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Fallsburg JSHS Celebrates Honor Roll Inductees with Breakfast



This past week, the quarterly Honor Roll celebration breakfast took place over three days at Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School. Over 173 students were recognized for their achievements as this past marking period's Honor Roll and Superintendent's Honor Roll inductees.



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OBITUARIES

Paul Edward Hubert of Youngsville passed away at home on March 2, 2023 surrounded by family. Paul was born in Roscoe, NY on September 29, 1940 to Charles and Ester (Freidenstine) Hubert of Mileses, NY. He will be deeply missed by his wife, Elizabeth Ann (Fries) Hubert, his children Jill and James Simon of Liberty and Paula and Jim Wilson of Youngsville, his grandsons Jeremy and Justin Simon, his sister June Ellmauer, nieces Susan (David) Munyan and Cindy Ellmauer, nephew Michael (Trish) Ellmauer, several cousins, especially Walter Hubert his life-long friend, brothers-in-law Richard (Helen Marie) and Fred (Cathy) Fries, his sister-in-law (Sid) Grossman, his great-nieces and great-nephew and many friends who were like family to him. He was pre-deceased by his parents, his parents-in-law Gertrude and Norvin "Buster" Fries, and his brother-in-law Jack Ellmauer.

Paul's working life took him from Sullivan County Wholesalers where he worked as a counter salesman and then in kitchen design to Agway Energy where he worked as a service technician and retired as a systems design and sales rep. After his retirement he worked at Stan's Batworks and Steingarts and Associates until he fully retired.

Paul was happiest when surrounded by family and friends, and especially when they joined him in sports or outdoor pursuits. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed fishing. He was a past member of the Woods Pond Trap Shooting League along with his daughter Paula. Paul and Betty were members of the Happy Footers Square Dance Club and enjoyed many Friday evenings dancing with friends.

Paul was a fan of all sports, but baseball and softball were his favorites. He played many years in the Liberty Men's Slowpitch League and on the Seniors team. He was an ASA Softball umpire and spent several years umpiring local high school games along with Betty and Paula. Paul also spent countless hours playing catch or catching for pitching lessons, and countless miles in the car going to practices and games along the east coast. He was so proud to teach his grandsons the art of the game and watch them play through the years. He was the official team consultant and volunteer umpire for the boys' Cal Ripken teams. Paul spent several years coaching in the

Monticello Women's Slowpitch League, sharing his love and knowledge of the game with his players who dubbed themselves "Paul's Princesses." Even in his final days he was reading books about Yogi Berra and the Yankees.

Paul was a member of the volunteer fire service for more than 60 years, beginning as a member in the Fremont Center-Mileses Fire Department and then joining the Youngsville Fire Department when he and Betty moved there. Always volunteering his time, there weren't many department pancake breakfasts or roast beef dinners that he missed.

Retirement allowed Paul to pursue many of his interests including wood-working, and the social aspect of the craft fairs where he sold his products. He and Betty traveled widely, often with their close friends and always came home with stories of their adventures to share. His interest in current events and local affairs brought him to meetings of the Town of Callicoon Town Board on a regular basis. A chance meeting at one of those meetings with Dr. Nancy Hackett combined with his love of history resulted in collaboration on a project researching and documenting the history of one room schoolhouses in the western part of Sullivan County. The result is the book "One-Room Schoolhouses," which Paul proudly coauthored.

Betty, Paula and Jill would like to thank Hospice of Orange and Sullivan for their support and care of Paul. His entire team went above and beyond, and they would like to thank Theresa, Jen, Maria, Cindy, Courtney and especially Zee for their compassion and commitment. Also, they would like to thank everyone at the Oncology Treatment Center at Garnet Health Catskill, particularly Mary and Kathy who continued to call and visit after Paul's treatments were finished.

Friends and family shared memories and fellowship on Friday March 10 and Saturday morning March 11 at Stewart Murphy Funeral Home in Jeffersonville. A firematic service was held at the funeral home Friday evening. A funeral service was held at the funeral home on Saturday. Donations may be made to the Hospice of Orange and Sullivan, the Youngsville Fire Department or the Jeffersonville Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Stewart-Murphy Funeral Home Jeffersonville, NY.

Days of Yore....

Today's History

April 1, 1953

Miss Dorothy Nora Murray, daughter of Mr. Floyd G. Murray and the late Mrs. Murray of Grand Gorge, was married Sunday to Mr. Raymond Muthig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Muthig of Parksville in the Methodist Church at Grahamsville. The Rev. Howard F. West officiated. Mrs. Muthig graduated from Middletown High School and attended the Community College at Middletown. Mr. Muthig is now serving in the Armed forces and is stationed at Fort Dix.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Mentnech, 66, died March 20th at Hamilton Avenue Hospital. Born March 16, 1887 at Ulster Hts., Mrs. Mentnech was the daughter of Michael and Zeltha Houghtaling Kless. She was married April 10, 1912 to Michael Mentnech. Surviving are three sons, Adelbert, Arthur and Leo; one daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Cross; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Caston and Mrs. Cynthia Wood; two brothers, Peter and Charles Kless.

March 27, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Turner will celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary on March 28th. Also having anniversaries are Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bonnell, 21 years on the 28th and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Muthig, 10 years on the 29th.

William George, 79, died on March 24th at Liberty Loomis Hospital. A long time resident of Liberty, he was by occupation in the awning and tent business. Mr. George was born November 4, 1883 in the Town of Denning, the son of Helwick and Lena Veit George. He was married in Claryville to the late Bertha Bennett. Known as Liberty's weatherman, William George led an interesting life. In 1905-06 he was a school teacher at Fort Shapiro in Montana where he taught the Indians. He was a former tax collector of Liberty and a former supervisor there. Surviving are two brothers, John N. George of Briscoe and Herbert L. George of Sundown and several nieces and nephews.

March 28, 1973

Evelyn Hill Huntsberger's poem, "The Eagle", is featured in the current issue of Warblings, the bulletin of the Sullivan County Audubon Society. This poem was first published in the Alchemist III, the third poetry booklet of the local Alchemist Society.

March 31, 1983

Five Tri-Valley Middle School students were nominated for inclusion in the book "Outstanding Young Artists in American Elementary Schools". Listed in the book, which came out during the winter of 1982 were Christopher Ambrosino, Dana Black, Tammy Edwards, Mark Rosenshein and Valerie Williams. The listing included a brief biography of each student along with a sample of their art work.

Household Hint:

Clean your toothbrush holder

Get the grime, bacteria, and caked-on toothpaste drippings out of the grooves of your bathroom toothbrush holder by cleaning the openings with cotton swabs moistened with white vinegar.

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

The Truth About Irish Moss

When we think about St. Patrick's Day we usually have visions of Shamrocks, Leprechauns, rainbows and a Pot of Gold, and maybe even Irish Moss.

Not to put a damper on the holiday, but True shamrock plants (*Trifolium*) grow outdoors and would not survive an indoor environment. Therefore, oxalis is the next best thing when it comes to plants with three triangular leaves that we so often purchase for St. Patrick's Day. Or once in a while you may see Irish Moss (*Sagina subulata*) offered for St. Patty's Day. Just like oxalis resembles shamrock, Irish moss resembles moss, but it's in fact a perennial plant popular as a ground cover.

Not particularly as pretty or cute, is (*Chondrus crispus*) Irish Moss, a sea moss a/k/a Carrageen or Carrageen moss, has an interesting history and how the Irish people used it to survive a famine. During the height of the Irish Potato Famine in the 1840s, the Irish population faced a period of mass starvation and disease. Because of the famine, people started to turn to other food sources with the same nutritional value as potatoes. The Irish discovered sea moss was a great food source.

Irish sea moss isn't actually confined within just the area near Ireland. They grow abundantly in the rockier and warmer waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Irish Sea Moss is classified as a red seaweed, that can range from deep red or dark purple color, though a range from pale yellow to green purplish red to almost black. It has a short and often frilly or curly appearance somewhat resembling parsley. It likes to grow on rocks and boulders in the mid to low intertidal zone, where it can be exposed at especially low tides.

Sea moss reproduces by means of spores that swim off, and anchor themselves, and grow into a new life. This process follows a more sustainable approach. With this method, the sea moss is allowed to grow more organically, without any interference.

Irish moss beds offer food and refuge to small crustaceans, snails, amphipods, and worms, along with juveniles of larger animals such as sea urchins, mussels, crabs, and sea stars.

It is suggested that the name carrageen comes from the Gaelic word cairgain, which translates simply as "an herb".

Today, Carrageen is known for its food thickening properties. Irish moss is a nutrient and it contains every mineral needed for human health, including respectable levels of calcium, iron, and potassium, the three minerals listed on the FDA Nutrition Facts panels. Irish moss also contains appreciable levels of microminerals such as magnesium, manganese, and copper. Irish moss is a good source of fiber, and benefits intestinal health.

Irish moss is still preferred by many home cooks to thicken puddings, custards, and soups. Carrageen has become a widely used thickener in a variety of



dairy based including ice cream, coffee creamers as well as other processed foods.

So with this in mind, whether you have a bowl of 'shamrocks' or a little pot of 'Irish Moss' in the St. Patrick's Day centerpiece on your table, it is more than likely you have the real Irish Moss in your dessert or coffee!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

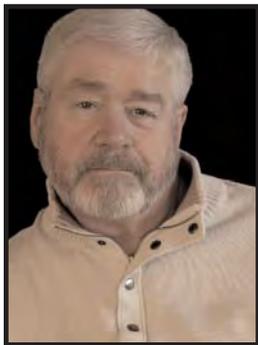
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(From Pg. 1) Grades 7-8 were recognized on March 7th, grades 9-10 on March 8th, and grades 11-12 on March 9th. As a reward for their hard work and dedication, the cafeteria staff provided a wonderful breakfast for the inductees after they received their certificates.

Interim Principal, Shana Bruestle, and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ivan Katz, congratulated the students for their high achievements.





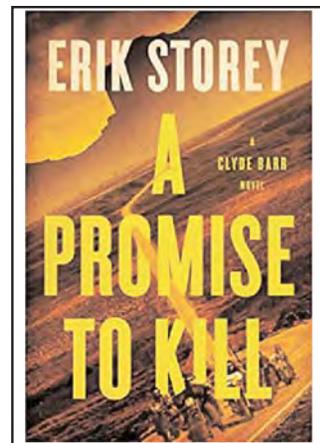
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Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 25

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A Promise to Kill Mysterious Book Report No.

by John Dwaine McKenna



This is part 2 of our introduction to an exciting new hero in crime fiction named Clyde Barr. He's the altruistic world traveler, the sometimes-mercenary war fighter, and a man who's always on the side of the underdog. He's the creation of author Erik Storey, a writer who displays many of his character's attributes. Storey's worked at times, as a wilderness guide, dog sled musher and a hunter, as well as a ranch hand who spent time living alone in a cabin, up in Colorado's Flat Top Wilderness. He's also a crack shot with any kind of rifle. Now, hard on the heels of his world-wide best-selling debut: *Nothing Short of Dying*, comes Clyde Barr's second electrifying adventure.

A Promise to Kill (Simon & Schuster, \$26.00, 288 pages, ISBN 978-1-5011-2418-1) by Erik Storey, finds Clyde Barr wandering alone near the Colorado-Utah border, trying to wrap his mind around the rescue of his sister and the loss of the dearest person he ever knew. He's living off the land again, when he stumbles across an elderly man in the throes of a heart attack. Barr comes to his rescue and barely makes it to the regional hospital in time to save the old man's life. The ER is run by the man's daughter, a Ute Native American woman named Lawana. With his desire for solitude no longer an option, Barr agrees to fill in until her father recovers, and help the woman and her son Taylor run a small ranch. It's his first experience living among the Ute Nation on a reservation, and it's where he finds a small, half-abandoned Ute

Village overrun by a one-percenter motorcycle gang called The Reapers. They just showed up one recent day and started taking over. They're harboring a secret . . . something so deadly it could have consequences for the whole world. As the conflict between the gang and the town escalates; it gets more violent by the day and Barr is drawn ever deeper into a deadly battle that may not have a winner. This is a gripping, edge-of-your-seat tale that will keep you turning the pages until the wee small hours of the morning. The MBR called the first novel *one of the most exciting debuts it's ever seen . . .* and the follow up is equally as gripping. Readers, now's your chance to get in on the ground floor of what promises to be an epic thriller series!

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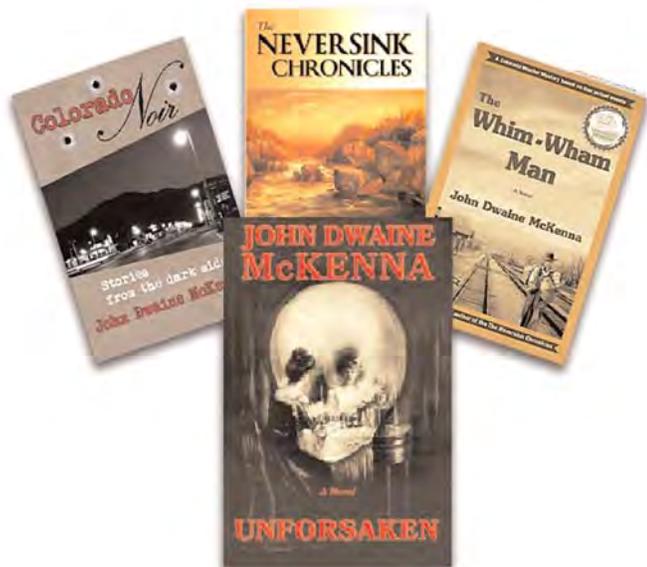
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Passwords

Passwords are like underwear: you don't let people see it, you should change it very often, and you shouldn't share it with strangers.

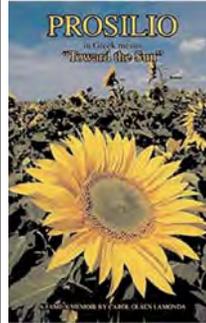
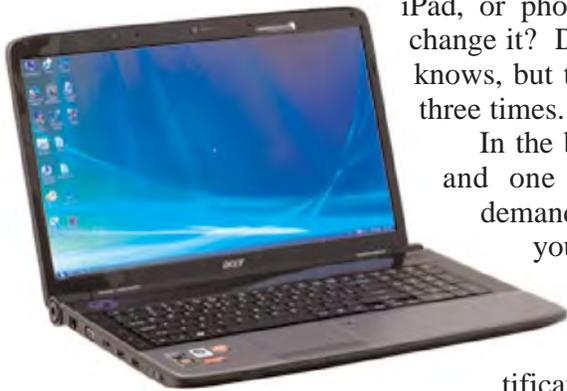
Chris Pirillo

There is nothing more frustrating than trying to access an app or website when they ask for your ID and password. You know you are using the right one, but the little guy who sits in your computer, iPad, or phone, rejects it. Did I change it? Did I mistype it? Who knows, but there you are locked out of whatever account because you were rejected three times.

In the beginning, passwords wanted your password to include one capital letter and one numeral. Now they are demanding that plus one symbol, your first born child, and a second mortgage on your principal house.

Even with face identification on my phone and my index fingerprint on my iPad and a password saver on my computer, I have at least one or two aggravating moments daily trying to access something I had no trouble accessing yesterday. It's enough to make a pirate say, "ARGGH!"

I love when I try my password and I get a notice that I cannot use a former password. Well, darn it. If you know it is me already and recognize my former password, then let me log on.



