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## Countdown to May 3, 2025 Tri-Valley Lions Annual Journey for Sight Walk



The Tri-Valley Lions Annual Journey For Sight Walk will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025. 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 8:45am. (Contd. Pg. 5)

## The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hosts Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Jeffersonville

For over a decade, The Ancient Order of Hibernians hosted the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15 in Jeffersonville.

Many of the spectators as well as those marching in the parade brightened the day wearing green as they celebrated Irish heritage and tradition.



... and the bands played on.

The bands plied, setting the beat for those marching in the parade. Local fire departments, including Beaverkill Fire Department joined in the fun and festivities as they proudly personified the tradition of St. Patrick's Day.



Beaverkill Fire Company was among the fire departments in the parade. Josh Entenmann from Livingston Manor is one of the newest members of the department. Josh (wearing the green glasses and bow tie) is now in training and will go on to do water rescue with the fire department.

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

## OBITUARY

**Harold Lewis Gold** passed away of natural causes on March 15, 2025. He was 101 years old. Harold was born in his family's apartment overlooking Main Street in South Fallsburg on September 20, 1923. He was the son of Izzy and Gertie (Milchman) Gold who both immigrated to America from eastern Europe in the early 1900s. They moved from New York City to South Fallsburg when Izzy got a job there as a plumber. Harold said he was the luckiest kid in the world because not only did he have his loving parents, but he also lived with "a second mother", his special aunt Lena Mankes, who helped care for Harold and his older brother Morris (who even two mothers couldn't handle), and their younger brother Raymond, while Izzy and Gertie worked in the family business.

Harold loved to talk about his childhood, growing up in "town" where he could play with his friends who also lived on Main Street or nearby. He attended the South Fallsburg Elementary School, when it held classes at the community center before the "new" schoolhouse was built. As a kid, he sometimes went to work with his father, as a plumber's helper, while Izzy eventually became one of the area's largest plumbing contractors during the boom times of the Catskill hotels. While Harold and Izzy worked, they would often talk about world affairs or town events. After work or school, Harold would run downstairs to hang around the drug store or the barber shop, where he could listen in as the town movers and shakers argued over national news or local politics. He liked to hear all opinions, no matter the spin. He just loved to read and learn.

In high school, Harold was usually at or near the top of his class. He participated in many school activities, and played on Coach Rollie Allens's basketball team. He also boxed in Jack Duffy's boxing club where he developed a lifelong interest in the sport. When Harold's children were little, he used to dazzle them with his jump rope skills, which he had honed while training as a boxer. He also enjoyed chicken fighting with his kids in the living room, to the dismay of his wife.

Harold was a popular high school student, and began many lifelong friendships there. Nick Shabola, Gene Stratton, Chet Levine, Ray Stine, Abe Kahn, George Kerry, Harold Pantel, Abe and Sam Beytin, Irv and Milt Brizel and Louie Lederman were just some of the people who remained his buddies through the years.

Upon graduation from Fallsburg High School in 1939, Harold received a scholarship to attend the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, where he excelled in academics, while also cheering on the Penn Quakers football team when they were a national power.

By the second year after America's entry into World War II, Harold complained to the draft board that all his friends were getting called up, but he still hadn't received his notice. Shortly after that, the draft board kindly obliged him, so he put his education on hold and went to join the army. Unfortunately, he failed the army physical due to poor eyesight. Harold argued that he could see well enough, and he finally persuaded the doctors to pass him - despite his bad eyes. In the army he picked up many of the experiences that shaped his future and so many of the stories that made him a master raconteur later on.

The army designated him for the ASTP program for specialist training and sent him to various colleges where the ASTP courses were taught - including the University of Alabama and Georgetown University. At Georgetown, he served with comedian Red Skelton, and he met another character who became a lifelong friend - Alan Finkelson. When Al and Harold were supposed to ship out for battle, Al ratted Harold out to his superiors by telling them that Harold's eyesight was so bad, that "this guy can't see!!"

Since Harold still couldn't pass the eye exam, the army pulled him from a fighting unit and assigned him to Sheppard Field Army Air Corps center in Wichita Falls, Texas, where he ran the I&E (Information and Education) program for over 40,000 soldiers. (Contd. g. 4)

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

### March 23, 1955

Alden Dale Shaut, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Shaut of Woodbourne, will graduate from the Milwaukee School of Engineering on Thursday, March 24th. Dale is a graduate of Liberty High School.

#### WEAR WOLVERINES

For shoes your feet appreciate, so comfortable at work or play,  
Wear WOLVERINES! Why should you wait,  
Come in and buy a pair today.  
KUM TO KRUM'S

### March 17, 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ingram of Beaver Dam Rd. take pleasure in announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Janet Rowena, to Mr. Harry R. Heigh, son of Mrs. Minnie Heigh of Seattle, Wash. on March 4th at San Diego, Calif. The bride is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and is currently in the U.S. Navy. Her husband is also in the U.S. Navy and plans on making this his career.

### April 2, 1975

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lagueux are the proud parents of a baby boy, Paul Joseph, born March 25th. He weighed 9 lbs. 12 1/2 oz. Joseph and Ann Wegman of Roscoe are the maternal grandparents and Joseph and Lucille Lagueux of Grahamsville are the paternal grandparents.

### March 28, 1985

John Philip Coombe was born March 7, 1985 at the Northern Dutchess Hospital, Rhinebeck. John weighed 6 lbs. 11 1/2 oz. He is the son of Philip and Margaret Coombe, South Hill Rd., Grahamsville. The paternal grandparents are Philip Jr. and Caroline Coombe. The maternal grandparents are Harry and Dorothy Beatty of Clinton Corners, N.Y. Congratulations to all.

## Household Hint:

### Pool Noodle Wrist Rest

Prevent wrist fatigue during a long day on the computer keyboard by making this pool noodle wrist rest. First, mark where you want to cut the noodle. You can make the height slightly less or more than half the full noodle diameter or you could cut the noodle exactly in half and make two equally-sized wrist rests.

## Nature Column - L. Comando

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

## The Nose Knows those Little Stinkers are Awake!

Over the winter, skunks that live in the Catskills retreated to winter dens, however they are not true winter hibernators. They den up for extended periods of time, and generally remain inactive and eat very sparingly as they go through a dormant stage. Over winter, as many as 12 females huddle together in one den that they use year after year. The males often den alone and are likely to be active above ground, especially during the mating season as early



as February. Dens are made in tree hollows, hollowed out logs, brush piles, abandoned animal burrows, and underneath porches and other structures. Skunks will occasionally dig their own burrows underground if no other shelter options are available.

After mating, a female will give birth about 7 to 10 weeks later to her babies, called kits. Kits are blind when born, as their eyes are sealed shut until around the age of 3 weeks. The mother will take care of her babies. After the babies are weaned, at about 2 months old, they will leave the den. A skunk is fully mature when it is 10 to 12 months old and will be ready to have families of their own.

Recent molecular analysis has shown that skunks are now recognized as a single family, Mephitidae. This official name for the skunk family means "stink." Skunks used to be grouped with weasels, otters, badgers, and their relatives in the Mustelidae family-but unlike those animals, which have a duct that secretes scent markings, skunks spray their scent in a controllable stream from nipples in the anal gland. After their DNA was decoded, scientists learned that skunks derived from a single common ancestor about 30 to 40 million years ago.

The skunk species vary in size from from 20-30" long (including the tail) and weigh between 6-10 lbs. They have moderately elongated bodies with relatively short, well-muscled legs, and long front claws for digging.

Skunks are opportunistic eaters, and their diets are flexible, often shifting with the seasons. They are omnivorous, eating both plant and animal material. They eat insects and larvae, earthworms, grubs, small rodents, lizards, salamanders, frogs, snakes, birds, moles, and eggs. Berries, roots, leaves, grasses, fungi, and nuts are on their menu. Skunks often attack bee hives as they like to eat honeybees. Once in a while a skunk will act like a scavenger, and eat bird and rodent carcasses left by cats or other animals.

Their worst enemies are coyotes, bobcats and owls. Skunks are immune to snake venom and are known to eat poisonous snakes like rattlesnakes.

A skunk, sometimes called a polecate, packs a wallop of a defense mechanism - the noxious odors produced from their well-developed scent glands. The spray can cause irritation and even temporary blindness, and is sufficiently powerful to be detected by a human nose up to a mile down wind. Even a baby skunk is able to spray as soon as it is born, although, not very effectively and nor very far.

Odd as it may seem, skunk musk is very valuable and important to the perfume industry. Once the acrid odor is removed, it is used as a perfume base due to its clinging quality. At the core of expensive designer perfumes is the little furry animal, a skunk, whose scent may have helped to add to the price

# LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published March 28, 1996

Doesn't anyone sell cakes of honey any more? I haven't seen a cake of honey in years. In the good old days honey was bought in cakes. Up until my Uncle Charles Dickerson entered World War I and was severely wounded during combat, he owned a piece of land in Grooville and his occupation was honey bees. As a child I never tired of sitting and listening as he told me how the honey bee pollinates the field blossoms and garden flowers. He used to say: "Bea--just think, if it weren't for the bees transferring pollen from one blossom to another, food would be scarce as hens' teeth." He told me he received about forty pounds of honey from each hive a year. Clover honey was more expensive than buckwheat, for it was light golden in color where buckwheat was dark-almost brown. He said about 80,000 bees must each make one trip for nectar to make one pound of honey.

