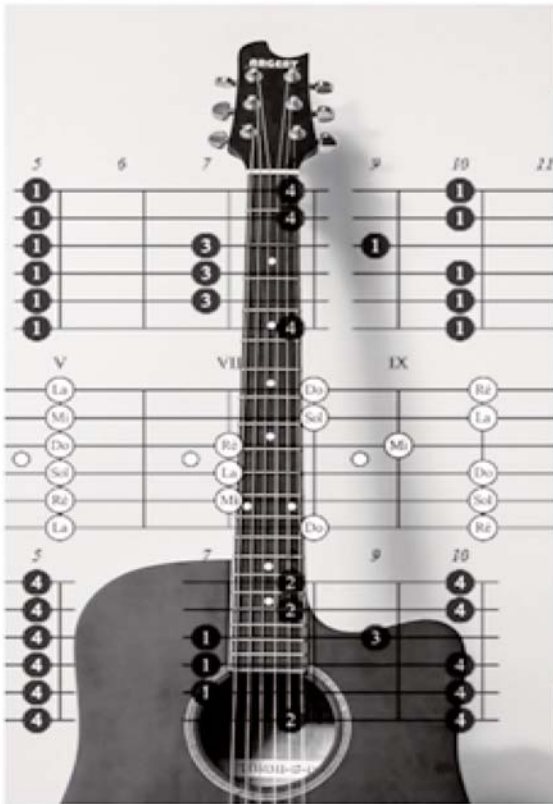
Friday, March 15  
from 10-3:30

Make your purchases and select a  
lucky shamrock from the board.



You can save  
20%, 30% or 40%





Daniel Pierce Library

# Teach our Teens

## Rock the Library

### Jam Session Thursdays

Do you have a musical talent?  
Are you willing to share it with our  
teens this spring?

Come volunteer and make a difference!

**Share your talent, change a life!**

To volunteer please email:  
Director, Beth Wolpert at [bwolpert@rcls.org](mailto:bwolpert@rcls.org).



## SUNY Sullivan Career Center

# CAREER & JOB FAIR

**Dress professional & bring your resume!**

Have a professional headshot taken!

Major employers in the region attending include:

- Garnet Health
- NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
- Bethel Woods
- Legoland
- Jeff Bank
- St. Lawrence Health

**When:**  
10 AM - 1 PM  
Wednesday, March 27

**Where:**  
SUNY Sullivan Campus  
112 College Road  
Loch Sheldrake, NY  
in the E Lobby

For more information call:  
845-434-5750 ext. 4202  
Or email:  
[careercenter@sunysullivan.edu](mailto:careercenter@sunysullivan.edu)

**No resume? No problem!**  
Our career staff will help you create one on-campus!

**Our free career fair is open to students and the public!**



## Monticello Rotary Club Presents

### Taste of Sullivan!

Join us on Tuesday, April 9  
From 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.  
SUNY Sullivan Paul Gerry Fieldhouse

Enjoy a "Taste" of signature dishes from Many Sullivan County Restaurants!

\*Music\* \*Prizes\* \*Raffles\*

Support Monticello Rotary Club with this fundraiser helping us continue to provide services and financial support to those in need in our community!

\$40 per person  
\*\* Cash Bar \*\*

**LIMITED SEATS!!!**

Buy Tickets Online!

To reserve a spot call Helen Diehl (845) 807-3109 or email [helenmdiehl@gmail.com](mailto:helenmdiehl@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**



# OWN WHERE YOU WORK

**Join us to learn all about local businesses that are owned by their employees.**



**THE EVENT WILL COVER:**

- Shared Ownership 101
- Examples of Worker Cooperatives: Hear from a diverse group of employee-owned businesses about the benefits of this model.
- Financing and support for cooperatives startups and conversions: challenges and opportunities.
- Panel Discussion: How can we encourage more businesses in the Hudson Valley to adopt this model?

**THE EVENT IS FOR PEOPLE WHO:**

- Work in economic or community development
- Own a business or want to start one
- Care about the long-term viability of local businesses
- Want to learn about creative ways to improve pay, benefits, and increase access to wealth and equity
- Concerned about succession planning for their business

9 AM - 12:30 PM

**21**  
MARCH

**SUNY ORANGE**

NEWBURGH CAMPUS-  
THE GREAT ROOM

**SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS FROM:**

- Cooperative Fund of the Northeast
- Democracy at Work Institute
- Co-Op Hudson Valley
- The Drivers Cooperative
- Cooperative Home Care Associates
- CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies
- And More!