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 online as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to: <http://amazon.com> or <http://barnesandnoble.com> and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*

"Sorry that password won't work, you must include: a symbol, a number, a hieroglyph, a gang sign, an inspiring quote, a poem that you just wrote, a picture of your favorite animal made using only characters on your keyboard, and an uppercase letter."

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Young adults (ages 16-20) are invited to apply for a summer internship to work alongside volunteers to help communities, organizations, churches and schools turn their ideas into a reality. Interns also participate in a series of meetings and a "Day of Service" project. Salaries are competitive, presenting a great opportunity for a paid summer job where you can make a difference and learn new skills. Join neighbors and businesses to brighten the community while building experience that can be used to enhance your resume and your neighborhood.

"The internship has helped me meet many wonderful people in the community and helped me greatly with my networking skills." Shared Erin Brawley, 2022 Town of Thompson Intern. "I was also taught many life skills I will use in the future. Overall, this was a great experience. The community was extremely supportive and it made me proud to be an intern."

To apply to become a Sullivan 180 intern, contact Anne-Louise Scandariato at 845-295-2405 or Anne-Louise@Sullivan180.org The deadline for applying is March 27, 2023

Community Impact Grants Awarded to Liberty and Rockland Funding to support rail trail extension and park development

The Town of Liberty has been awarded the 2022 Golden Feather Community Impact Grant for its continued development of the O&W Rail Trail between Parksville and Livingston Manor. The Town was awarded a \$250,000 state grant secured and presented by Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and a \$100,000 Gerry Foundation grant presented by Sandra Gerry, Founding Chair of Sullivan 180 and Sullivan Renaissance. The Town's in-kind contribution is \$50,000 for a total grant package of \$400,000.

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"On behalf of the Town of Liberty we are honored to receive the 2022 Golden Feather Award. Thanks to the Gerry Foundation and Assemblywoman Gunther's office this funding will begin development of a connection between the Parksville and Livingston Manor sections of the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail. This was a collaborative effort between the Town of Liberty and its many partners who have shown unwavering support and volunteerism," said Town of Liberty Supervisor Frank DeMayo.

"I am always so proud to see the tradition of the Golden Feather continue with more fantastic projects funded throughout the region. I want to extend my congratulations to the Town of Liberty on winning the 2022 Golden Feather Award and look forward to the wonderful results it will bring to the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail," said Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther.

The Towns of Liberty and Rockland have each been awarded \$50,000 Silver Feather Community Impact Grants for projects in their respective communities.

The Town of Liberty will use their award to begin Phase 1 improvements and expansion at Creekside Park in the Village of Liberty, including stabilization of a collapsed culvert.

The Town of Rockland will focus their award funding on Riverside Park in Roscoe, including the creation of a new park plan and expanded programming and equipment.

"I am honored and privileged to accept the Silver Feather Award on behalf of the Town of Rockland. The Riverside Park Project is something that I am extremely passionate about, and this grant will allow us to move forward on creating what will undoubtedly be a great asset to our community," said Town of Rockland Councilwoman Chrissy Routledge.

Plan a Girl's Trip to Sullivan Catskills

March is Women's History Month, and Wednesday is International Women's Day. Sounds like a perfect time for a girl's trip to the Sullivan Catskills. OK, you can bring the guys and the kids, too. First, you'll need to book a place to stay. We surely have just the right kind of accommodations. Try a full-service resort, boutique inn, quaint B&B, or book a vacation rental for the gang.

We have plenty to do for everyone and so many of our business owners are owned or operated by some of the most fabulous women you'll meet. When you're here be sure to visit: Morgan Outdoors, Foster Supply Hospitality (inns and restaurants) Catskill Provisions, The Hurleyville General Store, Forage and Gather, Willow and Post, Buck Brook Alpacas, Chi Hive, The Junction, The Herbal Scoop, Velvet Maple, Tavern on Main, Jeff Bake Shop, 52 & Vine Wine and Spirits, The Funky Hippy Chic Boutique, The Rose Cottage, Java Love, Ba & Me, Antrim Streamside, Catskill Art Space, Drooz and Company, Little North, The Smoke Joint (re-opening for the season in April), Spruce Home Goods, Country House Realty, Sunshine Colony, Barbanti, Diane Sprague, Diane Butler, Farmhouse Traders, Life Repurposed, Davidson's General Store, Superfine Social, and Barryville General.

Plan Ahead

Grammy-nominated Grace Potter takes the Event Gallery stage at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts on March 16 at 8 pm. There's also a pre-show St. Patrick's Day Feast.

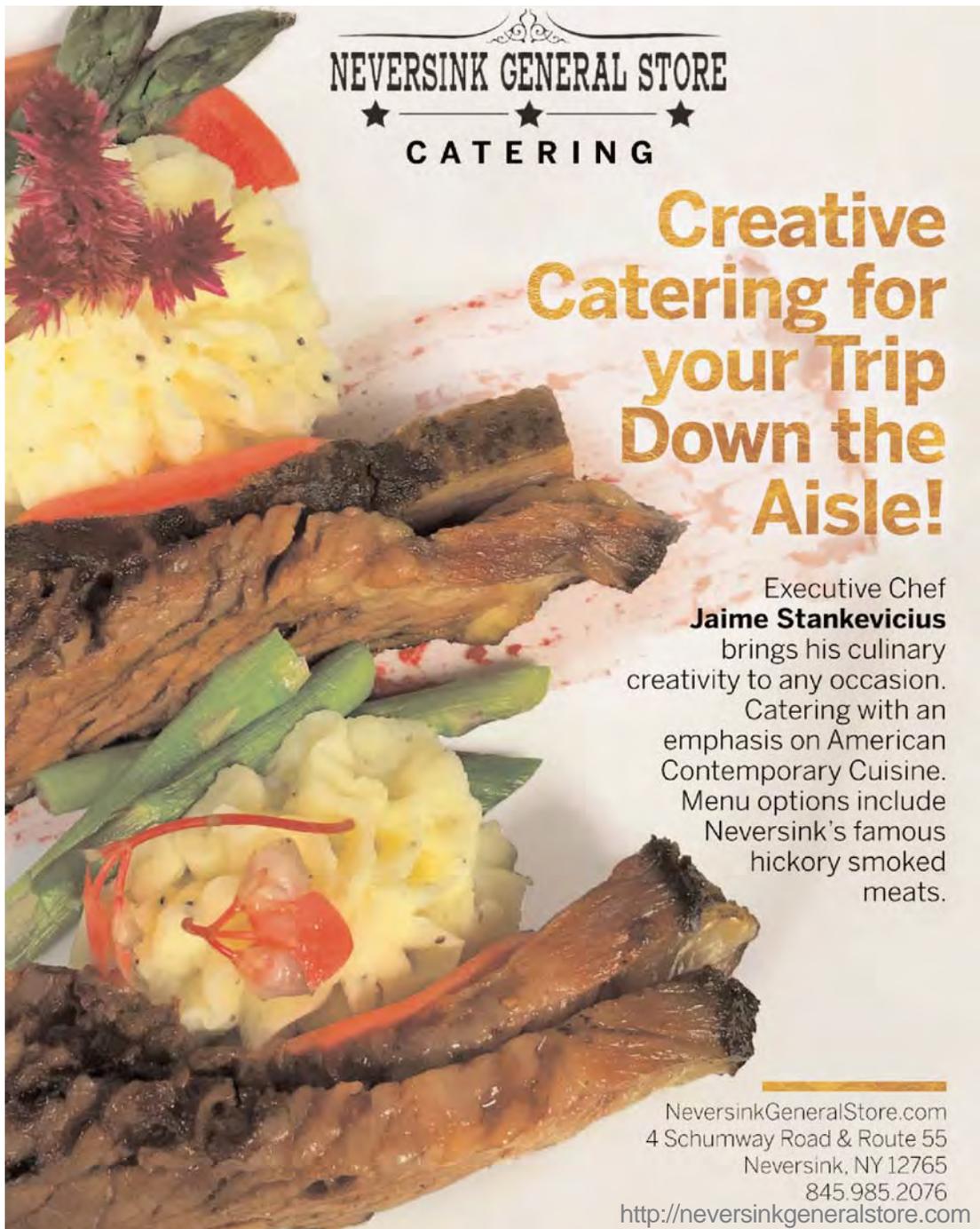
Ladysmith Black Mambazo plays the Event Gallery at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts on March 17 at 6 pm.

On March 19, the Chi Hive in Narrowsburg holds a Sacred Cacao Ceremony with Sound Healing & Breathwork. This 3-hour experience from 3 - 6 pm will open your heart and enhance your creativity and focus.

Calling all foodies! March 20 - April 4 is Restaurant Week in our Sullivan Catskills. Enjoy the Catskill-icious food, drink, and warm hospitality at our 17 participating restaurants.

For the first time in decades, a new music festival will debut on the historic field of Woodstock '69! Catbird will feature two days of live music from The Lumineers, Tyler Childers, Trey Anastasio and more in Bethel, NY. Presale begins Wednesday, March 8 at 10am ET.

We're a 90-minute drive from Manhattan and the metro NY-NJ area. Come plan your trip... girls, guys... everyone and celebrate Women's History Month with us in the Sullivan Catskills.



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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

At this writing, the big storm hasn't even hit yet and I'm in one of the areas without power!

The last time I was at the ROSCOE BEER COMPANY, it was in the summer and I believe it was pre-CoVid. SLAM ALLEN did a wonderful outside show there.



This time, last Saturday afternoon, I was able to catch FAR BEYOND GONE (finally!). I had heard so many good things about them and I have not figured out how I haven't seen them until now! They are a cover band that stretches beyond the norms of classic rock to include major 1990s hits like 'Creep' by Radiohead and 'Champagne Supernova' by Oasis. They present a strong, cohesive unit, with an ease in their playing that made me think they've been together for quite while. And, unless you are looking for it, you may miss the intensity behind that ease.

If you have ever been to the ROSCOE BEER COMPANY, you know the size of the interior. I am not exaggerating when I say every seat was filled. I was standing near the back and for the time I was there, no one got up and left. No one. Also impressive.

You can catch FAR



BEYOND GONE a bit closer to home at 17 WEST BREWERY, 89 Sullivan Avenue in Liberty on Saturday March 25 from 6-9pm.

If anyone had told me I'd be going out to see a man and his accordion, they'd probably have me committed. But then 'they' have never heard D'RAZZ. I'm constantly amazed by his range of material and the range of musical styles he can get from his instrument. Saturday night at CABERNET FRANK'S, I and

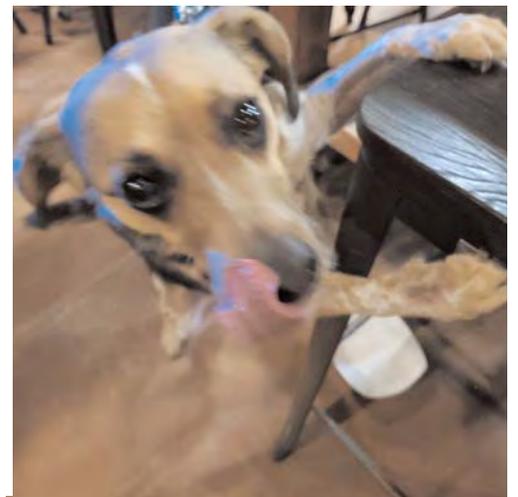
(another) full house were treated to everything from 'Stray Cat Strut' from THE STRAY CATS and 'Domino' from Van Morrison to the iconic 'My Way' from the Great American Songbook -with a little Cajun thrown in here and there. And it doesn't hurt that he has one hell of a voice and stage presence.



And if you're still thinking of committing me, it better be a big room. Friends I haven't seen in it seems like forever KIM, AMY BRIGHTFIELD (who you may recognize from her work



with WJFF. She is also the Health and Features Editor for *Better Homes and Gardens*, DI, and LES STONE (Real Estate and Photojournalist), all there to see D'RAZZ. Even WADE (one of the owners) got up and did a few numbers. I knew he could sing, but I it was the first time I actually heard him! And a good time was had by all! The power is back and the internet just came back. Hours, I tell you, hours! So, I'm going to sign off and get this out before it all goes down again. (Is that mean?)



My new friend in Roscoe!

Two quick notes: One, I'm loving Pilates. And two, The Neversink General Store has organic RAINBOW eggs! Very fresh tasting and I'm loving them too.

Ok, three quick notes. A sincere apology to JOE POND. He knows why....

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

Until next time.....

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Releases Open Letter to Residents on County Finances

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has released the following open letter to county residents:

“Dear Citizens of Ulster County:

In light of the recent events concerning the County's longtime Commissioner of Finance, I wanted to update you all on the steps I have taken to secure access to County funds, initiate an independent investigation, and take the opportunity to reform the County Finance Department to be more transparent, secure, and efficient.

We were all dismayed last week to learn of the accusations levied against Mr. Gulnick, the County Finance Commissioner of 12 years, who allegedly may have stolen thousands of dollars from the Hurley Recreation Association, a private swim club for which he served as Treasurer. Upon learning of the allegation, I immediately directed him to go on leave pending the outcome of an investigation. Mr. Gulnick chose to resign, instead.

Immediately after his resignation, I directed our staff to terminate access to the following:

- o the County government's financial systems;
- o email and network access;
- o physical access to the County Office building, including swipe card access and installing new locks on the Commissioner's office;
- o all bank accounts, including those related to the management of estates.

Additionally, physical technology assets including computer equipment and cellular phones were retrieved and secured within minutes of the Commissioner's resignation.

We have worked closely with the County Comptroller's office every step of the way, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank County Comptroller March Gallagher and her superb staff for their continued assistance and partnership in ensuring the County's finances are secured.

I have also requested that the Office of NYS Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli undertake a forensic audit of our County finances to investigate whether those finances have been compromised in any way during Mr. Gulnick's long tenure, and for the State investigative team to identify any improvements that can be made to the County's internal controls and systems. I have made it clear to our staff that County books are open for review by all law enforcement agencies and forensic investigators.

I am pleased to report that an investigation is now underway by the State Comptroller and our District Attorney's Office. My office is working with them to ensure that investigators have what they need to conduct a rigorous and exhaustive investigation.



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From my perspective, this challenging moment is an opportunity to scrutinize the County's financial system and internal controls, modernize that system where necessary, and create the level of transparency, accountability, and security taxpayers deserve.

As your County Executive, I will continue to keep you informed on the progress of this work.

Sincerely,
Jen Metzger
Ulster County Executive”



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The Robert Alan Agency is an independent insurance agency that has been in business for over 35 years. We will now be able to offer you access to many additional insurance companies offering a wider range of insurance products and greater potential for increased savings. We have locations in Sullivan, Orange, Ulster & Rockland counties

Please know that we want this to be a smooth transition for all of the Denman Agency customers and we are here to assist you in any and all of your insurance needs!

Please feel free to stop by our office and see Jill or Jessica today!

Check out our website www.robertalanagency.com

Free E-Waste Recycling Program Comes to Fallsburg

Town of Fallsburg Launches Free E-Waste Recycling Program for Spring!

Fallsburg, NY - The Town of Fallsburg is pleased to announce the launch of a new free e-waste recycling program for May. Starting April 21st, residents of Fallsburg can bring their old electronics to Morningside Park 11 Hurleyville, NY 12747, for safe, eco-friendly disposal.