Bees are very ambitious and do not tolerate laziness. When the drone bee is no longer useful, the worker bees gang up on him and drag him out of the hive while the Queen bee is treated as she should be as a Queen. She even has her own little compartment.

Uncle Charles always wore a veil (made from mosquito netting) and gloves while working with the bees. They might sting to protect their hive. They do not like to be disturbed while working. Remember the adage, "Busy as Bees"? Uncle Charles had a special smoker he filled with punk that he used to blow smoke into the hive when he went to take out some honey. When bees smell smoke, they don't sting. A honey bee stings only once as he leaves his stinger in his victim. If a bee lands on you, stand perfectly still until he flies away and he will not leave his stinger.

## OBITUARY

(rom Pg. 2) **Harold Lewis Gold** At the war's end, Harold married Pearl Cutler whom he had met as a teenager at Cutler's Cottages - her parents' bungalow colony in South Fallsburg. Pearl moved back to Texas with Harold so he could finish his army commitment, and then he returned to Penn. Following graduation from Penn, Harold and Pearl stayed with Pearl's parents in New Jersey while Harold attended graduate school at Columbia University.

After that, they returned to South Fallsburg where Harold joined the family business - Fallsburg Gas Company - which his father had started as a sideline to his plumbing operation in the 1930s. Eventually, under Harold's management, Fallsburg Gas became one of the largest independently-owned propane businesses in the Northeast. Throughout his life, Harold also participated in numerous other business ventures, mostly with his brother Raymond.

Raymond and Harold would meet every morning for breakfast with their mother and father in the same apartment where Harold was born, above the barber shop. There they would enjoy stale toast, a used "tea ball" in a dirty cup, the Wall Street Journal and the NY Times. Izzy read the "Forvitz". Then they all headed to work at their respective places of business just a few steps around the corner.

Although Harold worked long days and seven-day weeks in the business, he felt driven to participate in community affairs. He was an active leader in the United Jewish Appeal, the Anti-Defamation League, the South Fallsburg Hebrew Association, and the Sidney Goldstein Lodge of B'nai B'rith. He also belonged to the American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, the Sullivan Masonic Lodge, the Fallsburg Lions Club, the Sullivan County Industrial Development Agency and the New York State Propane Gas Association.

Harold was an 82-year member of the Fallsburg Fire Department, where he served as President and Commissioner. Until he was in his late 90s he continued to attend monthly meetings, and he was still marching in the Sullivan County Fireman's Parade until the age of 92. He was a very active member of the Sullivan County Historical Society, and upon his retirement, he was named Trustee Emeritus of the Executive Board.

Although he loved to read about philosophy, sports, poetry, economics and politics, his favorite subject was history, and he always had a passion for education. He often helped disadvantaged young people move ahead with their educations, and he strongly believed that Sullivan County needed a community college. In 1962, he was appointed by Governor Nelson Rockefeller to be a founding member of the Sullivan County Community College Board of Trustees where he served from 1962 to 1996. When he retired from the Board, he was its longest-serving member - having been reappointed by New York State Governors from both parties, who recognized him for his dedication and commitment to education, regardless of his political affiliation.

His favorite activity was engaging with people, regardless of their age, social status, color or religion. He would often pick up hitch-hikers not only to give them a lift, but also to get their views on the world. He always learned something from them. He took great pleasure in helping other people, and always saw the best in them, whether family member, friend or stranger. He had undying faith in his fellow man - sometimes to his own disappointment - but he never gave up on anyone.

When Harold and Pearl moved back to South Fallsburg in 1946, their parents helped them build a house on Highland Drive, which at the time was just a dirt road. There, they raised their three boys, while seeing the street grow into one of the prime residential areas in the village. After Pearl's death, after 58 years of marriage in 2022, Harold continued to live in the same house, not more than a quarter of a mile from the place where he was born.

During their marriage, Pearl remained behind the scenes while Harold was busy with business or the community where he garnered many plaudits. Harold credited her with much of his many successes, and also with keeping him grounded. She would sometimes have to tell him: "Harold, you're pretty good, but you're not perfect"!! In addition to Pearl, Harold was predeceased by his brother Morris, sisters-in-law Martha Gold and Evelyn Goldstein and his friend Lila Hillman. He is survived by his brother Raymond and sister-in-law Judy Gold of Boca Raton, Florida; sons Barry Gold of Pompano Beach, Florida; David (Pat) Gold of Bexley, Ohio; and Michael and his wife Vicki Gold who lived in the house next door to Harold for the past 40 years, keeping their eyes on him after Pearl's passing.

In addition, Harold is survived by eight grandchildren: Louie (Erica) Gold, Hayley (Peter Frunzi, Jane (Vinnie) Annunziata, Danny (Amanda) Gold, Tyler Gold: Zachary (Kelly Gold), Marc Gold and Gabrielle Gold. He also is survived by 11 great-grandchildren and many nephews and nieces.

The family would like to thank the many younger friends Harold acquired over the years for keeping him young. Age didn't matter to him, and younger people liked to sit by him and listen to his tales of yesteryear. A special thanks to Lew Klugman who picked Harold up and took him for coffee at the Liberty Diner every morning for many years; and to Harold's cousin Sheldon Dishner, who brought Harold to shul on Saturdays when Harold was able to attend services.

A very special thank you to Aldene Thompson, his caretaker for the past seven years, who became his dearly trusted and loyal friend.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for additional information call 845-434-7363 or visit [www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com).

## Countdown to May 3, 2025 Tri-Valley Lions Annual Journey for Sight Walk

(From Pg. 1) Coffee, water, bagels, rolls, and pastries will be available to all Walkers and Volunteers starting at 8am, before, during and after the Walk. The walk will start at 9am, but we ask all attendees to be at the First Aid Squad Building for a GROUP PHOTO at 8:45am. This year, the Grahamsville First Aid Squad will be in the Building to take blood pressure readings for all that are interested, and are welcome to join us in the Walk. And once again this year, The Grahamsville Volunteer Fire Department will walk with us to add miles to their participation in Sullivan 180's Firemen Competition. Glad they are joining us and wishing them the BEST OF LUCK in their mileage quest.



*2015 Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight*

As you can see by the photos of prior year's Walks, all our friends and neighbors are encouraged to join the Tri-Valley Lions for the May 3rd 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 3, 2025. 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 to help make our 2025 Journey For Sight Walk a success. Bring the kids. Bring the family. You can reach me at 845-866-1579 or [ejacob4848@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Thank you for your continued support, and looking forward to seeing you on May 3, 2025. Stay well and safe.

Esta Jacob, Tri-Valley Lion Director

### TRI-VALLEY LIONS JOURNEY FOR SIGHT WALK - May 3, 2025 In memory of our beloved departed Lions

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Waiver**

In consideration of your acceptance of this form, I hereby for myself, my administrators, my heirs and assigns, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I have against the organizers of this event, their associates and representatives. I also agree to obey all traffic laws, exercise all safety precautions, avoid littering and respect the property of others. **PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND COLLECT YOUR PLEDGES BEFORE OR PROMPTLY AFTER JOURNEY.

SPONSOR'S NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	PLEDGE AMT	SIGNATURE

I hereby certify that this person completed the Lions Journey For Sight Walk.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Journey for Sight 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.**

## Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 124 Robicheaux

### Mysterious Book Report No. 325

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by John Dwaine McKenna



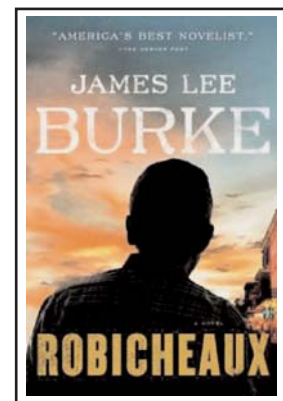
Whenever a new book by James Lee Burke is released, I can't wait to get my hands on it and promptly read it cover-to-cover. It's been that way since the early 1990s, when I heard him speak on NPR about a character he'd created; a fictional Cajun detective from New Iberia, Louisiana. He was unique, this fictional detective, because he was an idealist with the quaint notion that he might speak for the neglected members of society, those poorly served by the American justice system because it can be so easily manipulated by unscrupulous people of wealth. That altruism, plus an addiction to alcohol and a tendency to resort to violence when con-

fronted by the enablers and perpetrators of vile, vicious and evil acts against those who are powerless to defend themselves, make him one of the most interesting characters in crime fiction. And it is those very qualities, plus his reflections upon morality, philosophy, death, religion, literature and the essence of evil, which make him the most fascinating character in modern writing. The detective's name is Dave Robicheaux. He's been speaking to all of us through twenty volumes and now, Mr. Burke has graced us, with his thirty-seventh novel overall, and twenty-first in the New Iberia, Louisiana deputy sheriffs series. It's eponymously titled *Robicheaux* (Simon & Schuster, \$27.99, 445 pages, ISBN 978-1-5011-7684-3) by James Lee Burke . . . and it's a masterpiece. The novel opens with Dave ruminating about his affinity for the departed: “. . . to pause and reflect upon my experiences with the dead and the hold they exert on our lives,” in Mr. Burke's words, and then we learn that he sees confederate soldiers; ghosts marching in the fog at Spanish Lake; and that his wife Molly has been killed in a traffic accident by a speeder. He describes his home as “cavernous with silence” and “the world I had known being airbrushed out of a painting.” He's depressed, lonely and suffering from hallucinations when he gets “back on the dirty-boogie,” losing decades of sobriety in the process. He's blackout drunk on the night the man who killed his wife is found beaten to death . . . Dave can't remember anything . . . but his fingerprints are all over the dead man's truck. The event leaves Dave under a cloud of suspicion, and fearful that he's a murderer. And although there's a pall over him, he's not suspended. Robicheaux still has to do his job, because things are heating up all over the parish. An old mob boss and wannabe filmmaker from New Orleans shows up, along with a local politician who has national aspirations and a civil war sword belonging to the family of a prominent writer. He lives a little ways up the teche and owns the story rights to the film the Mafia Don wants to produce. Then, there's Dave's old pal, and human wrecking ball Clete Purcell, daughter Alafair, a new deputy with a suspicious history, a couple of hitters from Miami, a grief-stricken widow and a string of grisly murders taking place that Robicheaux and Sheriff Helen Soileau are racing to solve before the body count reaches awesome proportions in this epic work of southern noir. Read it for yourself and join James Lee Burke's legions of devoted fans!