**CLICK HERE to REGISTER**

<https://www.pattern-for-progress.org/portfolio/employee-owned-businesses/>

**Sliding Registration:**

**\$25 for 1 first registration,  
\$20 for second  
\$15 for each one after**

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




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

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

**HUM1350 • 3 Credits**  
**Tuesdays 1 PM - 3:40 PM**  
**Main Campus, G120**  
 Instructor: Shannan Cilento, AICP  
 Community Development &  
 Communications Manager, Sullivan 180

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






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Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a

# Liberty COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY



Join in and help cleanup your neighborhood in  
Ferndale, Parksville, Swan Lake, White Sulphur Springs  
and the Village of Liberty

**Saturday, April 20, 2024 • 8:30am - 12:30**

**Registration at 8am at the Liberty Elks Parking Lot**

Trash Bags & Gloves will be provided at registration table.

• Trash will be picked up •

Groups or individuals that fill up their bags and  
share a selfie of their hard work are invited to a FREE lunch!

**Please pre-register by April 15 for a headcount.**

**For info [info@libertychamber.org](mailto:info@libertychamber.org) or call 845-292-9797**



Greater Liberty  
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Individuals, groups of people,  
businesses, and other organizations  
are encouraged to join

*We all have a role to play!*



### Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

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

**Help is available now!**

We are here anytime you need to talk.

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



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

Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

### Sullivan County Text For Teens

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



Hey...I really need to talk to someone. Can you help?

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

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

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

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

Mother Cabrini Health Foundation logo. Text for Teens is supported by a Grant of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation. ACCESS: SUPPORTS FOR LIVING logo with social media icons (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter) and website accessupports.org. Tagline: Rewarding lives. Healthy communities.

### COVID-19 Vaccines Save Lives

Who will you protect?



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Get the facts.



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GET SIGNED UP TODAY FOR OUR UPCOMING CERTIFICATION CLASS !!

Contact:

Alyssa Wowk  
(845) 645-6544

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

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



## FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!





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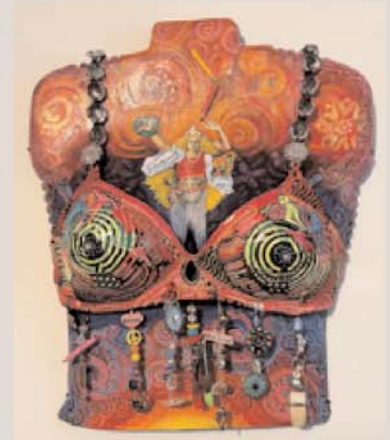
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Curated by  
Kathy Yacoe and Sandra Scheuer

March 16 – May 4, 2024

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## Artists in this show:

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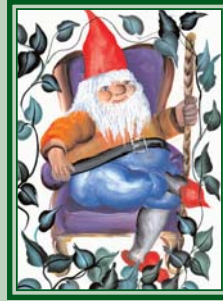
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## **GANGS OF NEW YORK**

Gangs of New York is a 2002 American epic historical crime film that was **directed by Martin Scorsese**, set in the New York City slums, and inspired by **Herbert Asbury's**



1927 nonfiction 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.

Scorsese spent 20 years developing the project until Harvey Weinstein and his production company Miramax Films acquired it in 1999.

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.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Loretta Lynn

**This weeks' Trivia question:** Name the Scorsese film about the last performance of The Band.



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## **MICHAEL COLLINS**

(R · 1996 · 2hr 13min · Biography/Thriller)

An epic film directed by Neil Jordan, Michael Collins tells the story of the Irish patriot, revolutionary, politician and statesman that was Collins.

The cast was lead by Irish actor Liam Neeson along with stars such as **Alan Rickman, Julia Roberts, Brendan Gleeson, and Stephen Rae** adding their combined talent to this biographical movie, all the ingredients for a great film are present.



However the film was not a huge commercial success; a budget of \$25 million only returned a marginal box office return of \$28 million; it did receive exceptional critical and audience approval.

While there is some debate over minor historical discrepancies, in general, the film shows the grittiness and violence of the War for Independence and the subsequent Civil War in an honest and realistic fashion.

Since 2013 there have been a twenty-five per cent increase in every year on funding raised from Irish tax relief eligible projects. In 2014 alone \$303.5 million was committed to the country's economy from film production.

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***The Magdalene Sisters***  
( 2002 Rated R / 1hr 54min / Drama)

A really great film with elements of controversy. When *The Magdalene Sisters* was first released it was condemned by the Vatican as being anti-religious. However, the storyline, a fictional composite of the too real stories of those who suffered at the hands of religious orders in Ireland during the sixties is more about abuse of power than anti-religion.



The story revolves around four “fallen women” sent to work in the Magdalene laundries and who suffered horrific mental, physical and sexual abuse. The actors give compelling performances; in particular, Eileen Walsh who played Crispina, an intellectually challenged unmarried mother.



Written and directed by actor/director Peter Mullan, this harsh and gritty film does contain sufficient comic moments to somewhat lighten and lessen its horrific theme and has achieved its deserved global recognition.

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**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**