E-waste, or electronic waste, refers to any old electronics no longer functional or useful, including old computers, cell phones, televisions, and other electronics that contain harmful chemicals that can pollute the environment if not disposed of properly.

Town of Fallsburg Supervisor Kathy Rappaport, said "Our town is the only large town in the area that does not have a way for residents to get rid of their e-waste. Right now, they must travel to other municipalities, which is just wrong. We need to bring free services like this into Fallsburg. If we want to keep Fallsburg clean, we must give people access! We're thrilled to launch this new e-waste program for our community,"

The free e-waste program runs until May 20th and is open to all residents of Fallsburg. Drop-off times are daily from 8 am to 4 pm. The Town of Fallsburg is committed to promoting sustainability and protecting the environment for future generations. By participating in this program, you can help us achieve that vision and keep our community clean and green.

For more information about what kinds of electronics can be recycled, please visit the Fallsburg Town website, or contact the Supervisors office. Jen Edwards, Town of Fallsburg, Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor 845-434-8810 X5 jedwards@fallsburgny.com

Hudson Valley Regional Virtual Career Fair

The New York State Department of Labor is excited to invite you to the Hudson Valley Regional Virtual Career Fair, being held on March 23rd 2023 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm to promote job opportunities in the Hudson Valley Region. We are able to accept only 75 businesses for this event, and businesses who have 5 or more openings. Please follow-up with us by Friday March 17th if you are having issues building your virtual booth!

To fully support your recruitment efforts, there will be a preview day on March 22nd where job seekers can view content and job postings and prepare themselves for the "live" event. The Virtual Career Fair will go live on March 23rd from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Following receipt of exhibiting businesses registrations, businesses will receive an email containing deadlines, important links for accessing the event, login credentials to "create" your booth and a Virtual Career Fair Exhibitors Guide. This

guide details information about the event, gives helpful tips and answers many frequently asked questions. Department of Labor staff will be available throughout the process to help you with overall technical assistance.

If you are interested in exhibiting, please register at the link below, by March 10th! <https://virtualevent.nysdolboothregistration.com/hudsonvalley>

We hope you will join us for this exciting event!
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Community Impact Grants Awarded to Liberty and Rockland

Funding to support rail trail extension and park development

[LIBERTY] - The Town of Liberty has been awarded the 2022 Golden Feather Community Impact Grant for its continued development of the O&W Rail Trail between Parksville and Livingston Manor. The Town was awarded a \$250,000 state grant secured and presented by Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and a \$100,000 Gerry Foundation grant presented by Sandra Gerry, Founding Chair of Sullivan 180 and Sullivan Renaissance. The Town's in-kind contribution is \$50,000 for a total grant package of \$400,000.

"On behalf of the Town of Liberty we are honored to receive the 2022 Golden Feather Award. Thanks to the Gerry Foundation and Assemblywoman Gunther's office this funding will begin development of a connection between the Parksville and Livingston Manor sections of the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail. This was a collaborative effort between the Town of Liberty and its many partners who have shown unwavering support and volunteerism," said Town of Liberty Supervisor Frank DeMayo.

"I am always so proud to see the tradition of the Golden Feather continue with more fantastic projects funded throughout the region. I want to extend my congratulations to the Town of Liberty on winning the 2022 Golden Feather Award and look forward to the wonderful results it will bring to the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail," said Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther.

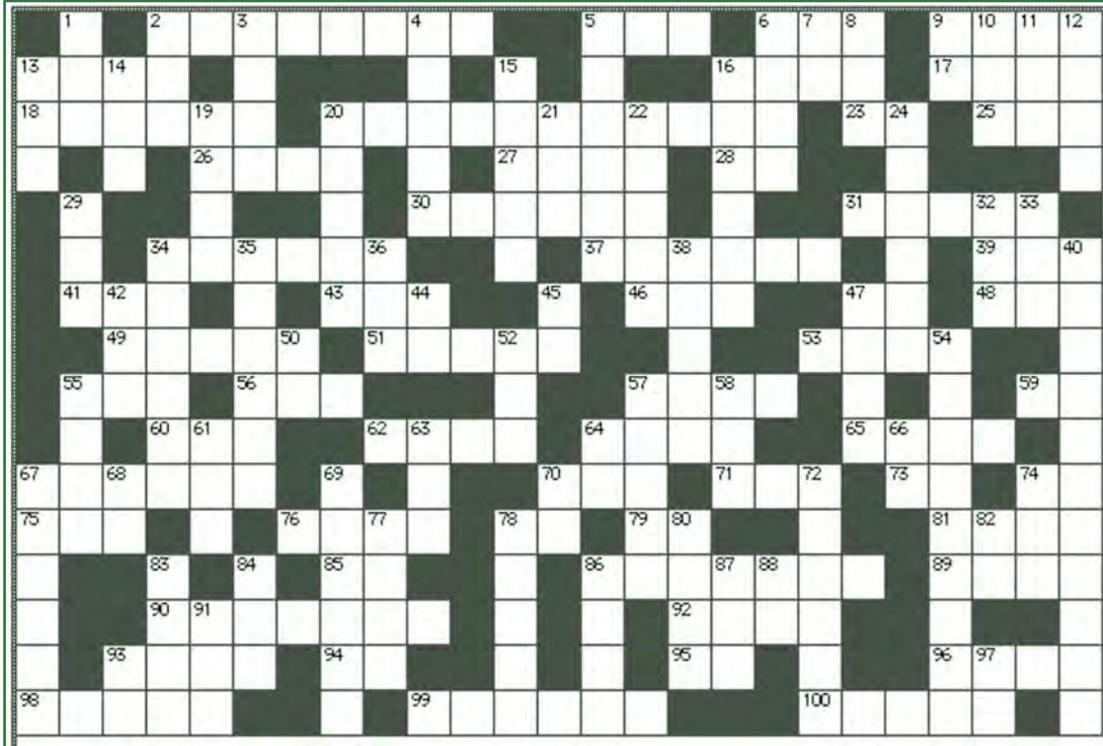
The Towns of Liberty and Rockland have each been awarded \$50,000 Silver Feather Community Impact Grants for projects in their respective communities.

The Town of Liberty will use their award to begin Phase 1 improvements and expansion at Creekside Park in the Village of Liberty, including stabilization of a collapsed culvert.

The Town of Rockland will focus their award funding on Riverside Park in Roscoe, including the creation of a new park plan and expanded programming and equipment.

"I am honored and privileged to accept the Silver Feather Award on behalf of the Town of Rockland. The Riverside Park Project is something that I am extremely passionate about, and this grant will allow us to move forward on creating what will undoubtedly be a great asset to our community," said Town of Rockland Councilwoman Chrissy Routledge.

From Green to Purple then back to Green - L. Comando



ACROSS

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

- as a favor
- 31 Embedded parts of a plant
- 34 Civic
- 37 Accomplished unaccompanied
- 39 Petroleum
- 41 Grade
- 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 Automated Teller Machine
- 76 Strip of leather at the back of a shoe
- 78 Move from one place to another
- 79 Mystic syllable
- 81 Technician
- 85 Regarding
- 86 The Emerald Isle
- 89 Region
- 90 Day of festivity
- 92 Former Hindu funeral practice
- 93 Aromatic annual green herb
- 94 Extraterrestrial
- 95 Exclamation
- 96 Portent
- 98 For the gift of persuasive speech you might kiss the Blarney
- 99 Inhabitant

- of New England
- 100 Center of something

DOWN

- 1 Not near
- 2 Center of our solar system
- 3 State the case
- 4 A celestial object
- 5 Attracting someone without serious intention
- 6 Baton
- 7 Advertisement
- 8 Precious stone
- 9 Used to express surprise
- 10 Aged
- 11 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 heavy-weight boxing champion
- 24 Secretly marries 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 sprites
- 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 Lutefish

- 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
- 91 Folk lingo for old
- 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

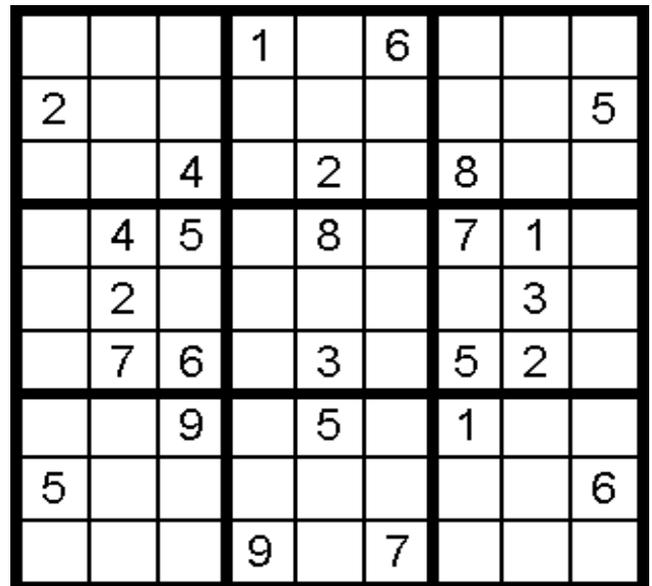
Preheat oven to 375°F. Butter a cookie sheet pan with butter or margarine. Whisk flour, 4 tablespoons sugar, baking powder, salt, and baking soda in large bowl to blend. Add butter. Using fingertips, rub in until coarse meal forms. Make well in center of flour mixture. Add buttermilk. Gradually stir dry ingredients into milk to blend. Mix in raisins.

Using floured hands, shape dough into ball. Transfer to prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle dough with remaining 1 tablespoon sugar.

Bake bread until brown and tester inserted into center comes out clean, about 40 minutes. Cool bread on baking sheet for 10 minutes. Transfer to rack.

Serve warm or at room temperature with Irish butter.

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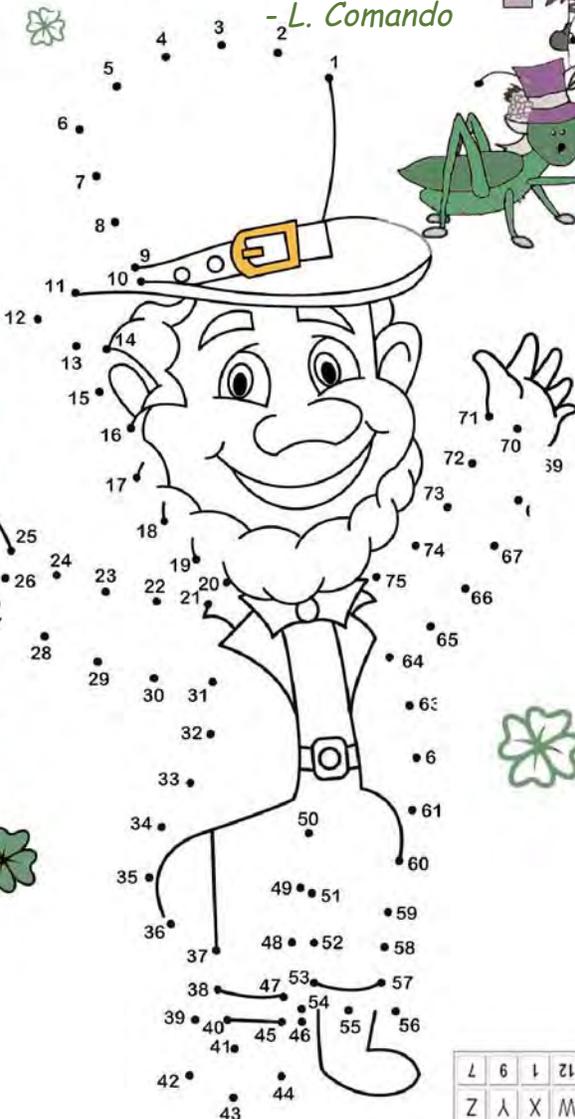
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- IRELAND RAINBOW POTOFGOLD
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- SHAMROCK SAINT PATRICK
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Follow the dots to see a little Leprechaun. When you are done, color him then cut him and hang him in a window.

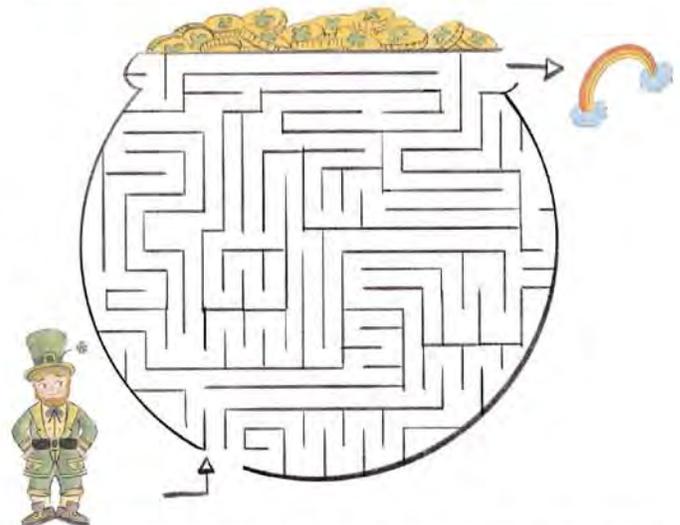
Kids' St. Urho & St. Patrick's Fun Page - L. Comando



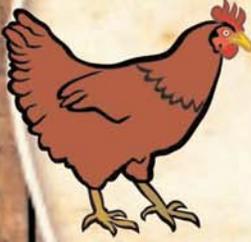
Can you find 5 differences between the 2 pictures of St. Urho. and his friend?



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March 3, 2023

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New Child Support Debit Card Coming at End of This Month Users Should Ensure Their Address Is Up-to-Date

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County residents using a New York State-issued debit card to receive child support payments will soon need to transfer to a new debit card.

“People can use their existing debit card until the balance reaches zero, but on March 30, 2023, deposits to that card will stop, and the new 'Way2Go Card' will begin accepting deposits on March 31,” explains Sullivan County Child Support Enforcement Coordinator Laura McKay.

Transfers of funds between the cards will not be allowed.

Like the old card, the new debit card will be accepted at all Mastercard locations, including grocery and convenience stores (where cash back is typically offered without a fee). It can be used at Allpoint and MoneyPass ATMs with no bank fee, and a balance inquiry can be made at any ATM without charge.

“I encourage everyone to activate their new Way2Go Card as soon as they receive it in the mail, which should be between March 23 and 30,” adds McKay. “If you have questions or are concerned that we may not have your current mailing address on file, please call the New York Child Support Helpline at 888-208-4485 or leave a message on our new secure message line of 845-807-0346.”

Notaries Must Log Every Time They Sign, According to New State Regulations

Monticello, NY - A new State law requires notaries to now keep track of every instance in which they provide their services.

Section 182.9 of the Notary Public License Law states that notaries public must make a record at the time of the performance of the notarial act, to include:

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“These records must be kept by the notary for at least 10 years, to be produced upon demand of the NYS Secretary of State or other authority,” notes Sullivan County Clerk Russell Reeves, whose office handles notary license renewals.

Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education Meetings

Thursday March 16, 2023

Thursday, March 30, 2023

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Governor Hochul Encourages New Yorkers to Support Ongoing Relief Efforts Following Earthquake in Türkiye

• Governor Joins Chobani CEO and Founder Hamdi Ulukaya in Asking Businesses and Individuals to Support Recovery

New York-Based Turkish • Philanthropy Fund Has Already Disbursed \$2 Million, Raised \$10 Million for Earthquake Relief Effort

Governor Kathy Hochul joined the CEO and founder of New York State-based food maker Chobani to urge New Yorkers to support fundraising efforts following the earthquakes that affected Türkiye and Syria on February 6.