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The Whim-Wham Man  
John Dwaine McKenna



## Haiku Poet

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

# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

## The Junk Drawer

"Beware the Ides of March" is a quote from Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare. I often think of this famous saying around tax time. However, the dreaded task, this year, besides taxes, that I need to undertake during mid-March is



the adventure of cleaning out THE JUNK DRAWER in the kitchen.

Fess up. I know you have one (or more). Everyone needs

a place to put miscellaneous items that are lost, separated from their others, or things we just do not know what to do with them.

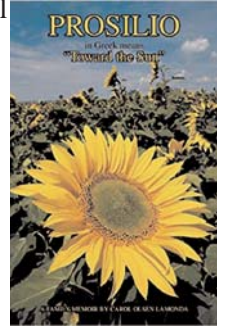
A junk drawer starts out to have the noble purpose of things that are valuable and important but do not have a "designated home" in the house. Mine started out with a hammer, a tape measure, and a screw driver all which could be walked down the stairs to the basement workshop. But I needed these often in the kitchen.

Like a magnet, these objects attracted a spare charger cord, a magic marker, and some rubber



### The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



bands and paper clips. Four replacement twinkly lights and a package of extra screws followed suit.

Like Topsy, the junk drawer became the hiding place of dozens of mismatched (longing for their mates) objects like a key to who-knows-what, a cork, an ice-pick, a menu to the Chinese Restaurant, and a key chain from Aruba.

Why am I contemplating my junk drawer during the fateful Ides of March? It is because I cannot add one more iota of stuff to it. It is stuck open because I was rummaging through it looking for a USB plug (which I could not find),

It is time to clean the junk drawer which means going down a rabbit hole of wondering what is it? Where does it belong? Do I really need it?

There is an unwritten rule that one must only have ONE junk drawer. That rule is important because a junk drawer, when left unattended, will exponentially multiply and take over the cabinetry.

# New Hope Community Stands United at Rally in the Valley in the Fight to Protect Medicaid

*The nonprofit joins forces with Jawonio and other advocacy groups to push for stable and comprehensive Medicaid funding*

Loch Sheldrake, NY - On Friday, March 7, New Hope Community, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), took a stand at the Rally in the Valley event at Clover Stadium, Pomona, NY. The organization united with Jawonio and several other regional I/DD service providers to advocate for the protection of Medicaid funding, which is vital to the health and well-being of the communities they serve.



Together with their partners, New Hope Community called on elected officials to recognize the critical need for stable and equitable funding for nonprofit providers who support vulnerable populations, particularly those with



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I/DD. The rally emphasized that Medicaid funding is essential to ensure people continue to receive the care and services they rely on.



New Hope Community CEO, Debra McGinness, commented, "New Hope Community remains steadfast in its commitment to advocating for the resources, attention, and policy protections necessary to continue providing vital services to the people we support."



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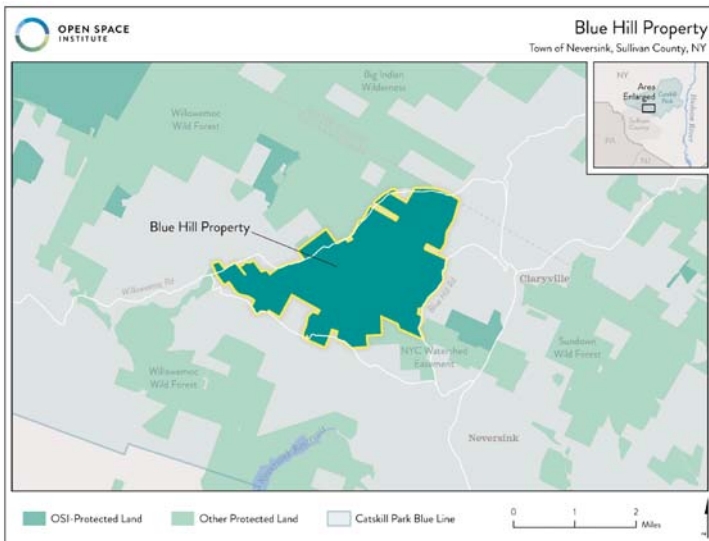


# OSI Protects One of the Catskill Park's Last and Largest Privately-Owned Forests

Acquisition strengthens a corridor of conserved forested lands and safeguards sources of clean water for millions

—David Brittenham

Town of Neversink, NY (March 6, 2025)- The Open Space Institute (OSI) announced the acquisition of more than 3,100 forested acres within the Catskill Park—one of the largest parcels of privately-owned, contiguous forestland remaining within the Catskill Blue Line. The site plays a key role in safeguarding sources of clean water, providing high-quality habitat for birds, turtles, fish, and other wildlife, and enhancing recreational



opportunities.

Before OSI stepped in to permanently protect the "Blue Hill" property, a proposal had been developed for the site that included a large-scale mix of housing, resort, and commercial uses. OSI intends to transfer the land to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) as an addition to the Willowemoc Wild Forest; once transferred, it will be the largest addition to the Catskill Forest Preserve in nearly 25 years.

Featuring abundant natural resources, the newly protected land includes native hardwood forests, undisturbed wetlands, nearly 20 miles of streambanks, and a ridge of peaks—the highest more than 2,700 feet in elevation—that provide uninterrupted and sweeping views of the surrounding mountains.

"OSI's conservation of the Blue Hill property is a monumental win for clean water, habitat, and recreation in the Catskills," said Erik Kulleseid, OSI's president and CEO. "This new acquisition is a rare find, both for its sheer size and for the wealth of benefits it provides. Over the last four decades, OSI has protected more than 25,000 acres of land within the Catskill Park, and we're proud to continue our commitment to conserving the landscapes most vital to the health and wellbeing of people and wildlife."

"Partners like OSI are instrumental to helping DEC achieve the State's ambitious goal to conserve 30 percent of New York's lands and waters by 2030," said DEC Acting Commissioner

Amanda Lefton. "DEC prioritizes land acquisition as a critical strategy to protect New York State's ecological assets, wildlife populations, and waterways, and we are thankful for our partnership with OSI allowing this property in the Catskills to be preserved for generations to come."

"I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new neighbors, OSI, to the Town of Neversink. As a west of Hudson watershed town, we welcome the benefits that this purchase will provide to water quality in our watershed as well as the Delaware River watershed. On a personal note, I look forward to the many recreational opportunities that this will provide to the public," said Chris Mathews, Supervisor of the Town of Neversink.

Protection of the Blue Hill property will play a significant role in safeguarding water quality as it flows into the vast Delaware River watershed, the source of clean water for more than 15 million people in New York City, Trenton, Philadelphia, Wilmington, and northeastern Pennsylvania. The property's abundant streams and wetlands filter water entering the Neversink River to the south and the Fir Brook and Willowemoc Rivers to the north—waterways within both the Delaware River watershed and New York City's Neversink Reservoir watershed.

The Blue Hill property is adjacent to the 14,800-acre Willowemoc Wild Forest, which is bordered to the northeast by the 33,500-acre Big Indian Wilderness area of the Catskill Forest Preserve. Almost completely forested, the property joins an immense unfragmented corridor of conserved lands in the southwestern Catskills. Its varied topography offers a wide range of microclimates, creating high-value wildlife habitat for songbirds including the wood thrush, hermit thrush, and black-throated green warbler, as well as wood turtles and wide-ranging mammals such as black bears, fisher, and bobcats.

OSI's preservation of the Blue Hill property also safeguards cold-water habitat in the Fir Brook and upper Willowemoc Creek for native brook trout. Prized by fly fishers, brook trout require undisturbed habitat with high water quality to reproduce. The Willowemoc is one of America's first and most famous fly-fishing streams and, along with the nearby Beaverkill, is considered the birthplace of fly fishing in the United States. OSI's conservation of the land will support the near-pristine habitat that brook trout need to thrive, while at the same time supporting local fishing tourism.

A small network of logging roads crisscrosses the property, providing an opportunity to establish trails that support hiking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, fishing, and hunting. Once transferred to DEC, the land may be opened to the public in accordance with the state's unit management plan for the site.

OSI purchased the property for \$6.2 million dollars with support from its Delaware River Watershed Protection Fund (DRWPF) and an anonymous foundation.

Launched in 2014 with funding from the William Penn Foundation's Delaware River Watershed Initiative, OSI's DRWPF has protected more than 25,000 acres of forested land to safeguard water quality in the Delaware River Watershed, a vital region for safeguarding resilient landscapes and clean water resources.

## About OSI

The Open Space Institute is a national leader in land conservation and efforts to make parks and other protected land more welcoming for all. Since 1974, OSI has partnered in the protection of more than 2.5 million at-risk and environmentally sensitive acres in the eastern U.S. and Canada. OSI's land protection promotes clean air and water, improves access to recreation, provides wildlife habitat, strengthens communities, and combats the devastating effects of extreme weather and flooding.

# Ellenville Regional Hospital Promotes Healthy Eating During National Nutrition Month



Ellenville, NY - 3/13/2025 - This March, Ellenville Regional Hospital (ERH) is proud to celebrate National Nutrition Month, an annual campaign that highlights the importance of healthy eating habits, proper nutrition, and wellness education. Through a variety of programs, workshops, and expert guidance, ERH is committed to

empowering the community with knowledge and resources to make informed food choices and build healthier lifestyles.

At Ellenville Regional Hospital, we believe that good nutrition is the foundation of good health, whether it's through managing chronic conditions, preventing disease, or simply improving overall well-being, nutrition plays a crucial role in long-term health.

### National Nutrition Month Activities at ERH

Ellenville Regional Hospital Rural Health Network offers education, support, and wellness initiatives designed to help the community prioritize their health, including:

- o Nutrition Counseling - Our Registered Dietitian provides personalized meal planning, dietary education, and nutrition support for individuals managing diabetes, kidney disease, heart conditions, and weight management.
- o Pharmacy 2025 - Our innovative food access program ensures that fresh, nutritious foods are available to community members in need, promoting healthier eating choices and supporting local agriculture.
- o Fitness Classes -ERH Rural Health Network offers free fitness classes that encourage physical activity as an essential component of a healthy lifestyle.

### Why Nutrition Matters

A healthy diet can help prevent and manage conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, obesity, and high blood pressure. By making small, sustainable dietary changes, individuals can significantly improve their overall health, energy levels, and quality of life.

### Get Involved & Take Action

Ellenville Regional Hospital invites community members to join us in celebrating National Nutrition Month by participating in our programs and services, meeting with our nutrition experts, and learning more about how better nutrition can lead to a healthier future.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment with a Registered Dietitian, visit [Erhny.org] or call (845) 647-6400 Ext. 215

**About Ellenville Regional Hospital:**  
Ellenville Regional Hospital is a critical access hospital dedicated to providing high-quality, patient-centered care in Ulster County and the surrounding rural communities. Our Rural Health Network offers comprehensive healthcare programs focused on nutrition, prevention, wellness, and community engagement to improve health outcomes for all.



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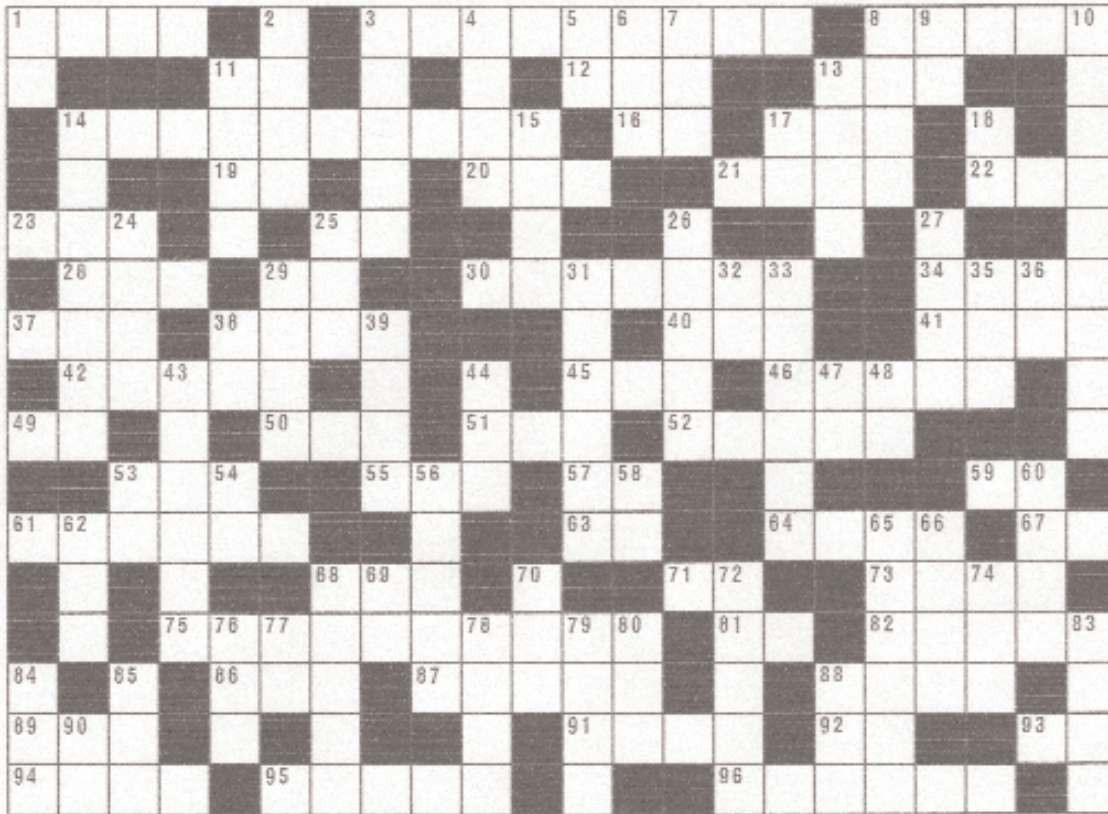


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Spring into Spring! - L. Comando



**ACROSS**

- 1 State of being alive
- 3 Tropical fruit that resembles a pine cone
- 8 Ebony
- 11 A preposition
- 12 Hot brewed beverage
- 13 Move at high speed
- 14 Egg shaped
- 16 Advertisement
- 17 Human male adult
- 19 Regarding
- 20 High temperature
- 21 Sang a song
- 22 In succession
- 23 Blossom
- 25 A thing in general
- 28 Electrically charged atom
- 29 Rural Route
- 30 Four divisions of a year
- 34 Unit of land
- 37 Lennon's wife
- 38 Party-colored

- 40 Grand Old Party
- 41 Route
- 42 Curved path of a celestial body
- 45 Runs
- 46 Make new again
- 49 Bullock
- 50 Distinct period of history
- 51 Having three
- 52 A set of metal rods that produce a melodious sound
- 53 Personified US Fed Government Uncle
- 55 A definite article
- 57 Vermont
- 59 Chemical silver
- 61 Relating to spring
- 62 Each
- 64 Performed well
- 67 Expression of surprise

- 68 Part of the mouth
- 71 Since
- 73 Course of someone life
- 75 Half a sphere
- 81 Father
- 82 New
- 86 Record of events of a voyage
- 87 Chinese magnolia
- 88 Velocipede
- 89 Adam's wife
- 91 Norse goddess of Spring
- 92 Alternating Current
- 93 Kiloliters
- 94 Risk
- 95 Begin
- 96 Narrow river

**DOWN**

- 1 Los Angeles
- 2 A category of things
- 3 Sharp end of a tool
- 4 Biblical patriarch
- 5 Expressing a particular loca-

- tion
- 6 Edible legume
- 7 Cushion
- 8 Type of cherry
- 9 Long-Playing
- 10 Practical understanding of a subject
- 11 Warm-blooded feathered animal
- 13 Unconventional
- 14 Time of the year when the sun crosses the equator
- 15 Solitary
- 17 12th star of a constellation
- 18 Links alternatives
- 24 Portal
- 25 Anger
- 26 Codification of proven principles
- 27 Easily manageable
- 29 A ceremony
- 31 Got here
- 32 Not any
- 33 Season we are entering

- 35 Domestic bovine
- 36 Egyptian Sun God
- 38 3.14159
- 39 Expression of annoyance
- 43 Part of a tree that grows from a bough
- 44 Has already eaten
- 47 12 pts.
- 48 Northeast
- 53 Senior
- 54 Mother
- 56 Feeling content
- 58 Brit's thank you
- 60 Leaves
- 62 Gamete
- 65 A work room
- 66 Without light
- 68 Source of illumination
- 69 Exist
- 70 Snakelike fish
- 72 Whirls
- 74 Small peg used for golf
- 76 Large tree

- 77 Missouri
- 78 Cause pain
- 79 Spring precipitation
- 80 Final part
- 83 A circle of light
- 84 Furniture used for resting
- 85 For each
- 88 Long rod
- 90 Virginia

**Easy Taco Salad**

For the beef filling:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
  - 1 1/4 pounds lean ground beef
  - 1 cup bottled fire roasted salsa
  - 2 teaspoons chili powder
  - 1 teaspoon ground cumin
  - Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- For the salad:
- 1 head romaine lettuce or iceberg lettuce, chopped
  - 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed (optional)
  - 1 cup Shredded Mexican cheese blend
  - 2 roma tomatoes, diced (or 1 1/2 cups grape tomatoes)
  - 1 avocado, diced (optional)
  - 5 tablespoons sour cream (optional)
  - 1/4 cup chopped red onion (optional)
  - Crunchy tortilla bowls OR tortilla chips for serving (optional)

In a 12-inch skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Add beef to the skillet, cooking thoroughly until browned and cooked through. Drain the fat. Stir in the salsa, chili powder, and cumin. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Allow to warm all ingredients and then remove from heat. Create your individual salads in crispy tortilla bowls or on plates. Layer lettuce, beans (if using), cheese, tomatoes, and additional optional toppings such as sour cream, avocado, and red onion. Serve with tortilla chips if not using a tortilla bowl!