"Our hearts break for the victims of Türkiye's devastating earthquake, and our thoughts are with the New Yorkers who continue to grieve the losses of their loved ones overseas," Governor Hochul said. "With relief efforts under way, I applaud the members of New York's business community, like Hamdi and his Chobani family, who have already answered the call to help those in need and I encourage all New Yorkers to consider donating their time or resources to support survivors in any way that they can."

Founder and CEO of Chobani Hamdi Ulukaya said, "We're witnessing one of the most devastating disasters in the history of Türkiye and the surrounding region. It's wintertime, it's cold. The buildings are collapsed, some people are outside, and the death toll has risen to unimaginable numbers. This is my homeland, and my heart is shattered seeing my brothers and sisters suffer such deep loss. New York holds a special place, it is where Chobani started, and today it is my home. I know New Yorkers are some of the most caring, compassionate people anywhere, and I know they will step up to help. Help is needed now and will continue to be critical as the region rebuilds.

Businesses have a responsibility to be part of the solution, to bring their innovation, resources, and voices - to stand up for common humanity. I've asked for, and I'm overwhelmed by, the generosity and compassion of the business community. Having Governor Hochul join in this cause, as she has so willingly done with us on previous humanitarian crises, makes our mission even stronger."

Executive Vice President of the Business Council of New York State Paul Zuber said, "New York State has many ties to Türkiye, including through business. The Business Council supports these endeavors from the Governor and businesses, and we would encour-

age those who can assist in the ongoing relief efforts needed during this critical time of recovery."

The death toll estimate from the earthquakes is 47,000 people, most deaths occurred in Türkiye. The earthquakes and aftershocks have damaged or destroyed over 200,000 buildings and displaced over two million people.

The United States has mounted a response through USAID, updates and news can be seen here. <https://www.usaid.gov/united-states-response-turkiye-syria-earthquake>

New York State is home to more Turkish people than any other state in America.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

China Is A Strategic Threat

The Chinese spy balloon downed off our East Coast brings into focus the strategic threat of Communist China to our national security.

China's economy is comparable to ours, and its military exceeds our military forces in the western Pacific, including our Navy. Its long-range missiles can reach our Pacific bases and the western U.S.

China claims sovereignty over the South China Sea, which is an international water body; and it threatens Taiwan with military maneuvers. China wants to annex Taiwan by any means possible.

We are addressing the China threat by forging expanded military alliances within the Indo-Pacific region. We signed a defense agreement with Japan for increased U.S. military presence, and Japan agreed to develop offensive military capabilities and double its military spending by 2027. Japan and the Philippines signed a defense arrangement for joint training exercises and military cooperation. We added military capabilities at four bases in the Philippines, increasing access to nine bases. We have a strong military presence in South Korea, and South Korea, India and Australia are significantly increasing their military spending.

Our allies ---Japan, Australia, India, Philippines, South Korea and Taiwan must continue to increase their military deterrence capabilities in the Indo-Pacific region.

Donald Moskowitz

No. 0001	Name _____	Telephone _____	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Woodridge Volunteer Fire Dept. Station 38</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE</p> <p>1st Prize: EVEN EMBERS Ceramic Egg / Pellet Fueled Blue Tooth Enabled</p> <p>2nd Prize: Pit Boss 5 Series Wood Pellet Vertical Smoker</p> <p>3rd Prize: Char-Griller Portable Grill</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DRAWING DATE: JUNE 15, 2023</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">DONATION: \$10.00 Each</p>	No. 0001
	<p>For more information or to purchase your raffle tickets</p> <p>Contact: Eric Akerley 845-707-1483</p>			

Count-down to Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk & TAG DAY - May 6, 2023



Looking back over the years - Lioness Induction Ceremony 1979

The Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023. Registration will be at 8:30am at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building, with The Journey For Sight Walk starting at 9am around the fairgrounds. The Walk is variable length, so whether you walk one loop around the fairgrounds or multiple, you are a Winner. We ask that all volunteers, Walkers, and Tri-Valley Lions members meet in front of the First Aid Squad Building for a Group Photo at 8:50am. This is our first walk since Covid hit, but we hope to have a good turnout this year. Coffee, water, juice boxes for the kids, snacks and pastries will be available to all Walkers and Volunteers starting at 8am at the First Aid Squad Building.

As you will see by the photos of the 2015, 2016, and 2017 Journey For Sight Walks, (watch next week's Townsman for the 2016 Journey For Sight participants) all our friends and neighbors are encouraged to join the Tri-Valley Lions for the May 6th Walk. We encourage all Walkers to collect pledges and bring the pledges and completed pledge sheets to the First Aid Squad Building at 8:30am on May 6, 2023. I've attached Pledge Sheets, and a Journey For Sight Poster in this week's Townsman. Pledge sheets will also be available on the morning of the Walk. Your pledges for the Walk and donations to our Tag Day enables the Tri-Valley Lions to continue our support donations to 5 local food pantries, the Heart-A-Thon, Leukemia and Lymphoma contributions to The Rhulen Walk and Trevor Loughlin Fund, perform eye screenings for local youth at our neighborhood Schools, Juvenile Diabetes, The Guiding Eyes for the Blind and so many more worthy organizations.

I will be contacting many of the past walkers to see if they will join us once again this year and to help make our 2023 Journey For Sight Walk a success. Bring the kids. Bring the family. You can reach me at 845-866-1579 or ejacob4848@gmail.com if you have any questions, would like to walk with us, or volunteer at this event. Thank you in advance and stay well and safe.

Esta Jacob
(Pledge Sheet Page 21)

WALK RULES

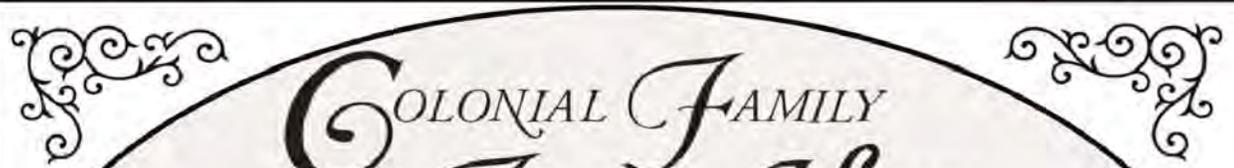
1. **Anyone under 18 years of age must have the signature of parent or guardian on the form.**
2. **Each participant should encourage as many sponsors as possible. Sponsors may pledge as much as they wish.**
3. **The Sponsor Pledge Form must be returned by 8:30 am on the day of the event.**
4. **Pledges must be collected from your Sponsors and turned in at Registration or no later than June 1 to any Lion.**
5. **The Journey For Sight will begin at 9:00 am. Participants must sign in between 8:30 am and 9:00 am at the GRAHAMSVILLE FIRST AID BUILDING (where the walk will begin and end). Refreshments will be available during this time.**
6. **The event will be held rain or shine.**
7. **All food and drinks given before, during, and after the event are free.**
8. **Neither Tri-Valley Lions, nor Lions International will be responsible for injuries incurred during the event.**
9. **It is suggested that Participants without pledges offer a donation of \$20.00.**

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Thrift Sale
April 1, 2023
9 am to 12 noon

Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches
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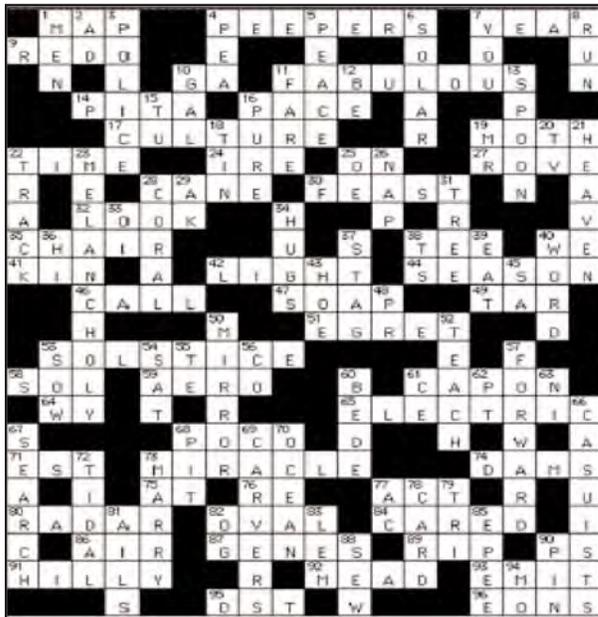
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Ans to last week's Crossword



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 The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team
<https://grahamsvilleUMC.org>
 GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com—Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper
 Saturday, April 1, 2023 5:30 pm at the Church Hall
 Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale (Covered Dish Suppers will be held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)

Life After Loss: a Five-Week Bereavement Series, Mondays starting April 24, 7 pm, St. Mary's St. Andrew's Church Hall, 137 South Main St. Ellenville. Open to all adults, no cost to attend. Please pre-register by contacting Jennifer at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 845-434-7363 or register online at www.smsaparish.org/events.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner
 Sunday March 19, 2023, at 1 pm, St. Mary's St. Andrew's Church Hall
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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

3/14/23	Denning Town Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
3/16/23	Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
3/16/23	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
3/19/23	Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon
3/19/23	St. Patrick's Day Dinner 1 pm, St. Mary's St. Andrew's Church Hall-Ellenville-Reservations 845-647-6080
3/21/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
4/1/23	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
4/1/23	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon
4/4/23	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
4/5/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
4/12/23	Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
4/20/23	Denning Town Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

**Save the Date!**

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week of March 13 - March 17, 2023

Monday, March 13

- o **1:00 PM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **1:45 PM** (Or Immediately Following UC IDA Governance Committee) - **Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Governance Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, March 14

- o **3:30 PM - Ulster County Workforce Development Board**, Office of Employment & Training, Kingston and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 824 9753 0059 Passcode: 470834
- o **4:00 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance**, KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 842 4544 5020
- o **5:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM** (Or Immediately Following Ways & Means) - **Caucuses, Democrats**, in Legislative Chambers, **Republicans**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **7:10 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023**: To Allow Volunteer Firefighters & Volunteer Ambulance Workers To Be Eligible For A Real Property Tax Exemption Under Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) § 466-a, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **7:15 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2023**: Designating Affordable Housing As An Ulster County Public Purpose, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **7:20 PM** (Or Immediately Following Public Hearings) - **Legislative Session, in Legislative Chambers**, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Wednesday, March 15

- o **8:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Audit Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **8:45 AM** (Or Immediately Following IDA Audit Committee) - **Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Audit Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **9:30 AM** (Or Immediately Following UC CRC Audit Committee) **Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Finance Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **9:35 AM** - (Or Immediately Following IDA Finance Committee) **Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Finance Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **9:40 AM** (Or Immediately Following UC CRC Finance Committee) - **Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **10:30 AM** (Or Immediately Following UC IDA Board of Directors) - **Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Board of Directors**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:30 PM - Special Meeting of the Ways & Means Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, members of the public may also attend via Zoom, Meeting ID: 822 5516 4755, dial in number: (646) 558-8656

Thursday, March 16

- o 5:30 PM - Youth Board, in the Ulster County Human Services Complex, Youth Bureau Suite, 100 Development Court, Kingston
- o 5:30 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Governance Committee, at 999 Flatbush Rd, Kingston

Friday, March 17

- o No Meetings

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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Thrift Sale Schedule 2023

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Sept. – 9th and 23rd

May – 6th and 20th

Oct. – 14th and 28th

June – 3rd and 17th

Nov. – 4th and 18th

July – 1st and 15th

Dec. – 2nd Holiday Craft Fair

August – 5th and 19th

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GrahamsvilleUMC.org – GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com – Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

NEW TIME for Weekly Wednesday Caregiver Support Group

Liberty, NY - The Caregiver Resource Center's support group that assists family caregivers cope with their multiple responsibilities announces a new virtual meeting time of 6 pm beginning March 1 and continuing every Wednesday.

Facilitated by Bonnie Lewis, long-time Cornell Cooperative Extension educator, the meetings invite family caregivers to pose questions, ask for advice, share their success stories and brainstorm while comfortably at home with the person they care for. Caregivers who attend can find or be reminded of existing aging and health services, new programs and upcoming events and share with other caregivers new strategies to cope. "Caregivers run errands, prepare meals, drive loved ones to appointments, manage medications, provide hands-on care and so much more in this demanding role," said Lewis. "The support group is there for the caregiver, and it is an opportunity to take a break and recognize that they too need relief and a space to seek others on the same journey."

Caregivers are encouraged to register in advance for this meeting at Cornell Cooperative Extension's website: <http://sullivan-coe.org/events>. After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The Caregiver Resource Center is a co-partnered program of Cornell Cooperative Extension and Office for the Aging of Sullivan County.

All support groups are free and confidential. For questions, please call Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at (845) 292-6180.

The public can contact the office to request accommodations.

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Senator Oberacker Stands up for Local Roads

Joins call for key highway funds to be included in the state budget

ALBANY, 03/08/23 - State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenevus) today joined with legislators and highway superintendents from across the state at the Capitol calling for increased state funding for local highway improvements.

“Local roads and bridges, and the dedicated workers that maintain them, are essential to public safety and our economy,” said Senator Oberacker. “As a past chairman of the Otsego County Public Works Committee and a town supervisor, I understand how critical state funding is to our local governments when making decisions on road and bridge maintenance. As work on the state budget progresses, our upstate infrastructure must be a leading priority.”

Senator Oberacker and fellow legislators, along with the New York State Association of County Highway Superintendents (NYSCHSA) and the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways, Inc. (NYSAOTSOH) are calling for greater state investment in local transportation infrastructure.

“Construction costs continue to increase and state funding has failed to keep pace. Additionally, new state laws and mandates have made it even more costly for our local highway departments to make needed improvements. My rural senate district encompasses all or part of seven counties and I travel these roads every day - I can state emphatically that there are needs that must be addressed,” added Senator Oberacker.

Senator Oberacker notes that while the governor's proposed 2023-2024 budget calls for the continuation of the state's key local roads programs, funding is stagnant. Senator Oberacker and his fellow legislators charge that the governor has failed to recognize the impact of a 22% construction inflation rate and how the exorbitant, inflationary cost increases for fuel, asphalt, and steel are severely straining county and town transportation budgets.

“Even a modest increase in CHIPS funding would greatly help our local highway departments maintain and improve the roads we travel every day. Infrastructure funding needs to be spread throughout the state and parity for our region is a must,” added Senator Oberacker.

Senator Oberacker and the Local Roads are Essential advocates are calling on New York to strengthen support for local transportation by:

SC is Aware of College, Center's Plan to Train Asylum-Seekers Agencies Promise Workers Will Be Thoroughly Vetted

Monticello, NY - After hearing questions and concerns from constituents and legislators, Sullivan County officials today met with officials from SUNY Sullivan and The Center for Discovery regarding New York City's plan to train and house up to 100 people seeking asylum in the United States.

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College and the Center before and after New York City Mayor Eric Adams announced his 'Road Forward' initiative, of which this plan is a part,” noted Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty. “They have assured us that those participating in this program will be vetted carefully - including by the FBI - and are already registered with U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services, engaged in the process of seeking asylum.”

According to Center and College officials, only single adults will be eligible for this program, with preference given to those who have already completed post-secondary courses and/or worked in healthcare and human services. Those accepted into the program will have completed their background checks and be on file with the Federal government as seeking asylum in the U.S.

“Considering the vulnerable population they serve, the Center is keenly involved in ensuring the people who are being trained will not compromise the safety of their residents or the integrity of their programs,” said Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek. “Neither will these adult students be seeking social services locally. And since the City and other outside agencies will be paying for their lodging, meals and education, I anticipate no cost to local taxpayers.”

Students will continue to be considered NYC residents for the duration of their time at SUNY Sullivan. Some will be Ukrainian refugees fleeing the perils of their war-torn nation; others, escaping potentially life-threatening conditions in their home countries.

“I shared my concerns and thoughts about the sensitivity and challenges of this plan with the leaders of the College and the Center, prompting productive conversations that will continue and should lead to a net win for all involved,” concluded Doherty. “SUNY Sullivan will have paid-in-full students in its dorms and classrooms, The Center for Discovery will gain talented and qualified people to assist their clients, the asylum-seekers will be afforded a safer and brighter future, and our residents, workers and college students will not be displaced, endangered or burdened.”

DEC Marks Successful Year for State's Brownfield Cleanup Program

Cleanup Program Advances Comprehensive Cleanups, Affordable Housing, and Economic Redevelopment Efforts Statewide

53 Cleanups Completed in 2022, Including More Than 20 New Affordable Housing Projects

72 New Sites Accepted into Brownfield Cleanup Program

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced another year of successful environmental cleanups in the State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). In 2022, DEC issued 53 Certificates of Completion to sites in the program and accepted 72 new sites into the BCP, helping protect public health and the environment across New York State while revitalizing neighborhoods and strengthening local economies.

"New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program is a powerful tool for transforming former industrial properties to support local revitalization efforts and improve quality of life for New York families across the state," Commissioner Seggos said. "Cleaning up these former brownfields helps protect public health and the environment while creating new economic development opportunities. Under Governor Hochul's leadership, this valuable program has been extended and improved, ensuring that necessary work to address environmental contamination and support the construction of affordable housing can continue, especially in underserved communities disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution."

DEC oversees New York State's BCP, which encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields," so these sites can be redeveloped and returned to productive use. A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding health-based or environmental standards or applicable clean-up objectives based on the anticipated future use of the property. The program encourages private-sector remediation of brownfields and promotes redevelopment of these sites to revitalize communities. Site uses include recreation, housing, business, or other uses. The BCP is a sustainable alternative to greenfield development, helping to preserve existing undeveloped land while removing barriers to, and provide tax incentives for, the redevelopment of urban brownfields.

Since its inception in 2003, DEC has approved 1,232 applications to the BCP and issued Certificates of Completion (COCs) to 595 formerly contaminated properties statewide. DEC issues COCs based on its expert review of the Final Engineering Report, which certifies the remediation work performed by the applicant meets cleanup requirements for the protection of public health and the environment. The COC triggers the availability of tax credits for eligible parties and allows the certificate holder to redevelop the site. The average time to complete a BCP—from application approval to issuance of a COC—in 2022 was 3.74 years, down from the average of 4.34 since the program's start in 2003.

More than 20 of the 53 completed cleanups in 2022 will result in the creation of thousands of affordable housing units across New York City and New York State. Construction of new affordable housing units was identified as a priority in Governor Kathy Hochul's 2023 State of the State Address. Governor Hochul's Fiscal Year 2022-23 Enacted State Budget extended and expanded the Brownfield Cleanup Program to help create healthier communities by encouraging the continued cleanup of contamination throughout the state. The Budget reauthorized the program for 10 years and improves the BCP by incentivizing cleanups in disadvantaged communities and cleanups that result in additional affordable housing construction. Governor Hochul's Housing Compact outlined a statewide strategy to build 800,000 new homes over the next decade to meet the historic housing shortage, and support New York renters and homeowners.

New York State Homes and Community Renewal Commissioner RuthAnne Visnauskas said, "Thanks to the New York Brownfield Cleanup Program, 20 former industrial properties across the State have been transformed into modern affordable housing developments for New Yorkers over the last year alone. In addition to creating housing, this important program benefits our environment, yields new public services and amenities, and bolsters local economies by replacing eyesores or vacant parcels with beautiful new developments. Congratulations to the DEC for another successful year and we look forward to continuing this fruitful partnership in 2023 and beyond."

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Some completed BCP projects are located in the New York Department of State's Brownfield Opportunity Areas (BOA). The BCP and BOA programs complement one another and along with DEC partners, including the State Department of Health and State Office of Homes and Community Renewal, help transform former industrial sites into community assets that support businesses, jobs, and revenue for local economies, as well as new housing opportunities and public amenities.

"The Department of State works closely with DEC to transform brownfield sites from liabilities into community assets, particularly in New York's underserved communities that are disproportionately burdened by the legacy of industrial pollution," said Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez. "The Department of State's Brownfield Opportunity Area program has successfully paved the way for the revitalization of communities throughout New York State by generating new businesses, jobs, housing, infrastructure and public amenities through effective planning, technical assistance and pre-development grants."

DEC Awards Visitor Use Management Planning Contract for Popular Areas of Adirondack and Catskill Parks

Funding Will Advance Development of Data-Driven Management Strategies to Support Sustainable Recreation in the Forest Preserve

Projects Fulfill Recommendations from Adirondack High Peaks and Catskill Strategic Planning Advisory Groups

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the award of a Visitor Use Management (VUM) planning contract to help develop sustainable recreation solutions in two highly visited regions of the Forest Preserve - a high-use portion of the High Peaks in the Adirondack Park and the Kaaterskill Clove area in the Catskill Park. The contractor will assist with developing strategies that ensure these popular destinations provide positive visitor experiences while continuing to protect the Forest Preserve.

"The Adirondack High Peaks and Kaaterskill Clove area in the Catskills are two of New York's most popular outdoor destinations because of their outstanding beauty," said Commissioner Seggos. "DEC is excited to partner with the experienced team at Otak, Inc., to explore strategic, innovative, and data-driven ideas and solutions for balancing conservation and public access in these beloved areas of Forest Preserve."

Otak, Inc., a research, planning, and design firm headquartered in Portland, Oregon, was awarded the VUM planning contract following a competitive Request for Proposals process, funded by the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). Led by a project management team based in the northeast, Otak has more than two decades of experience conducting visitor use planning and research on wilderness and other recreation lands managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, and other agencies. Their team includes experts in recreation planning, meeting facilitation, stakeholder engagement, and data analysis.

"The Adirondack High Peaks and the Kaaterskill Clove area in the Catskills are significant landscapes in American conservation history and world class destinations for wildlands recreation," said Otak Project Manager Steve Lawson. "We are excited for the opportunity to support the DEC in this project to develop data-driven strategies for the long-term enjoyment, appreciation, and conservation of these areas."

The two-year contract is effective immediately and extends through the end of 2024. Over the next several months, Otak will engage State officials, stakeholders, and the public in outlining desired conditions and management goals for the project areas. During the latter half of 2023, the process will focus on measuring and analyzing visitor use patterns to determine how closely current conditions in the two project areas compare to the desired management conditions. The second year of the contract will focus on developing management strategies aimed at helping DEC achieve and maintain desired conditions. Final project reports will be provided to DEC that include recommendations for monitoring and maintaining the effectiveness of the strategies over time.

Public and stakeholder input will play a key role in helping DEC and Otak develop appropriate management strategies for the High Peaks and Kaaterskill Clove regions. During the initial phase of the project, a public meeting will be held in each project area to



Join the Neversink General Store community for **Pilates Mat Classes**, taught by **Audra Lang**.

Sundays @ 10AM
Wednesdays @ 5PM

Details:

- Drop-in, no RSVP required.
- Mats and props are provided (students may bring their own if they prefer).
- All classes are 50 minutes long.
- \$15 per class. Payable via cash or Venmo.

highlight the project goals and timeline and solicit feedback on management objectives. A second round of public meetings will be held in 2024 to present draft management recommendations. Otak will host and facilitate these meetings and dates and locations will be announced at a later time.

Protected by the New York State constitution as "forever wild," the Forest Preserve comprises state land within the Adirondack and Catskill parks which is managed by DEC and its partners in a manner that maximizes public appreciation of its wild setting while ensuring it remains welcoming and accessible to people of all backgrounds and abilities. As public interest in outdoor recreation has increased nationwide over the last decade, balancing public access with the ongoing protection of New York State's Forest Preserve continues to be a high priority for DEC.

DEC tasked the Adirondack High Peaks Strategic Planning Advisory Group (HPAG) and the Catskill Strategic Planning Advisory Group (CAG) in 2019 and 2020, respectively, with providing recommendations for sustainable management of the High Peaks and Catskill regions. In their final reports, both groups recommended that the federal Interagency VUM Framework be used to identify solutions to the compounding effects of parking shortages, unsafe conditions along state highways, and busy trails, summits, and other points of interest.

The Interagency VUM Framework was developed by a partnership of federal land management agencies as a blueprint for responsibly addressing increasing visitation on federal outdoor recreation lands. The framework promotes agency and stakeholder collaboration when setting management goals and relies on data and analysis for determining the success of management actions.

Otak's team will use the Interagency VUM Framework to facilitate inclusive and transparent collaboration between DEC and stakeholders and to deliver data-driven insights to help inform and develop visitor capacities, adaptive visitor use management strategies, and long-term monitoring plans. Otak's extensive track record of successfully employing the Interagency VUM Framework in some of America's most iconic National Parks will be instrumental in helping DEC develop responsible solutions for two of New York's own natural wonders.

**DEC Reminds
New Yorkers:
Annual Residential
Brush Burning
Prohibition Starts
March 16
Spring Burn Ban
Reduces Wildfire Risks,
Protects Lives and
Property**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the annual statewide ban prohibiting residential brush burning begins March 16 and runs through May 14. Since 2009, DEC has enforced the annual brush burning ban to prevent wildfires and protect communities during heightened conditions for wildfires.

"This winter was warmer and drier than most, but regardless of the winter weather, we are always at a greater risk of wildfires in the spring," Commissioner Seggos said. " This ban helps protect our communities, natural resources, and the Rangers and other firefighters who extinguish the fires. We're encouraging all New Yorkers to think about safety first, before starting a potentially dangerous fire."

Even though some areas of the state remain blanketed in snow, warming temperatures can quickly cause wildfire conditions to arise. Open burning of debris is the single-largest cause of spring wildfires in New York State. When temperatures warm and the past fall's debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily, further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation. Each year, DEC Forest Rangers extinguish dozens of wildfires that burn hundreds of acres. In addition, local fire departments, many of which are staffed by volunteers, all too often have to leave their jobs and families to respond to wildfires caused by illegal debris fires. DEC will post the Fire Danger Map for the 2023 fire season on DEC's website once there is a moderate risk anywhere in New York.

New York first enacted strict restrictions on open burning in 2009 to help prevent wildfires and reduce air pollution. The regulations allow residential brush fires in towns with fewer than 20,000 residents during most of the year, but prohibit such burning in spring when most wildfires occur. Backyard fire pits

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and campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width, or diameter are allowed, as are small cooking fires. Only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated, or unpainted wood can be burned. People should never leave these fires unattended and must extinguish them. Burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round in New York State. For more information about fire safety and prevention, go to DEC's FIREWISE New York webpage.

Some towns, primarily in and around the Adirondack and Catskill parks, are designated "fire towns." Open burning is prohibited year-round in these municipalities unless an individual or group has a permit from DEC. To find out whether a municipality is a designated fire town or to obtain a permit, contact the appropriate DEC regional office. A list of regional offices is available on DEC's website.

Forest Rangers, DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs), and local authorities enforce the burn ban. Violators of the State's open burning regulation are subject to criminal and civil enforcement actions, with a minimum fine of \$500 for a first offense. For search and rescue, reporting a wildfire or illegal activity on state lands and easements, call 1-833-NYS-RANGERS (1-833-697-7264). To report environmental law violations, call 1-844-DEC-ECOs (1-844-332-3267).

DEC Announces Falconry, Wildlife Rehabilitator, and Leashed Tracking Dog Handler Examinations Online Exams on April 14; Registration Deadline April 12

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced no-cost exams for individuals seeking a license to practice the sport of falconry, become a volunteer wildlife rehabilitator, or use leashed dogs to find wounded or injured big game animals are scheduled for Friday, April 14. The exams will be offered exclusively online.

Interested New Yorkers can register for any of these exams at the NYSDEC Special License Exams Registration website and follow the directions provided on the webpage. Applicants will receive an email acknowledgment of registration and then later, an additional one-time link that can be used to access the webpage on the date of the exam. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 12. The link to the registration webpage can also be found on each of the individual license webpages at DEC's website.

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. A falconry study guide and examination manual are available from DEC at no cost at DEC's website. The cost of a five-year falconry license is \$40.

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.

Wildlife Rehabilitator License

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. A wildlife rehabilitator study guide and examination manual are

available from DEC at no cost at the DEC website. There is no cost for the five-year wildlife rehabilitator license.

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.
- Leashed Tracking Dog Handler

Leashed tracking dog handlers use their dogs to track and recover dead, wounded, or injured big game. They provide a valuable service by helping hunters locate big game that otherwise may go unrecovered. DEC provides a leashed tracking dog study guide at no cost. There is a \$50 license fee for the five-year leashed tracking dog license and a \$25 non-refundable application fee.

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.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Special Licenses Unit at: NYS DEC Special Licenses Unit, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4752. Phone: 518-402-8985, Fax: 518-402-8925, Email: SpecialLicenses@dec.ny.gov.

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**Governor Hochul Announces
\$10 million Available to
Improve Mental Health Service
for Youth and Families
*Funding to Establish Statewide
Networks to Offer Resources
and Information for Families
and Youth
Networks to Also Support
Advancement of Peer
Advocates; Provide Input to
Advise Future Policies and
Programs***

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced \$10 million in state funding is available to create a pair of statewide networks that youth and families will be able to rely on for behavioral health information, support, and services. Administered by the New York State Office of Mental Health, the funding will help establish two separate networks, including one dedicated to helping youth and another aimed at assisting families.

"New Yorkers who struggle with mental illness deserve a system of care that is suited for and responsive to their needs," Governor Hochul said. "These statewide networks will provide young people, parents, caregivers, and the peer advocates who serve them with the resources, expertise and support they need to address behavioral health concerns."

New York State Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said, "Youth Peer Advocates and Family Peer Advocates provide valuable input into the development of mental healthcare policy and programs. Their own personal and professional experiences with the healthcare system give them a unique perspective that can help us to improve the delivery of services and the development of programs serving children with mental health concerns and their families."

Each statewide network will be funded with \$5 million over five years in an effort to foster networking, advancement support, and the workforce pipeline of peer advocates, which play an integral and growing role in the delivery of mental healthcare. These advocates also help implement programs and policies to best serve children and families with behavioral health issues.

The Statewide Network for Youth Peer Support and Advocacy will help empower young people towards personal recovery and resiliency in their treatment. The statewide network will connect young people and youth peer advocates, engaging them in activities that will inform state-level policies and the development of programs and support the integration of youth-guided practices into organizations and services.

In addition, this network will help guide providers, local governments, and organizations in empowering youth to become active participants in their own treatment. The network will also ensure youth are provided a voice in informing agency policies

and practices, and to promote the youth peer advocate workforce and availability of these services.