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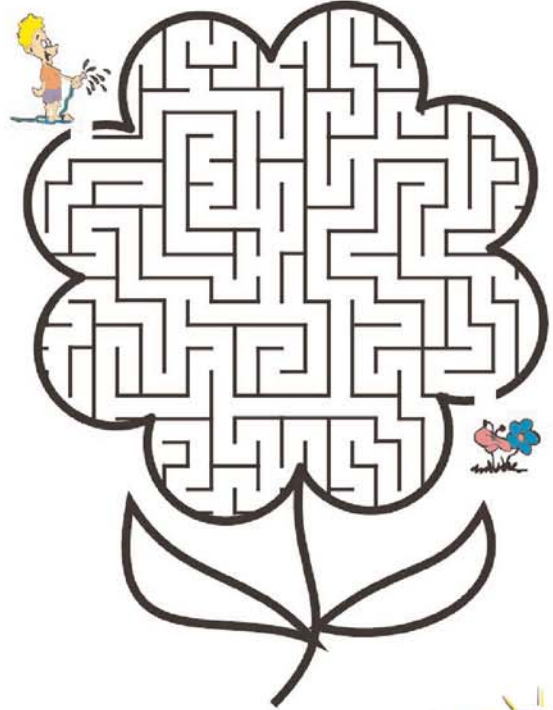
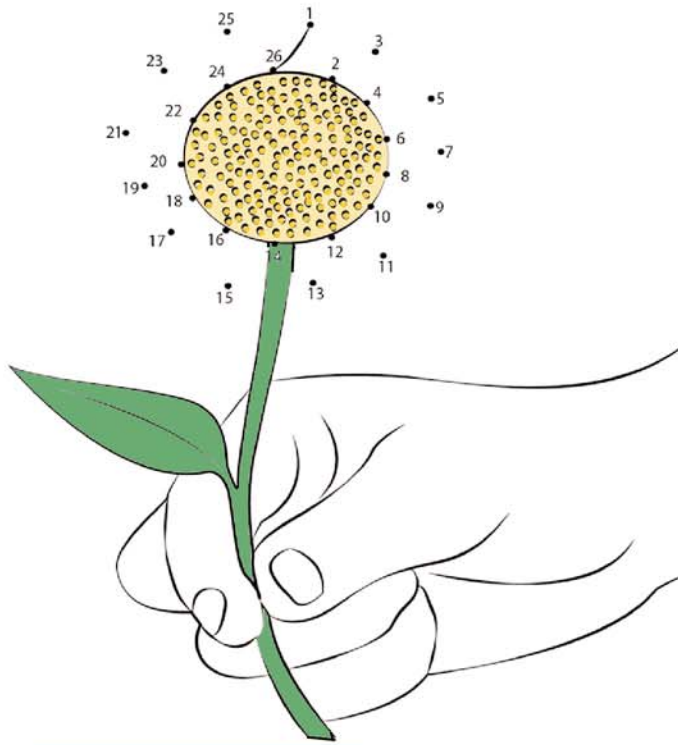
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**Kids' Spring Fun Page**

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**Springtime Wordsearch**



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- Word list:
- BLOOM
  - FLOWER
  - GRASS
  - GREEN
  - GROW
  - NEST
  - PARK
  - RAIN
  - SEED
  - WARM



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## LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, The Town of Denning is seeking sealed bids for **Delivered Material**:

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

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

The Highway Superintendent must be informed upon ordering of any and all fuel charges to be added to any material delivery, followed by a fax to serve as written notice.

**All material must be delivered to the Town, within the confines of the Town of Denning.**

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

The Highway Superintendent reserves the right to reject any material deemed unacceptable.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD

Nancy Parrow Town Clerk / Tax Collector / RMO

March 12th, 2025

## LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

The annual Plot-Holders' meeting of the **Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association** will be held on Wednesday, March 26 or, in the event of bad weather, Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Grahamsville.

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### LEGAL NOTICE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of the state of New York, a Board of Education Meeting will be held on Thursday, **March, 27, 2025** at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School Lower Level Collaboration Center. This Regular Board of Education Meeting shall be held at the time and place stated herein.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing  
Expenditure of Highway Machinery  
Capital Reserve Funds Subject to  
Permissive Referendum

2026 Mack Granite  
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Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Neversink will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY, at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time, on April 9, 2025 in connection with the expenditure of Highway Machinery Capital Reserve Funds. Said expenditure is for the purchase of a 2026 Mack Granite 4x6 Single Axle Plow with Frink American/Everest Plow and Wing System in an amount not to exceed \$320,000.00, at which time all interested persons will be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD,  
TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
STACI CONJURA, TOWN CLERK  
DATED: MARCH 17, 2025

## Burn Ban Now in Effect Statewide

Monticello, NY - With the New York State Burn Ban currently in effect and running through May 15, Sullivan County Fire Coordinator John Hauschild is emphasizing the fact that open burning isn't just illegal - it's incredibly dangerous.

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

at 7:00 p.m.

at the Tri-Valley Central School District  
Secondary School Lower Level  
Collaboration Center  
Regular Board of Education Meeting.

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“Snow and ice are still around, but vegetation is really dry and easily set aflame by sparks and ash,” he explained. “I’m urging everyone to avoid open burning and the consequences that can come with it: callouts of local fire departments, damage to plants and properties, and injuries - even death. Even if you start a fire accidentally, you can be held legally liable for the consequences.”

According to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), open burning of debris is the single-largest cause of spring wildfires in the State. For details on the burn ban, visit the DEC's website at [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/32060.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/32060.html).



This was just some of the damage caused by a brush fire in Westbrookville a few years ago, and local fire departments are bracing for numerous callouts, should residents not heed the current Statewide burn ban.

## UC Executive Jen Metzger Appoints Janet Nuñez as Site Program Manager for Trudy Farber Center in Ellenville New Position Aims to Bolster Services and Programs for Southwestern Ulster County

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has appointed Janet Marie Nuñez to the new position of Site Program Manager at the Trudy Resnick Farber building in Ellenville. The position was created as part of a larger effort by the County Executive to reinvigorate the Trudy Resnick Center as a hub for County services, resources, and community programs in southwestern Ulster County. The new position was one of the top suggestions that came out of community forums organized by the Executive's office to gather input on a "reimagined" Trudy Resnick Farber Center that better serves residents' needs.



A community Meet and Greet with Janet is planned for Friday, March 21, from 12 to 1 p.m., at the Trudy Farber Center, and residents are invited to stop by and learn more about her role and the services provided. The Center is located at 50 Center Street in Ellenville.

Nuñez brings to her new role a wealth of experience in human services and a deep knowledge of the Ellenville/Wawarsing community. As a bilingual professional, fluent in both English and Spanish, Nuñez will be able to serve the whole community, including the nearly 30% of Ellenville residents who speak Spanish in the home.

Most recently, Janet served as Assistant Program Director for Family of Ellenville, where she connected a diverse population to services, advocated for clients to obtain benefits, performed short-term crisis counseling, and assisted with training, information, and referrals. Prior to this position, she served as an Adult Case Manager Specialist and Evolve Facilitator at Family of Woodstock, where she provided client-centered services and resources to assist individuals and families in reaching their goals.

As Site Program Manager at the Trudy Farber Center, Nuñez is responsible for connecting people with available community services, programs, and resources to address their needs - no appointment necessary. Nuñez will serve as a NY Connects liaison, a New York State program that provides information about long-term services and supports available to residents. She will also coordinate programming and organize events at the Center, and will help create a welcoming and inclusive space where individuals and their families can access essential services, participate in recreational activities, and build connections with their community. Nuñez will work closely with local organizations, government agencies, and community leaders to identify and promote available resources, such as healthcare services, education programs, and employment opportunities, ensuring that everyone has access to these vital services. With her exten-

sive experience in program management and community outreach, Nuñez is well-equipped to build strong relationships with stakeholders, foster partnerships, and drive positive change in the community.

"I am thrilled to welcome Janet Nuñez to our team," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "Her extensive background in human services, bilingual skills, and deep familiarity with the Ellenville/Wawarsing community make her an ideal candidate for this role. She is a positive, can-do person who cares deeply about the community, and will be an invaluable resource to the residents of Ellenville/Wawarsing and neighboring towns."

"Community is powerful and provides belonging. Its identity and strength are defined by its resources and its members who hold space, place, and time," said Nuñez. "I'm looking forward to seeing a diverse community of generations, cultures, abilities, and socio-economic classes come together to become cohesive and nurturing to all. The Trudy Resnick Farber Center can be the vibrant hub of community and resources that can support and reflect the resilience, tenacity and value that is Ellenville and its neighbors."

Nuñez is currently working toward her Human Services degree, and will continue to volunteer at Family of Woodstock. In addition to her professional achievements, Nuñez is a member of the Ellenville Central School District My Brother's Keeper program.

## Fallsburg CSD to Host Family Engagement Day

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District is excited to announce that they will be hosting their Fall Family Engagement Day Extravaganza on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School. All are welcome to attend the free-of-charge event, which will include live music, fun games for the children, food, and raffle prizes! The pool will also be available during the event. It is recommended for guests to bring their own swim gear if they plan to visit the pool.

Free transportation by Rolling V Transportation Services will be provided for this event. Here are the following pick-up times and locations:

### Bus One

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 10:30 am: Woodridge Town Hall  
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 2:00 pm: Drop-Off - Return in opposite direction

### Bus Two

10:00 am: Loch Sheldrake Municipal Parking Lot  
 10:15 am: Hurleyville Post Office  
 10:30 am: Laurel Avenue by Apartments  
 10:40 am: Griff Court  
 10:50 am: Main Street Houses in South Fallsburg  
 2:00 pm: Drop-Off - Return in opposite direction

For more information about the event, please visit the district's website at [www.fallsburgcsd.net](http://www.fallsburgcsd.net).