The Statewide Structure and Network for Family Support and Advocacy will provide resources and information to family peers, advocates, and the parents and caregivers of children with mental health needs. This network will also help connect families to education, training, and resources and to establish connections to others facing similar challenges.

These networks will also help to advise healthcare providers, local governments and the New York State Office of Mental Health on policies and programs by providing them input from the youth and families they serve. Both networks will also help to grow and advance the work of youth peer advocates and family peer advocates.

Once established the two networks will complement Governor Hochul's comprehensive \$1 billion multi-year plan to overhaul the continuum of mental health care and drastically reduce the number of individuals with unmet mental health needs throughout the state. A key component of her FY 2024 Budget proposal, the plan aims to dramatically expand access to mental health care, reduce wait times and ensure appropriate levels of care to correct a mental health care system that has suffered from chronic underinvestment.



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When: Saturday, August 26th, 2023

Rain or Shine

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

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

Setup start time: 8 AM

Break Down by 3 PM - *vendors must stay until 3pm*

Regulations for Sellers:

- Open to all sellers, artisans, antique dealers, and crafts on a first come first serve basis.
- Food will be available for sale throughout the day
- **FEE** \$15 per table. Tables are 8ft long or 8ft picnic table (If you require the use of an outlet \$20 per table)- **tables are provided.**
- ****Claryville Fire Dept is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen merchandise****

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

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



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Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 26th, 2023

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: _____

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

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Description of Merchandise: _____

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

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

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

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

Pavilion: _____ Inside the building: _____

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

Signature of vendor: _____ Date: _____

Cost: \$15.00 per 8ft table or \$20.00 an 8ft table with electricity. *Please note vendor spot fee is nonrefundable *Initials _____ Donation for door prize (as items offered off for vendors) Yes ___ No ___

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

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

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

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

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

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Greetings from Mountainkeeper

On March 25th from 11am-12pm, join us on Zoom or in-person at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Catskills located at 320 Sawkill Road, Kingston NY for a presentation of new geological and archeological discoveries in the Bluestone Wild Forest.

This presentation will be led by Paul Rubin, an expert geologist in the Catskills, who is actively conducting field work to document archaeological, geologic and hydrologic resources within New York State owned Bluestone Wild Forest in Ulster County, NY. Paul's research has uncovered historic wagon roads and quarries, workshop areas, foundations, stone-walled pastures, a 163-year old farmstead, an abandoned railroad station, and unique geologic features that portray a comprehensive picture of the 19th and 20th century landscape in our region. These new findings could put the Bluestone Wild Forest on NY State & National Registers of Historic Places.

This informative presentation will be held in person at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Catskills in Kingston, and there will also be an online livestream available to watch for those who cannot attend in person. If you will be joining this event in person, please RSVP on our website beforehand.

Banning Bomb Trains



In a recent article in the *River Reporter*, Mountainkeeper's Associate Director Wes Gillingham called attention to the dangerous practice of transporting highly explosive liquefied natural gas (LNG) by rail. We're asking friends and supporters to sign our petition to ban these 'bomb trains', which regularly risk countless lives as they travel through communities.

The consequences of one of these bomb trains derailing would be enormous-just 22 freight cars carrying LNG contain the energy equivalent of a nuclear bomb. In 2022 there were at least 1,164 incidents of train derailments across the country, and so far this year two high-profile derailments have captured public attention. In February, a freight train carrying toxic vinyl chloride derailed in East Palestine, Ohio, spewing toxic chemicals into the local community, and just last week another major derailment occurred in Springfield, Ohio.

In light of the East Palestine disaster, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger sent a letter to town supervisors and mayors, emphasizing the potential for a similar incident to occur in Ulster County and calling for more stringent regulatory standards.

You can read Wes' full statement at the *River Reporter*, <https://www.riverreporter.com/stories/bomb-trains-art-and-more,83944>

and read more about Jen Metzger's letter to local officials in the *Daily Freeman*

<https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2023/02/27/ulster-county-has-been-preparing-for-train-disasters-metzger-tells-local-officials/>

And if you're interested in learning more about the Environmental Protection Agency's response to the train derailment in East Palestine, read an opinion piece in the New York Times <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/03/08/opinion/east-palestine-ohio-epa-dioxin.html> written by our close friend and ally, *Judith Enck.Square_Buttons_for_Newsletter_(1).png (500_500)*

In a recent Spectrum News piece, Mountainkeeper Deputy Director Katherine Nadeau weighed in on the newly introduced Climate and Community Protection Fund (CCPF).

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/capital-region/politics/2023/03/03/sen-harckham-proposes-fund-to-ensure-over-sight-of-climate-revenue>

This piece of legislation would finance initiatives to advance the climate, jobs, and justice goals set by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA).

You can read the full article at Spectrum News, and help us make this important legislation a reality by emailing your state senator and asking them to sponsor the CCPF. Establishing the CCPF is a crucial step in funding environmental justice, supporting good jobs that transition our state's economy toward clean energy, and ensuring a livable future for New Yorkers.

Repair Cafe

Last Saturday we hosted our second Repair Cafe at our office in Hurleyville, NY. This event was just as successful as the first, and we were able to repair 15 items brought in by attendees.

Our volunteer "fixers" re-stitched straps on yoga bolsters, replaced a laptop fan, fixed and tuned a broken violin, patched and sewed up various articles of clothing, and caught up on unfinished repairs from last month's Repair Cafe. We're looking forward to our next event, and we'll update you with a date and details in the coming weeks. Until then, look around your home for any and all items that need repairs, and if you're interested in volunteering as a "fixer" you can find details and contact information on our dedicated Repair Cafe website. <https://www.repaircafehv.org/hurleyville>

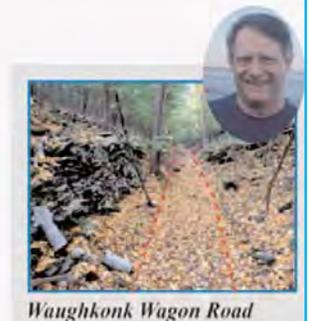
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Spring Children's Programs 2023

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Mother Goose Time (12-23 months) Beginning Wednesday, April 12th
This program is specially designed for very young children. It includes "read together" time (each child has his or her own board book), nursery rhymes, felt stories, playtime, and music for our tiniest patrons ages 12-23 months. Two programs will be held each Wednesday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Must be 12 months by 12/1/22.

Toddler Time (24-35 months) Beginning Thursday, April 13th
Stories, felt stories, crafts, music, and friendship-building geared for wee ones ages 24-35 months. Two programs will be held each Thursday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Must be 24 months by 12/1/22.

Story Hour (3, 4, and 5 year-olds) Beginning Friday, April 14th
Our classic, beloved program for three, four, and five year-old children, featuring the "Magic Bag," a read-aloud, felt stories, craft projects, homework, and music. Two programs will be held each Friday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Must be 3 years or older by 12/1/22.

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

Give your child a head start by enrolling in one of these valuable programs this spring. Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org by April 1st. If you have any questions, please email dmchugh@rcls.org or call (845) 985-7233 x105.

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Wrapping up Another Week – Congressman Pat Ryan

Delivering Relief for the Hudson Valley

My role in Congress is to make sure the federal government serves you and the needs of the Hudson Valley. That's why I'm encouraging local governments and nonprofits to apply for Community Project Funding so that federal dollars are delivered to projects right here at home.

This week, my office hosted a webinar to learn more about the process, but don't worry if you missed it. Local governments and non-profits can learn more about the process and request direct federal funding for Fiscal Year 2024 here : <https://patryan.house.gov/services/community-project-funding-requests>

Applications are due by March 17.

EXPANDING HEALTHCARE ACCESSIBILITY

I had a great time meeting with representatives from community health centers throughout the Hudson Valley, including Cornerstone Family Healthcare and Sun River Health.

I'm looking forward to continuing to work together to make healthcare more accessible and affordable in every community.

EQUAL WORK, EQUAL PAY

For every dollar a man earns, women make only 82 cents . We need to close the gender pay gap and ensure that every American is compensated fairly, based on their work and not their gender.

I'm proud to have joined colleagues this week in introducing the Paycheck Fairness Act of 2023 to finally end wage discrimination based on gender. I will always fight for equality for every American.

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL FARMERS

Thank you to the Orange County Farm Bureau for letting my office join your board meeting. I'm focused on making sure that you receive the support and resources that you work so hard for.

March is National Nutrition Month, and I want to take it as an opportunity to give an extra shout out to our farmers in NY-18. Thank you for making it possible for New Yorkers to fuel up with healthy, balanced meals so that our communities can thrive!

SLAM THE SCAM

Social Security is an earned benefit that millions of Americans rely on - a promise that if you put in the work, you can retire with dignity.

Unfortunately, scams to steal from Social Security recipients are all too common, taking advantage of older Americans. This week was National Slam the Scam Day to raise awareness on how to recognize scammers and stop them in their tracks.

Click here to learn more on how to avoid Social Security scams. <https://www.ssa.gov/scam/>

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

We marked International Women's Day on Wednesday by celebrating the women who battled for equal rights and reaffirming our commitment to protecting those rights worldwide.

Thank you to RECAP for hosting an amazing luncheon celebrating some of Orange County's most inspiring women.

As individuals, we must empower the women in our lives and community.

As a nation, we must serve as a beacon for equality by continuing to expand women's freedoms - not rolling them back.

ENSURING COVID ORIGIN TRANSPARENCY

As our world emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic and we continue to gain new information on the virus and its origins,

transparency is critical.

This week, I voted for the bipartisan COVID-19 Origin Act requiring the National Intelligence Director to declassify any and all information relating to potential links between the origin of COVID and the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

Increasing our knowledge on the COVID pandemic's origin is vital to preventing another global health crisis.

WELCOME TO MARCH MADNESS

A huge congratulations to the SUNY Orange men's basketball for earning a berth in the NJCAA D-II National Tournament with a thrilling 79-76 victory over Raritan Community College.

I can't wait to see what the rest of March Madness has in store for the team - Go Colts!

MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK FOR YOU THIS TAX SEASON

The Inflation Reduction Act created new credits and resources to guide you through your tax filing. As new expansions of the Energy Efficiency Home Improvement Tax Credits and Incentives roll out, you can stay updated on them here . <https://www.irs.gov/inflation-reduction-act-of-2022>

With these new resources, it's now easier than ever for hard-working Americans to receive the credit they are due. Check here to see if you are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit and other credits. <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions-for-individuals>

GRANTS CORNER –NEW!

The Department of Justice opened the applications for numerous grants for its Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program to hire community police, develop and test innovative policing strategies, and provide training and technical assistance to community members, local government leaders, and all levels of law enforcement.

The Industrial Demonstrations Program opened grants funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to accelerate decarbonization projects in energy-intensive industries and provide American manufacturers a competitive advantage in the emerging global clean energy economy.

REMINDER! Applications are open for:

Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking program is funded by the Biden Administration's Inflation Reduction Act and will invest in America and expedite investments to reduce pollution in disadvantaged communities. EPA plans to award cooperative agreement(s) to pass-through entities (referred to as Grantmakers by the program) who will collaborate with EPA to design and build their own processes to receive and evaluate competitive community project applications from communities for EJ Thriving Communities Subgrant activities. These activities consist of assessment, planning, and/or project development activities addressing local environmental and/or public health issues. Grantmakers will provide EJ Thriving Communities Subgrants (i.e., subawards) to Eligible Subrecipients. Due May 31. (

The Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS) Program is designed to meet the goal of the 2016 Protecting Our Lives by Initiating COPS Expansion (POLICE) Act in offering "scenario-based, integrated response courses designed to counter active shooter threats or acts of terrorism against individuals or facilities."

The program will fund a provider who can provide nationwide training to at least 20,000 first responders over the course of the award through scenario-based, multidisciplinary training classes. The training should be available to any jurisdiction in the U.S. and delivered in the desired location of the requesting agency, to include law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS). (Contd. Pg. 46)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

Patrick K. Ryan

Member of Congress

New York's 18th District

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

UC Board of Elections hosts Mock Election Demonstrations to Preview New Voting Technologies

On March 16, 2023, from 4-6pm the Ulster County Board of Elections will be hosting an open house and a mock election featuring new voting system technology offered by the company, Election Systems & Software (ES&S). ES&S will be demonstrating their latest technology, "ExpressVote XL" a high speed in person paper ballot scanner with ADA compliance requirements for in person voting.

On March 21, 2023, from 4-6pm the Ulster County Board of Elections will be hosting an open house and a mock election featuring new voting system technology offered by the company, Hart InterCivic. Heart Intercivic will be demonstrating their latest technology, "Verity Voting System" a high speed in person paper ballot scanner with ADA compliance requirements for in person voting.

Both demonstrations will take place at the Ulster County Board of Elections offices located at 79 Hurley Ave, Suite 112, Kingston, NY 12401.

In 2022 the Ulster County Legislature granted the Board of Elections a capital project to invest in new in person voting systems. In the spirit of transparency, we are conducting in person experiences with the systems we are exploring for purchase. Previous demonstrations included the ClearBallot Voting System. After careful consideration, new voting systems will be utilized as early as the November 7, 2023 General Election.

To register for this open house please call the UC Board of Elections at 845-334-5470 or email elections@co.ulster.ny.us

Gillibrand Calls on Senate to Pass the Pro Act, Protect Workers' Right to Organize

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a video press conference to call for the passage of the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act. This comprehensive labor legislation would strengthen workers' rights to organize and bargain for fairer wages, better benefits, and safer workplaces and would penalize corporations that engage in unfair labor practices.

"Unions built this country and provide a pathway to the middle class," said Senator Gillibrand. "They create fairer, safer, and more equitable workplaces and help ensure that our economy works for everyone. As New Yorkers fight to organize their workplaces, this bill would help protect them from being unfairly let go or retaliated against for exercising their sacred right to organize. This legislation is long overdue. I'm calling on the Senate to pass the PRO Act as soon as possible and I'll keep fighting until it becomes law."

The PRO Act would fight union busting and protect workers by:

- o Establishing solutions and implementing safeguards against violations of workers' rights through penalizing employers who violate workers' rights, supporting workers who suffer retaliation for exercising their rights, and authorizing a private right of action for violations of workers' rights.
- o Reinforcing workers' right to join together and negotiate for better working conditions by overriding harmful "Right to Work" laws, modernizing the union election process, and facilitating initial collective bargaining agreements.
- o Rehabilitating an unequal economy that was built to work against workers by addressing ambiguous wording that allows employers to misclassify their employees as supervisors and independent contractors and increasing transparency between workers and management.

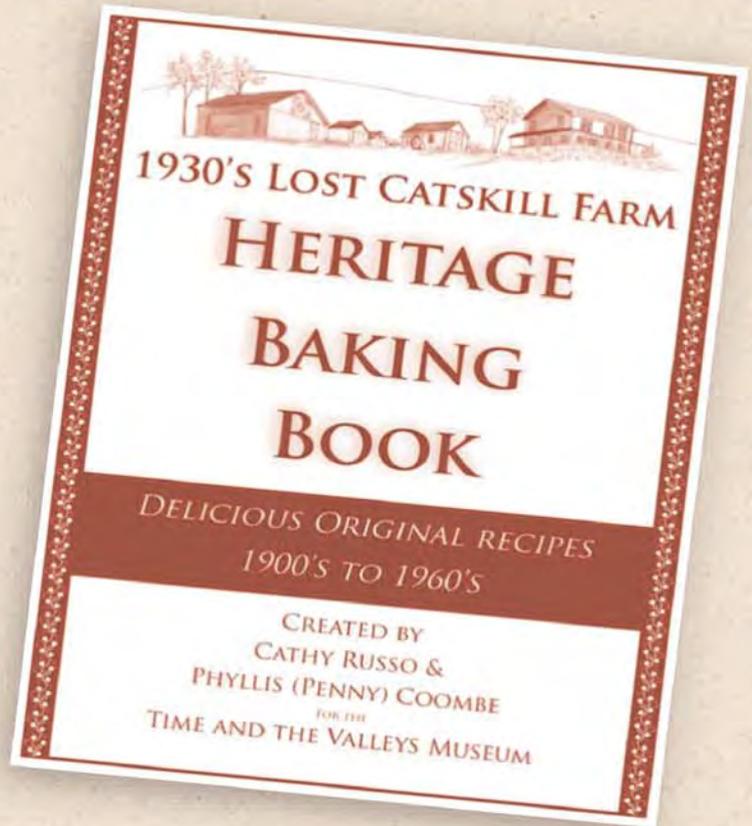
NEW HERITAGE BAKING BOOK

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The new 68-page **Heritage Baking Book** has tried-and-true old time treasured recipes for cakes, muffins, pies, cookies and much more, all from local bakers of the past.

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

LIFE AFTER LOSS

A 5-WEEK BEREAVEMENT SERIES

Mondays, starting April 24, 2023

7:00-8:15 pm

Facilitated by Jennifer Perito

St. Mary's St. Andrew's Catholic Church Hall
137 South Main Street, Ellenville

It has been said that grief does not change you, it only reveals you. The truth is, you never really "get over" the loss of someone you love, but there *are* ways to understand the powerful and sometimes confusing feelings that come with grief. This 5-week series is open to adults who have suffered the loss of a loved one, regardless of how recently or long ago the loss occurred. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is encouraged.

For information or to register,
contact Jennifer at Colonial Memorial
Funeral Home at 845-434-7363.



Art Space in Livingston Manor

Livingston Manor, NY - Catskill Art Space is pleased to announce three solo exhibitions with work from Carter Hodgkin, Nene Humphrey and Jon Kline. The exhibitions will be on view in the ground floor galleries of Catskill Art Space, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY from March 25 through May 6, 2023. Exhibition hours are Friday and Saturday, 11am - 5pm, and Sunday 11am - 3pm. The three artists pull from interdisciplinary pursuits grounded in science to explore their respective artistic practices. Hodgkin draws on particle physics and forms in nature, creating code generated particle collisions to inform her painting. Humphrey's installation, inspired by dreams, goes as far as to offer video of the amygdala filmed through a high-powered microscope at the LeDoux lab at New York University, where she is the artist-in-residence. Kline uses light sensitive paper to capture the sky at different times, closely attuned to place and shifts in light.

Carter Hodgkin, *Visual Fields*, connects digital technology and painting, utilizing conceptual and chance-based themes to create her mesmerizing work. In this series, the artist modifies code attune to gravity, exploring particulates' descent and reverberations upwards. Hodgkin extracts a digital file of the collision, transforming the image into a mosaic, applying hand-painted paper squares onto painted canvas. The painting becomes a mediation between defining and dissolving the pictorial plane, evoking microscopic landscapes from outer space or the ocean depths. What emerges are paintings which reflect a tension between technology and handcraft, exploring a relationship between algorithmic data and the pictorial.

Nene Humphrey will present *This Like a Dream Keeps Other Time*, a series of video, sonic and performative works created in collaboration with jazz musicians Matana Roberts and Staar Busby, along with video designer Simon Harding. Together, the works create a tangible space that mirrors the ephemeral part of the brain where complex emotions are born. These works were inspired by a dream the artist had in which she was learning to sing from "choir ladies" at Plainview Baptist, her late husband's family church in rural Georgia. The works investigate both the overlooked importance of dreaming to our psychological health and scientific research demonstrating that feelings of well-being and mood elevation are programmed biologically to surface with communal singing.

Jon Kline's work explores the subtle language of natural light and time, working with both cameras and light sensitive paper. Each piece involves observing, measuring, recording, and comparing the color and intensity of the overhead sky at specific moments in time from one place and from multiple places on the globe. Employing both alternative and digital means, Kline's photographic and film projects explore the primacy of light and temporality. Kline's presentation at CAS will include two murals that record the sequential shift in the color and intensity of light at a specific moment in time at this latitude.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Carter Hodgkin has exhibited in the United States and internationally. Awards include the Pollock Krasner Foundation, the Adolph & Esther Gottlieb Foundation and

New York Foundation for the Arts. Public large-scale mosaics have been created for the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; Queens College, NY, Capital One Headquarters, McLean, VA and Neiman Marcus, Beverly Hills. Her work appears in public and private collections including the Stanford University Art Collection, the ZKM Center for Art & Media, Germany, the Zimmerli Art Museum, the Basil Alkazzi Foundation, the U.S. Art in Embassies Program and the Library of Congress. Hodgkin holds a B.F.A. in Painting & Printmaking from Virginia Commonwealth University and lives in New York.

Nene Humphrey has exhibited in numerous museums and galleries including PS1 Contemporary Art Center; Sculpture Center, Mead Museum, Palmer Museum, and the Lesley Heller Gallery, among others. Her work is in the collections of Smithsonian Institution, Carlos Museum, Emory University, Best Products Inc, Sidney Lewis Collection, Richmond, VA, Robert Hull Fleming Museum, Washington University, St Louis, MO, The High Museum of Art, among others. Humphrey has received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, Agnes Gund Production Grant, The Rockefeller Foundation, Brown Foundation, Asian Cultural Council, Dora Maar Foundation, Watermill Arts and Anonymous was a Woman among others. Her work has been written about in numerous publications including *The New York Times*, *Art in America* and *ARTnews*, *Sculpture Magazine*, and *Hyperallergic*. Humphrey was born in Portage, Wisconsin, and has lived in New York since 1978.

Jon Kline is a photographer working in both traditional and digital forms of imaging and time-based projects. He has had recent residencies at the Fundacion Valparaiso in Spain, Ucross Foundation in Wyoming, Santa Fe Art Institute in New Mexico, Anderson Ranch in Colorado, and Baja California, Mexico. In 2022, he received a second fellowship from the American Scandinavian Foundation for work in the Norwegian Arctic and has also received an Aaron Siskind Foundation Grant and an Earthwatch Fellowship in Hungary. His work is in the collections of Princeton University Art Museum, the Center for Creative Photography in Tucson, the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Burchfield Penney Center in Buffalo, and the National Park Service at Ellis Island, among others. He was a member of the faculty at the Department of Photography and Imaging, Tisch School of the Arts, New York University, from 1986-2009 and has also taught at the International Center of Photography, New York. BFA, San Francisco Art Institute; MFA, Rochester Institute of Technology. Kline has been teaching photography at Bennington College full time since 1998.

ABOUT CATSKILL ART SPACE

Catskill Art Space (CAS) explores contemporary art practices of emerging and established artists. Through exhibitions, performances, classes, lectures, and screenings, CAS fosters creative community in the Catskills.

Established as Catskill Art Society in 1971, CAS reopened in October 2022 as Catskill Art Space following a major renovation and expansion of its multi-arts center, located in the picturesque hamlet of Livingston Manor in the Western Catskills. CAS presents a rotating slate of exhibitions, performances and other events featuring national and regional talents, alongside long-term installations of works by James Turrell, Sol LeWitt, Francis Cape, and Ellen Brooks. Learn more at catskillartspace.org.

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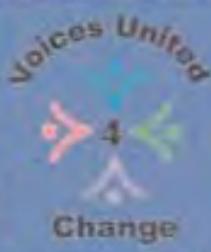


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Join us for a peer led, mental health, lesson based virtual support group for teens ages 13-17. Together we learn about our mental health and do an activity together. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be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

Contact Rebekah at rumarbashar@asfl.org for more information.

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

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Joe Biden's Tax-and-Spend Budget Proposal is Dangerous and Will Imperil America's Prosperity

President Joe Biden's budget is a radical, unaffordable, tax-and-spend monstrosity. It calls for a \$5.5 trillion increase in taxes at a time when Americans across the country are already facing the highest inflation in four decades because of the Biden administration's policies. In 2022, Americans paid taxes equal to nearly 20 percent of the U.S. GDP, just slightly less than the Greatest Generation did to support Allied efforts in World War II.

The defense portion of the budget proposed by Joe Biden is effectively a cut, as the 3.2% increase doesn't keep pace with inflation and the cost to refill depleted supplies around the world. Our greatest adversaries, China and Russia, continue to ramp up military expenditures, which pose a grave threat to U.S. security at home and abroad. Biden falsely claims that this FY24 budget is pro-manufacturers, yet it penalizes innovation and investments by doubling the capital gains tax, among other reckless policies. Raising taxes and adding unnecessary regulations on American manufacturing will force domestic production overseas and harm workers.

Joe Biden's budget is simply unacceptable. It continues to promote the Democrat's unrealistic, progressive, and irresponsible spending habits, disincentivizes investments in American businesses and energy production, and raises taxes on American manufacturing. Now that America has elected a Republican House Majority, the American people can rest assured that this disastrous budget proposal is dead on arrival in the House of Representatives.

Radical Policies in Biden's FY24 Budget Proposal:

Increases the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%, harming U.S. competitiveness and threatening American manufacturing jobs.

Dangerously balloons our national debt by \$19 trillion to \$43.6 trillion by 2033.

Fails to offer a plan to protect the long-term solvency of Social Security, which could lead to 20% across the board cuts to benefits in future years.

Vastly underfunds the U.S. military, with only a 3.2% increase in defense spending, which fails to keep pace with historic inflation.

Levies additional taxes on earned and investment income while doubling the capital gains tax, resulting in higher costs and making investing harder for the average American.

Expands price controls on drugs, which reduces innovation and limits access to life-saving drugs for Americans.

Increases taxes on oil and gas companies at a time when domestic production is facing unprecedented challenges and consumer prices are rising.

We need pro-growth policies that drive taxes down for middle-class families and job creators. This week, the House Ways and Means Committee conducted its second field hearing in Yukon, Oklahoma where we highlighted our policies to support working families and create sustained economic prosperity for all.

To watch Rep Claudia Tenney on Kudlow on FOX Business:

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

Secretary Yellen's Testimony Before the House Ways and Means Committee Leaves Many Questions Unanswered

As part of the budget process for Fiscal Year 2024, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen testified before the House Ways and Means Committee. Unfortunately, her testimony left far more answers than it addressed.

For instance, the Biden administration continues to negotiate a global tax surrender with the OECD without consulting with members of Congress. When I posed this concern to Secretary Yellen, her response was entirely unsatisfactory. The Department of the Treasury must work with Congress to ensure that American jobs and taxpayer dollars are protected. Joe Biden's global tax deal is a threat to our economic prosperity, and this administration must consult with Congress before it moves forward with any additional negotiations.

Watch my full exchange by clicking the video below or by clicking here. <https://twitter.com/RepTenney/status/1634237579049549825>

Introduced Legislation to Hold Albany Democrats Accountable for Soaring Property Taxes

New York is the only state in the country that requires local counties to pay a substantial portion of the state's share of Medicaid funding, amounting to nearly \$8 billion per year or nearly a quarter of the non-federal cost share for the program. This week, I introduced the Property Tax Reduction Act, to prevent state governments like New York from unfairly shifting state Medicaid expenses onto local county governments. To read the bill go to:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1523?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=1>

New York State leads the country with the highest rate of outmigration. This mass exodus directly corresponds with outrageous property taxes, forcing families and small businesses to relocate. One of the driving causes of this crisis is that New York's 62 county governments have zero say in how New York's Medicaid program is operated but are forced to pay a significant amount of its costs. This dysfunctional and unfair system burdens county governments, driving up costs for working families. It also lets Albany Democrats off the hook for reckless spending and gross mismanagement.

I am reintroducing the Property Tax Reduction Act to require New York's Democrat lawmakers to take responsibility for reckless spending and prevent them from unfairly shifting costs to local property taxpayers and counties.

To read more go to: <https://tenney.house.gov/media/press-releases/congresswoman-tenney-votes-legislation-reverse-biden-administrations>

Voted to Reverse Joe Biden's Overreaching WOTUS Rule

This week I voted for H.J. Res 27, a joint resolution of disapproval of the Biden administration's "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) rule. This resolution overturns the damaging new Biden WOTUS rule that expands the Environmental Protection Agency's federal oversight of large swaths of private agricultural land across our country. President Biden's WOTUS rule is extreme. It extends unprecedented power to the EPA, giving them the authority to dictate to farmers and landowners what they can and cannot do on their private lands.

The Trump administration's Navigable Waters rule already addressed this issue in a commonsense manner that protected our farmers and landowners from burdensome and unnecessary federal overreach. This vague rule from the Biden administration is a huge step backward that will empower federal bureaucrats while forcing farmers and producers to spend countless hours and dollars in court and on lawyers. The Biden rule is a power grab by the federal government, and I fully support this resolution to overturn it. Learn more by clicking here. <https://tenney.house.gov/media/press-releases/congresswoman-tenney-votes-legislation-reverse-biden-administrations> (Contd. Pg. 57)

This Week with Claudia

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My Votes Explained

Transparency and a well-informed public are vital components of our self-governing Constitutional Republic! I'm committed to restoring transparency to government, which is why I explain every vote I take on the House floor.

Some of the key bills we considered this week are explained below. To read more about these votes and see the full list with explanations of all the legislation considered this week by the House of Representatives, please click here.

I voted "Yes" on S. 619, a bill to require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origins of COVID-19, and for other purposes. This legislation requires the Director of National Intelligence to declassify documents relating to the origins of COVID-19 and the work of the Wuhan Institute of Virology. Since the beginning of the pandemic, many individuals have speculated that COVID-19 originated in this Chinese laboratory; however, radical left-wing activists and the Biden administration have worked tirelessly to censor these theories, falsely labeling them as "misinformation" and even "racist". Recently, the Biden administration's own Department of Energy concluded that the virus likely came from the Wuhan Institute of Virology. While the Biden administration continues to avoid being honest with the American people about the origins of COVID, House Republicans are fighting to show the American people the facts. This bill will provide needed transparency and allow every American to see and examine the evidence for themselves. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 419-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 140, the Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act. This bill would expand the Hatch Act to prohibit federal executive branch employees from using their official authority, whether on duty or off duty, to promote the censorship of lawful free speech on any computer service, such as social media. Since taking office, the Biden administration has attacked Americans' First Amendment rights under the so-called label of "combating misinformation." The Biden administration has coordinated with social media companies, including Twitter, to censor and de-platform individuals who promoted narratives that the Biden administration disagreed with or simply did not like. Many of these falsely-labeled examples of "mis-information" have since been proven accurate, including the fact that COVID-19 likely came from the Wuhan Laboratory of Virology, which even the Department of Energy has admitted. This anti-American censorship should not be allowed to be carried about by individuals being paid to uphold and defend the Constitution. Importantly, this bill still allows the government to combat crimes, including obscene materials, classified national security information, or criminal activity such as human or drug trafficking. This important bill will help ensure the federal government always upholds every American's right to free speech, regardless of their viewpoint.