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**Thank you.**

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*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*

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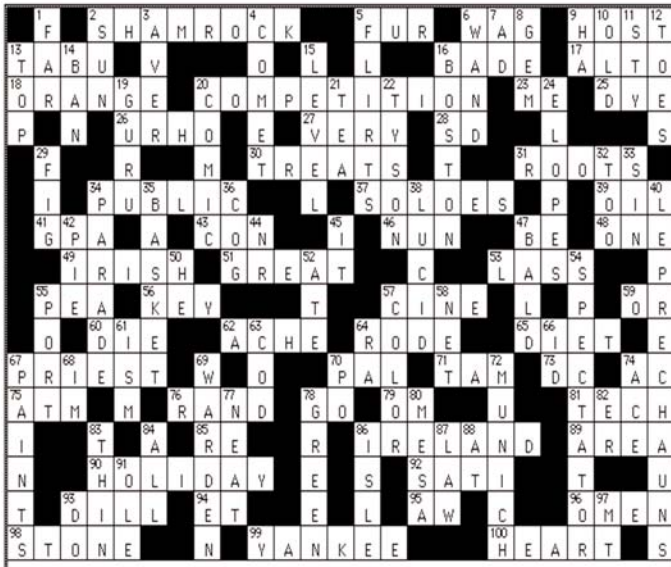
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3/20/25	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
3/20/25	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
4/1/25	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
4/5/25	<b>Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper</b> 5:30 Church
4/8/25	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
4/14/25	Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
4/16/25	<b>Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association</b> 1st meeting of the year-Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm

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

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

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

Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>  
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## Ulster County Legislature

### Weekly Update For The Week Of March 17 - 21, 2025

Legislative Committee Meetings are Livestreamed at

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

#### Monday, March 17

o **2:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Governance Committee**, KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 604 Bradford Ct., Boynton Beach, FL, 33436, and Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 842 6814 2161 Passcode: 228544

o **3:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Finance Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 604 Bradford Ct., Boynton Beach, FL, 33436 and Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 899 3064 3508 Passcode: 456066

o **4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 604 Bradford, Ct., Boynton Beach FL, 33436, 44 Bingham Road, Marlboro and Via Zoom Meeting ID: 881 6521 5958 Passcode: 625849

o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

#### Tuesday, March 18

o **5:00 PM - Audit Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston and Via Legislature Livestream

o **5:00 PM - Audit Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston and Via Legislature Livestream

o **6:00 PM - Democratic Caucus**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o **6:15 PM - Republican Caucus**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

The Following Public Hearings & Legislative Session are held in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Livestream at [youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature](https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature):

o **7:00 PM - Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AAA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law**, On The Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan

o **7:10 PM - Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2025: A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster In Relation To Legislator Qualifications**

o Immediately Following Public Hearings - Legislative Session

#### Wednesday, March 19

o **8:00 AM - Ulster County Workforce Development Board**, in the Office of Employment & Training, 521 Boices Lane, Kingston

o 12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline

#### Thursday, March 20

o **5:00 PM Ulster & Delaware Corridor Advisory Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

#### Friday, March 21

o No Meetings



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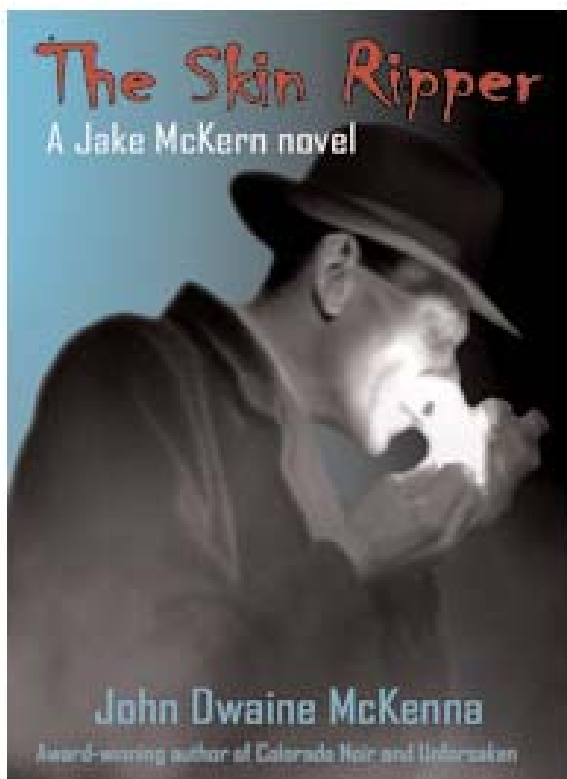
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# Ulster County Clerk's Office Celebrates Women's History Month with New Historical Profiles Exhibit Panel Honoring Catherine Murdock



*Post Card of Old Lighthouse at Mouth of Rondout Creek*

sibility of maintaining the beacon, guiding vessels safely through treacherous waters, and ensuring the well-being of passing mariners. She accomplished all of this while raising seven children, balancing the demands of motherhood with the physically and mentally exhausting duties of a lighthouse keeper. Her unwavering commitment made her the longest-serving lighthouse keeper in the nation at the time of her retirement in 1907.

“Catherine Murdock’s story is one of resilience, perseverance, and service to her community,” said Acting Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck. “Not only did she take on a traditionally male role, but she did so while raising a family in an isolated and often harsh environment. As we celebrate Women’s History Month, it is an honor to share the legacy of a woman who defied expectations and illuminated the way—both literally and figuratively—for future generations.”

This exhibit panel, curated by the Ulster County Clerk’s Archives Division and County Historian, highlights Murdock’s extraordinary career and contributions through historical photographs, documents, and personal accounts. It offers a compelling look at the vital role women have played in shaping Ulster County’s history and the maritime heritage of the Hudson Valley.

Following its display at the Ulster County Office Building, the exhibit panel will be available for display at other historic sites, community organizations, and educational institutions. Groups interested in hosting the panel can contact the Ulster County Clerk’s Archives at (845) 340-3415 or via email at [archives@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:archives@co.ulster.ny.us) for more details.

The Ulster County Clerk’s Office is dedicated to preserving and sharing the rich history of Ulster County through archival initiatives, public outreach, and educational programming. For more information about this or other outreach programs, please contact Acting County Clerk Taylor Bruck at (845) 340-3040 or [countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us).

Kingston, NY - The Ulster County Clerk’s Office is proud to announce the latest installment in its Historical Profiles series in honor of Women’s History Month. A new exhibit panel celebrating the life and legacy of Catherine Ann Murdock, one of the first female lighthouse keepers in the United States, will be on display throughout March in the lobby of the Ulster County Office Building at 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY.

Born in Esopus in 1828, Catherine Murdock shattered gender barriers by dedicating 51 years of service as the head lighthouse keeper of the Rondout Light Station on the Hudson River. Following the tragic death of her husband in 1857, she took on the respon-



*Catherine Murdock*

# DEC Reminds New Yorkers: Statewide Residential Brush Burning Prohibition Starts March 16

## *Annual Spring Burn Ban Reduces Wildfire Risks, Protects Lives and Property*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton 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 and first responders during heightened conditions for wildfires.

"Prevention is best, and after a dry and windy winter season, DEC is encouraging New Yorkers to protect themselves and their communities by complying with the State's two-month burn ban that starts this Sunday, March 16," Acting Commissioner Lefton said. "As the seasons change, melting snow leaves behind dead leaves and brush more likely to catch fire and put our communities and natural resources at risk. In addition to protecting land and structures, the burn ban keeps DEC Forest Rangers and other firefighters safe and ready to respond to emergencies."

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, too often have to leave their jobs and families to respond to wildfires caused by illegal debris fires. DEC continually updates a Fire Danger Map on DEC's website as a resource to view local conditions.

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/wildfires/fire-danger-map>

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 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 in homes and communities, go to DEC's FIREWISE New York webpage. <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/wildfires/firewise-new-york>

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). <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/fs/programs/press/ForestRangers/BurnBanP/SA2025.mp4>

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# UC Executive Metzger Announces that Ulster County Surpassed 2025 'Green Fleet' Target Releases 2024 Green Fleet Report

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has released the 2024 Green Fleet Annual Report, which found that the County met and exceeded its target of 20% green vehicles by 2025, reaching 22% of the County's 472 light-duty vehicles (a total of 104 green vehicles) in 2024. The County adopted a Green Fleet Policy in 2015, and then strengthened the policy in 2023 to align with County Executive Metzger's Executive Order on Climate, issued in January of that year. Vehicles that are considered "green" include battery hybrid vehicles, plug-in electric hybrid vehicles, and fully electric vehicles.

The annual report provides data on the County government's fleet inventory, fuel use, and emissions, assesses progress in meeting the goals of the County's Green Fleet Policy, and makes recommendations based on the report's findings. The report can be found at <https://ulstercountyny.gov/environment/sustainability-energy/green-fleet-initiative>.