This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 219-206

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1226, the Wounded Warrior Access Act, as amended. This legislation requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to create an online tool for claimants or their representatives to check the status of their claim and documents associated with the claim. Currently, when veterans want to access these files they need to physically visit their regional VA location. The VA needs to enter the 21st century and allow our veterans to check their claim status online, as most other federal agencies allow. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 422-0.

ICYMI: My Recent Op-ed on the Northern Border Crisis

Since President Joe Biden took office, horrific stories of crime and crisis at the Southern border have flooded our television screens, made the front page of our newspapers, and filled our social media feeds. Americans have watched the Biden administration surrender operational control of our Southern border to cartels, drug smugglers, and human traffickers.

Now, tragically, we face the potential for an equally disastrous crisis at our Northern border. To fill the gaps at the Southern border, rather than finish the wall like former President Donald Trump had planned, or hire more agents, the Biden administration and D.C. Democrats simply shifted resources. In one big shell game, scores of U.S. Border Patrol agents were moved from the Northern border down south. This has led to an unprecedented spike in illegal crossings at portions of our Northern border in the North Country.

READ MORE: U.S. Rep. Claudia L. Tenney: New Yorkers on the hook for Biden's border crisis https://www.nny360.com/opinion/columns/u-s-rep-claudia-l-tenney-new-yorkers-on-the-hook-for-biden-s-border/article_43288758-f940-5503-a463-c7ac39948cec.html

Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Annual Walk Saturday, May 6, 2023

In memory of our fellow Lions lost over the past years. All proceeds go into our Charity Account to help support the missions of The Tri-Valley Lions, which include Sight, Hearing, Diabetes, and support to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Local Food Pantries, Service Awards for local high school graduates, Sight Screenings, and so much more.

**Register at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 6, 2023
at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building**

Please be available no later than 8:50 am for a group photo before The start of the Walk. Walk starts promptly at 9 am from the First Aid Squad Building and consists of as many loops around the Fairgrounds that each walker feels comfortable doing.

COME WALK WITH US!

Refreshments will be served before and after the walk.

For additional pledge sheets or questions about the Journey For Sight Walk, please call Esta Jacob 845-985-2927 or Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981.

Thank you.

Daniel Pierce Library

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

JAN 9- MARCH 20

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



WIN PRIZES | AGES 12 AND UNDER

[Click here to print your reading logs](https://danielpiercelibrary.org/winter-alphabookbet-challenge/)

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Call to speak with our Veteran
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We didn't fight alone while
we served, we don't need
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NEW YORK**

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845-794-4228

vet2vet@atitoday.org

309 E Broadway Suite A

Monticello, NY 12701

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, March 19th

Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$11

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

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



Take-outs are available 985-7270

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

NOTE: New Date
Saturday, March 18, 2023

TRIVIA FOR A CAUSE

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

Saturday, March 18, 2023

1:00 - 3:30 P.M.

CASA MIA RESTAURANT

205 Main St., Hurleyville, NY 12747

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



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



Proceeds will benefit children throughout the
Fallsburg Central School District.

Checks must be received no later than February 24, 2023

Payable to: Kiwanis of Woodridge

PO Box 722, Woodridge, NY 12789

For questions or further info please contact:

Deb Jacobsen at 845-798-8795 or Diane Garritt at 845-866-3204.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK:

Names attending: _____

Attending: _____ **@ \$25.00 Each** **TOTAL DUE:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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

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

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

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Thank you,

John McHugh

Chairperson – NRAMA Scholarship Committee

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(See next page for application)

NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 393, Grahamsville, NY 12740

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

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

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

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

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

Submit a completed application to the NRAMA by June 2nd, 2023

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State: _____ Phone: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____

What school(s) have you applied to? _____

What school(s) have you been accepted at? _____

What is the course of study? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Please mail completed application to: NRAMA Scholarship Application

P.O. Box 393

Grahamsville, NY 12740



ICE RINK HOURS

revised 2/19

Tuesday & Thursday	7pm-9pm
Saturday	1pm-3pm
Sunday	1pm-5pm

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

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

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

Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation

SPRING INTO VOLUNTEERING



at the

TIME AND THE VALLEYS MUSEUM

Volunteer Afternoon

Sunday, March 26, 1 to 3 p.m.

Treats, Talk, Prizes and More

All volunteers receive
10% shop discount
FREE admission to programs
Recognition event and gift

*Join R.S.V.P. for liability coverage
and mileage reimbursement, too!*

Help is needed
teaching students
greeting visitors, at events,
office tasks, scanning photos,
projects at home, and more!

Have a little free time?

Explore all we do and how you can help!



Time and the Valleys Museum
St. Rt. 55 Grahamsville NY

info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org 845 985-7700

Call to find out more or make an appointment to visit!



4-H ALL ABOUT DOGS

AT THE DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY!



Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Snow Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023

3:00 to 4:30 p.m

Grades 3 - 6

Are you interested in learning more about dogs? Join 4-H Youth Development Animal Science Coordinator, Barbara Moran for this hands-on program! Activities include demonstrations in handling and dog training, activities geared toward dog lovers, and a mock dog skill-a-thon.

You do not have to own a dog to be a part of this program!



Cornell
Cooperative Extension
Sullivan County

**Love dogs?
You'll love this program and will
gain more canine knowledge!**

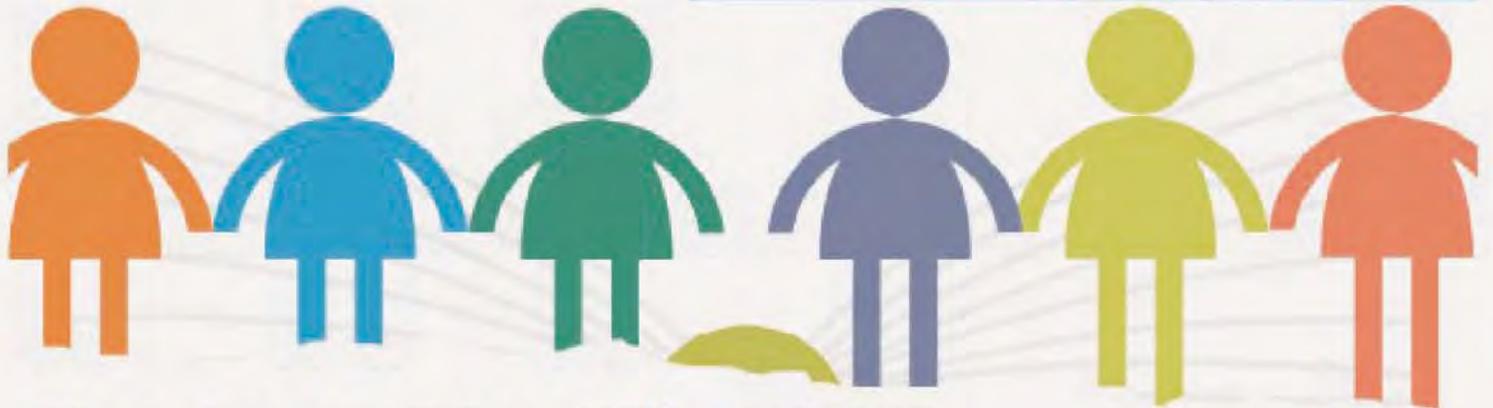
PLEASE NOTE: More the merrier for this program, BUT we have a limit of 20 seats on the bus. If the bus fills up, parents will need to provide transportation to this program. If you wish for your child to take the bus from school, please send a note to the elementary office no later than Monday, March 20th.

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.

CHILD + BABYSITTING SAFETY COURSE

at the Daniel Pierce Library

For Tri-Valley Students
11 - 15 years of age



SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Looking for a job this summer? This 5 hour course will provide the necessary skills needed to care for infants and children. Learn CPR and Child and Babysitting Safety (CABS). Brought to you by ClassRooms to You, instructed and owned by Michael Conglelosi, NYS FF/EMT. An approved training center for American Safety & Health Institute. Space is limited, \$65 per registrant, due day of event.

- *Become a babysitter
- *Safety instruction
- *How to take care of Children
- *What to do when things go wrong
- *Learn basic first aid
- *Gain confidence
- ***This is an outside event, weather permitting**
- ***Additional course information to follow upon registration**

BRING YOUR LUNCH!

Advance registration only.

Register online @ www.danielpiercelibrary.org



Daniel Pierce Library

328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268

Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233

To register: baby sitting course register now:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeK8AW5bxNAkVtLv2ZVwFhtZJYXrzmKq7OYGLDVR4tsw7xZiA/viewform>



Live

Medicare 101 Zoom Webinar



Saturday, April 22, 2023
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

**Presented by:
James Farnham, MBA, MS
Licensed Agent**

Will you be turning 65 soon? Are you eligible for Medicare?

Please join us for this live webinar as we learn about Medicare basics including, Prescription Drug Plans, Medicare Supplement Plans, and Medicare Advantage Plans (HMOs and PPOs). This program will simplify the choices you need to make, help you make well-informed decisions and explain what Medicare means to you!

Advanced online registration at danielpiercelibrary.org is required. Those who register will receive an email prior to the event with a link and instructions on how to join.

Register now: <https://danielpiercelibrary.org/Pages/Index/226538/medicare-101>

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2019 16" Macbook Pro

Core i9 2.4ghz 8 core processor
64 GB Ram • 1TB Solid State Drive
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Store for Rent in Grahamsville (845) 985-7411

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**Sundown Camp and Bait Shop!
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**"KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE I
ON TCM, AMAZON PRIME,IMOB, NET-FLIX**

THE QUIET MAN

(RATED G / 1952 / 2hr 9min / Romance/Comedy)

The Quiet Man a retired American boxer who returns to the village of his birth in Ireland. There he falls for a spirited redhead whose brother is contemptuous of their union.



Directed by John Ford. Starring John Wayne as Sean Thornton, Maureen O'Hara as Mary Kate Danaher, Barry Fitzgerald as Michaleen Oge Flynn, Ward Bond as Father Peter Lonergan, Victor McLaglen as Squire Red Will Danaher, Mildred Natwick as The Widow Sarah Tillane, Eileen Crowe as Mrs. Playfair, and Arthur Shields as Rev. Playfair.

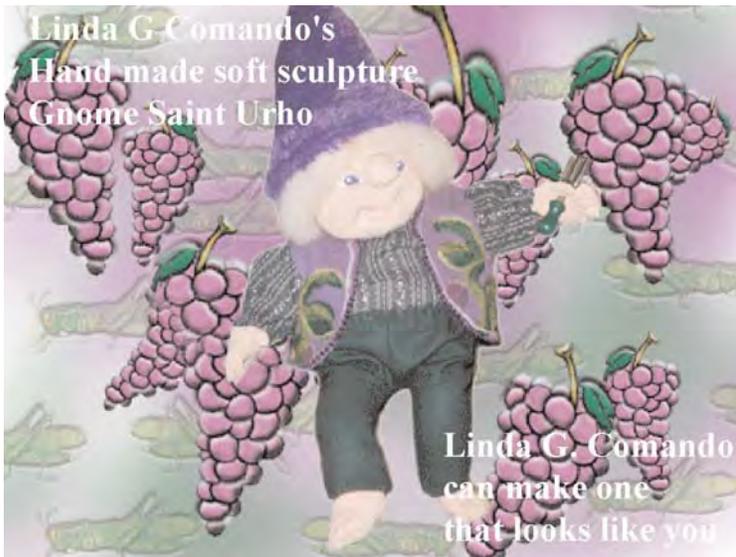
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**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE
ON AMAZON PRIME
FOR ST URHO'S DAY
"MYSTERIES AT THE MONUMENT"
ST. URHO; MYSTERY CASTLE;
"BAT BOMBS"**

(43 minutes TV-PG)

Mysteries at the Monument, - St. Urho: Mystery Castle; Bat Bombs created on Jun 19, 2014 with Don Wildman, Mannie Bemis, Charis Melina Brown, Reta Dunham. Host Don Wildman investigates a sculpture of a suspicious saint with a dubious past; visits a fortress at the center of a strange tale of secrecy, discovery, and death; and explores spectacular caverns and its multitude of bats.



Saint Urho was the invention of a Finnish-American named Richard Mattson, who worked at Ketola's Department Store in Virginia, Minnesota in the spring of 1956. Mattson later recounted that he invented St. Urho when he was questioned by coworker Gene McCavic about the Finns' lack of a saint like the Irish St. Patrick, whose feat of casting the snakes out of Ireland is remembered on St. Patrick's Day. In fact, the patron saint of Finland (except for the Orthodox Church of Finland) is the bish-



op Saint Henry, whose feast day occurs on January 19.

According to the original "Ode to St. Urho" written by Gene McCavic and Richard Mattson, St. Urho was supposed to have cast "those 'rogs" (those frogs) out of Finland by the power of his loud voice, which he obtained by drinking "feelia sour" (sour whole milk) and eating "kala mojakka" (fish soup). The selection of the name Urho as the saint's name was probably influenced by the accession of Urho Kekkonen to the presidency of Finland in 1956. Instead, the beer restaurant St. Urho's Pub is also located in Töölö, Helsinki, which, despite its misleading name, has nothing to do with Saint Urho but is known

to have received its name from Urho Kekkonen.

Urho in the Finnish language also has the meaning of hero or simply brave.

The original "Ode to St. Urho" identified St. Urho's Day as taking place on May 24. Later the date was changed to March 16, the day before St. Patrick's Day so the Finns could start drinking green beer a day before the Irish.

St. Urho's feast is supposed to be celebrated by wearing the colors Royal Purple and Nile Green. Other details of the invented legend also changed, apparently under the influence of Dr. Sulo Havumäki, a psychology professor at Bemidji State College in Bemidji, Minnesota. The legend now states that St. Urho drove away grasshoppers (rather than frogs) from Finland using the incantation "Heinäsiirkka, heinäsiirkka, mene täältä hiiteen!" ("Grasshopper, grasshopper, go from hence to Hell!"), thus saving the Finnish grape crops. Another version of the modern celebration



of St. Urho's Day is that it was created by Kenneth Brist of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Brist, a high school teacher, was teaching in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in the early to mid-1950s in an area largely populated by people of Finnish heritage. He and his friends concocted March 16 as St. Urho's Day so that they had two days to celebrate, the next day being St. Patrick's Day.

In honor of Methodius Gronroos, son of a Harbor Master at Helsinki, who at the age of eleven in 1882, became intrigued with the coming and going of the big ships into the harbor. His curiosity got the best of him and he climbed aboard a ship that was ready to set sail. For the next several months he was a stow-away on a square rigged sailing ship that was on its way to India. When the Captain of the ship, a friend of Methodius' father found him, he made Methodius 'work for his supper'. The young lad learned the art of mending sails as well as the art of a ship's carpenter. While he sailed around the world for the next 9 months, he learned to appreciate the world, different customs, and he learned to love and respect the sea.

Upon his return home he prepared for the worst, but his father and mother greeted him with great passion and understanding and were only too grateful to have their son return home. Methodius Gronroos, "Adnils Odnamoc's" grandfather - truly a legend of the saintly Finnish type Urho, passed his compassion down to his own sons and grand children, and they to their children and so forth. To this day *grandfather's message* is still put to task - "Remember, if your son or daughter doesn't do a dollars worth of damage in a day, she or he is probably ill. So be thankful and love them no matter what they do."

**Stay safe and stay well,
Knarf Odnamoc
Gnome**

**Happy St. Urho's Day
March 16th... and Happy Birthday Aurora!
... and Happy St. Patrick's Day!**