Other highlights of the report:

- o Nearly half of all light-duty fleet purchases in 2024 were green.
  - o The County departments with the most green vehicles are Social Services, Health, and Veteran Services.
  - o The County has installed 91 Electric Vehicle (EV) charging plugs, with more planned for this year, including charging hubs with fast-chargers at the County building at 1061 Development Court in the Town of Ulster and at the County's Trudy Farber Building in Ellenville.
- The report makes a number of recommendations, including:
- o Education and training for relevant staff to make sure plug-in hybrids are being utilized for maximum efficiency and energy savings.
  - o Identifying opportunities to reduce fleet size and promote shared vehicles.
  - o Continuing electrification of UCAT buses as well as non-road and landscaping equipment. (UCAT will be adding two more all-electric buses in 2025.)

"We are ahead of schedule in greening our fleet of County vehicles, which not only reduces harmful emissions but also saves money on vehicle maintenance and fuel," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "Ulster County will continue to lead on clean energy solutions because it's the right thing to do for the planet, for taxpayers, and for our children's future. I want to give a special thanks to DPW Deputy Commissioner Kim Millian, who manages the County fleet and deserves a lot of the credit for surpassing the County's 2025 green fleet target."

"We are thrilled that Ulster County is ahead of schedule in meeting Green Fleet goals, and we will continue our efforts to build out the charging infrastructure to support the

transition to a 100% green fleet by 2035," said Europa McGovern, Ulster County Department of the Environment Director. "We are excited to share that the County's new Community EV Charging Hub at Development Court in the Town of Ulster is about to come online, with both Level 2 Fast Charging plugs available for public use."

"As fleet manager, I've seen firsthand the significant cost savings that come with transitioning to green vehicles," said Kim Millian, Deputy Director of Ulster County DPW and Fleet Manager. "We've been tracking these maintenance costs since 2017, when we added plug-in hybrid and all-electric vehicles to our fleet, and the results have been astonishing. For instance, since 2017, our maintenance costs for an all-gas car were \$8,100, whereas our plug-in hybrid vehicles required only \$4,100, and our all-electric vehicles needed a mere \$500. That's a whopping 93% reduction in maintenance costs! The reduced wear and tear on electric vehicles, combined with lower operating costs, has led to substantial savings over time. This is not just a feel-good initiative - it's a smart business decision that benefits our bottom line and the environment. As we continue to grow our fleet of green vehicles, we're confident that we'll see even greater returns on our investment."

"Exceeding our environmental goals with our Green Fleet program is exciting in a number of ways," said Legislator Chris Hewitt, chair of the County's Energy, Environment and Sustainability committee. "The Green Fleet report shows that our County officials are dedicated to making rapid progress in moving toward a regenerative economy, that our goals have been realistic, and that we have the local political will to address environmental concerns. I applaud the Department of Environment, Department of Public Works and the County's executive team for remaining dedicated to upgrading our local infrastructure and fleet to be more green and regenerative. This is a tremendous step forward on our path to using 70% renewable energy in the County by 2030."

"We applaud County Executive Jen Metzger and the County staff who have worked hard to ensure that half of all fleet purchases in 2024 were electric," said Betta Broad, Campaign Director of New Yorkers for Clean Power, and Director of Advocacy at the Association for Energy Affordability. "It is especially inspiring that despite the rollback of clean energy programs at the federal level, in Ulster County we remain committed to implementing modern, clean technologies that drive towards a healthier future for all of us."

## BACKGROUND

In January 2023, County Executive Metzger issued Executive Order #1 to align the County's climate and energy goals with the NYS Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. The Executive Order called for strengthening the County's Green Fleet Policy, and the Legislature adopted changes consistent with the Executive Order in August 2023. All purchases of cars and light-duty trucks must be zero-emissions vehicles, where feasible. This fleet, along with UCAT buses and non-road equipment, must be 100% zero emissions by 2035. Medium- and heavy-duty trucks and equipment are to be zero-emissions by 2040, where feasible.

In a related initiative, the County will open a second round of EV charging grants this summer for towns and villages, thanks to an ARPA-funded program created by the County Legislature.



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# DEC Announces 17th Year of the Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings Project in the Hudson Valley

*Volunteers Advised to Put Safety First While Helping Amphibians Cross the Road*

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that warmer temperatures and rain have spurred the start of annual migrations of vernal pool breeding amphibians like frogs and salamanders. Throughout the Hudson Valley, Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings (AM&RC) Project volunteers are surveying roads to safeguard the continued movement of frogs and salamanders and reduce amphibian road mortality.

“Every year, DEC's Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings Project draws hundreds of volunteers to help protect salamanders and frogs on the move in the Hudson Valley, migrating from forests to vernal pools,” said DEC Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton. “I thank the volunteers who come out to support this great program and encourage anyone traveling roads this time of year to be on the lookout for these vulnerable amphibians to help keep them safe.”

DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program and Cornell University initiated the AM&RC Project to raise awareness about critical amphibian habitat, engage volunteers to help collect data on the annual migration, and decrease amphibian road mortality. More than 1,000 volunteers have participated in the effort since 2009, helping to move an estimated 48,000 salamanders, frogs, and toads safely across roads. DEC supports programs like the AM&RC Project to connect New Yorkers to nature, educate people about the importance of wetlands and healthy, connected forests, and encourage proactive conservation planning to prevent habitat fragmentation. The program is critical for maintaining the state's rich diversity of plants and animals, and especially the vernal pool-breeding amphibians of conservation concern throughout the Northeast range.

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

The timing of migration is weather-dependent, with concentrated activity on the first rainy nights of the season when the ground is thawed and night air temperatures remain above 40 degrees Fahrenheit. The timing of migration varies throughout the Hudson River estuary watershed, but when weather conditions are just right, there can be explosive “big night” migrations with hundreds of amphibians on the move. On their journeys between forest

habitat and breeding pools, these amphibians often need to cross roads, where mortality can be high even when traffic is low.

This year, the first pulse of migration was observed by AM&RC volunteers on March 5, a rainy night with an average evening temperature of 49 degrees. Volunteers surveyed roads from the Lower Hudson Valley to the Capital District and counted 1,600 amphibians, most of which were wood frogs and spring peepers. While volunteers were able to assist 800 amphibians safely across roads, more than 40 percent were found dead. On the next warm, rainy nights, DEC expects more salamander and frog species will be migrating.

AM&RC volunteers document road locations where they observe migrations in the Hudson Valley, record weather and traffic conditions, and identify and count amphibians on the move. Volunteers also carefully help the amphibians safely cross roads. Since the project started, volunteers have documented 20 species and counted more than 58,000 live amphibians and 24,000 migrating amphibians killed by passing vehicles. Species reported most frequently during migration nights include spotted salamander, wood frog, and spring peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*). To a lesser degree, volunteers also observe Jefferson-blue spotted salamander complex and four-toed salamander (*Hemidactylium scutatum*), two species of conservation concern in New York.

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

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

For more information, including a short video about amphibian migrations, visit DEC's website. Photos of recent migration of vernal pool amphibians in Albany County are available on DEC's Flickr page. DEC held in-person and virtual trainings for volunteers in February with 164 participants. New Yorkers interested in volunteering to participate in this annual event are encouraged to watch a series of training videos on YouTube and read the Volunteer Handbook (PDF). In addition, potential volunteers can access a recording of the training and use materials available on the project website to learn more. Anyone interested in receiving project updates and news about the migration can subscribe to the project e-newsletter through DEC Delivers. [https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/NYSDEC/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=NYSDEC\\_180](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/NYSDEC/subscriber/new?topic_id=NYSDEC_180)

## Join the Sullivan 180 Merchant Discount Program

*Support volunteers and projects to build a healthy Sullivan County*

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180, in partnership with the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, is inviting businesses to join the 2025 Merchant Discount Program. The program offers discounts on supplies, materials, or services to support grant funded projects and volunteer efforts to build a healthier Sullivan County.

Sullivan 180 offers grant opportunities to schools, community groups, and municipalities through programs including Beautification, Catskill Edible Garden Project (CEGP), Community Development, Empowering a Healthier Generation (EHG), the Healthiest Fire Department Challenge, and Municipal Partnership. Grant amounts range depending on the program and scope of the project.

"The Merchant Discount Program is a win-win for our community - businesses support local projects, grant recipients stretch their dollars further, and together, we build a healthier, more beautiful Sullivan County," said Carmela Hugel, Beautification Program Manager at Sullivan 180.

Businesses can extend the reach of these funds while promoting local spending. Participating businesses set a discount rate on products or services. These discounts typically range from 10% to 20% and are offered directly to the community and school-based projects.

"The Merchant Discount Program is a fantastic way for local businesses to give back while also benefiting from increased engagement with community projects," said Ashley Leavitt, President/CEO of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce. "By participating, businesses are not only supporting important initiatives but also strengthening connections with customers who value and appreciate their contributions to Sullivan County."

All businesses, including Chamber members and non-members, are encouraged to participate. For more information on how to join the program contact Carmela Hugel at 845-295-254-2453 or Carmela@sullivan180.org.

## Consultant for Ulster County Completes Government Salary Study

*Data will Help Inform Employee Compensation Plan and Will be Presented to Audit Committee Today*

KINGSTON, NY - Baker Tilly International, a consulting and public accounting firm, has completed a salary study commissioned by the Ulster County Legislature in 2022 to assess the overall structure of compensation for County employees and how salaries compare internally and with peer organizations. The study will help inform the development of a pay plan for the County's 1,452 employees and negotiations currently underway with the County's five unions. The report is being presented to the Audit Committee of the Legislature at 5 p.m. today.

To view a livestream of the meeting, visit [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYtg6uV\\_Sql](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYtg6uV_Sql)

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Baker Tilly compared Ulster County salaries to Albany, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Sullivan Counties, as well as to the City of Kingston and to New York State agencies and departments. In addition, Baker Tilly conducted an analysis of private sector data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Economic Research Institute, Comp Analyst and Pay Factors.

The study also considered job requirements specific to each position in Ulster County government, such as education level and years of experience required, the degree of difficulty of work performed, the physical demands of the job, and other characteristics.

"The Baker Tilly report provides data for understanding how we compare with other public employers, and also provides a framework for the County's overall compensation structure, which has evolved organically over many years and could be made simpler, fairer, and more transparent," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "We are evaluating the report's data in collaboration with our union counterparts. It is important to keep in mind that this study is just one input into a new pay plan and not the pay plan itself. Our goal at the end of the day is to ensure that our hard-working employees are fairly compensated, and that we are able to recruit and retain a quality workforce."

Baker Tilly's presentation includes three recommended implementation scenarios for evaluation, ranging in cost from \$2.1 million to \$5 million in salary expense. Under no scenario would an employee's pay be reduced from their current compensation. Each of these scenarios are being evaluated by the County in collaboration with union leadership through the negotiation process.



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## River Rep Gala Tickets Now on Sale!

It's our biggest fundraising event of the year! We have an amazing lineup of entertainment, great food from your favorite area restaurants is being donated, and we have some amazing items up for silent auction (the silent auction will begin online in mid-April and end the evening of the event). PLEASE, consider getting your tickets early (or, maybe even, like, right now). You can go to [myrivertickets.com](http://myrivertickets.com) or the link in our website, [riverrep.org](http://riverrep.org) Hope to see you on April 26th!

## Amphibian Migration Workshop

Join Dr. Elizabeth Bastiaans on Saturday, March 22, from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM at the Catskills Visitor Center for a hands-on workshop to learn how you can assist amphibians during their annual spring migration. The program begins with an indoor session on amphibian migration, species ID, & safe road-crossing assistance, followed by an outdoor exploration to observe spring amphibians in their habitat.

For more information and to register go to:  
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## Wayne County Arts Alliance announces Opening of Earth Echoes

The Wayne County Arts Alliance is excited to announce the opening of a new art exhibition: EARTH ECHOES April 3-May 3 at the WCAA Gallery 959 Main Street Honesdale PA. Join us on April 5 for an Artist Talk at 3pm followed by the Opening Reception 5-8pm.

Naomi Teppich, curator of this exhibition, would like to present the Wayne County audience with unique views of nature as experienced by four artists: Robyn Almquist, Pamela Casper, Naomi Teppich, and Alice Zinnes. These artists have been selected because of their talent, how they experience nature as it contends with climate change, and their political activism. Visual artists can help us with solving our ecological problems that we are faced with today, by first bringing them to our attention, and then inspiring creative solutions.

Robyn Almquist, who lives and works in Livingston Manor, NY paints trees and mountains and makes lenticular printings showing the change in the landscape from a calm scene to a raging wildfire. She often adds linoleum cut images collaged to her casein paintings.

Pamela Casper, based in Brooklyn, NY and Masonville, NY offers intricate pencil and charcoal drawings of tree

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branches and nests, oil and watercolor paintings, as well as abandoned three-dimensional nests in barbed wires and mixed media. She is fascinated by the subterranean life below the ground.

Naomi Teppich responds to mushrooms, both drawn and colored, and floral-like stoneware sculptural fungi. Her work beckons this organism to recycle our soils, enter symbiotic relationships with trees, and to save our forest environments. Her studio and home is in Damascus, PA.

Alice Zinnes, based in Brooklyn, NY and Milanville, PA, in her oil paintings and watercolors responds to myths and stories that transform mysterious worlds, where the boundaries between underworld and waking earth are traversable. Terror coexists with joy, and loss yields to renewal.

We are thrilled to present the art of these four artists. The exhibition EARTH ECHOES will be on display April 3 - May 3. The WCAA Gallery and Artisan Shop at 959 Main Street, Honesdale is open Thursdays thru Sundays 11am-4pm. Please visit [waynecountysartsalliance.org](http://waynecountysartsalliance.org) for more information about this and all our WCAA programs and events.

# Hudson Valley Cannabis Roll Call Honors Women's History Month with a Groundbreaking Event: *"Women Breaking Barriers in Cannabis"* Celebrated the powerful women leading the charge in the cannabis revolution

Lake Katrine, NY- - In honor of *Women's History Month*, *Hudson Valley Cannabis Roll Call* rolled out the red carpet for women entrepreneurs and industry leaders on Friday, March 14th, 2025, at Lake Katrine, NY 12499. This event, "Women Breaking Barriers in Cannabis", shone a bold spotlight on the trailblazing women who are reshaping the cannabis industry with innovation, passion, and an unyielding commitment to progress.

It was an evening of empowerment, inspiration, and game-changing discussions that showcased the immense talent and leadership of women in cannabis. They were told to expect the unexpected as they gathered a powerhouse panel of trailblazers who are redefining the future of cannabis in the Hudson Valley and beyond.

#### Event Highlights:

- o **Unfiltered Panel Discussions:** Featuring a star-studded lineup of women entrepreneurs and visionaries, including Dasheeda Dawson (Cannabis NYC), Tiffany McPhail (Happy Tree), April Becker Macchio (Unify Retreat & Motel), and Wendy Bertran (Sensimilla de Ma). They provided insider insights as they shared their journeys, hard-fought victories, and what lies ahead in this booming industry.
- o **Spotlight on Women-Owned Businesses:** A showcase of local, women-owned cannabis businesses, offered attendees an up-close look at the exciting products and services propelling the cannabis movement forward with booth spaces displaying products.
- o **Exclusive Networking Opportunities:** Connect with like-minded professionals, entrepreneurs, and cannabis advocates are driving economic development and innovation in the region. Whether you're an established player or an emerging entrepreneur, this event gave attendees a chance to build meaningful connections.

#### Quote from Organizer:

"As we celebrate Women's History Month, we are beyond excited to spotlight the fearless women who are not just making strides, but breaking down barriers in cannabis," said Tamika Dunkley. "This event will celebrate their monumental achievements, foster empowering conversations, and inspire the next wave of female leaders in the industry."

#### About Hudson Valley Cannabis Roll Call:

Hudson Valley Cannabis Roll Call is a premier networking and advocacy organization dedicated to driving economic growth, innovation, and inclusivity within the cannabis industry. Through dynamic events, educational resources, and community support, we empower entrepreneurs and businesses to thrive in this rapidly evolving market.

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<https://delawarevalleyartsalliance.submittable.com/submit/262732d9-2380-49fa-99f2-f473521b41a8/call-for-submissions-frack-crack-bomb-bang>

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

We have partnered with Damascus Citizens for Sustainability (DCS) and the Ohio Valley Allies to collect oral histories and narratives from people living on the front lines of "frack country". Links to these stories can be found here.

We invite artists to choose one or more narratives to act as a spark, a springboard, for a creative work. If selected, there will be further opportunities to collaborate with narrators, community members, and the Ohio Valley Allies.

#### DETAILS

- o Two projects will be selected.
- o Stipend of \$2,500
- o We invite proposals from any artistic medium that will culminate in a physical presentation.
- o We welcome collaborations or multi-artist proposals
- o We will provide housing and transportation, technical support, and expertise
- o Projects will be presented by DVAA in Narrowsburg, NY over the weekend of July 18th - 20th, 2025 during Upstate Art Weekend.

#### ABOUT OUR PARTNERS

Damascus Citizens for Sustainability (DCS) endeavors to protect the community's right to clean water, air, and land. In 2008, they spearheaded the fracking fight in the Upper Delaware River Basin, which led to the ban on fracking within the basin, and continue to fight for local and regional environmental justice issues.

A community organization built with a grassroots spirit, the Ohio Valley Allies spreads awareness about the dangerous impacts of fracking and empowers people by providing resources, education, and support to protect their health, environments, and communities.

#### ABOUT DVAA

DVAA serves as a home in the Upper Delaware Valley and Sullivan Catskills Region, giving artists platforms to share their voices in our galleries, on our stages, and at our festivals, including Riverfest in July and the Big Eddy Film Festival held every September. DVAA funds Sullivan County creatives and cultural organizations through our role as the county's Arts Council.

#### SUPPORT

DVAA's programs are made possible thanks in part to the New York State Council on the Arts, a State Agency with support from the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature; the Nancy Stevenson Memorial Fund; the Heartland Embers Fund, our Business Sponsors; DVAA members; and individuals like you.

## Governor Hochul Announces New Measures to Simplify Reporting of Drug Price Spikes

### New DFS Connect Platform Makes It Easier for New Yorkers To File Complaints About Drug Price Spikes and Allows Local Small Pharmacies To Seek Assistance in Resolving Complaints Against Pharmacy Benefit Managers *Replaced Outdated Systems With Single Streamlined Platform To Improve Oversight and Ensures Better Service*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the launch of DFS Connect; a new digital program launched by the Department of Financial Services (DFS) that will centralize the Department's interactions with both regulated entities and consumers and ensure better service to businesses and consumers. Building on the State's actions to protect New Yorkers from rising drug costs, the initial functions launched today on DFS Connect provide a streamlined and transparent way to file complaints for prescription drug prices that increase more than 50 percent over the course of a year and Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). Additionally, individuals can file complaints via mail or by calling the DFS Hotline.

"New Yorkers deserve a transparent and accessible option for reporting drug price spikes and holding PBMs and drug manufacturers accountable for their rising costs of prescription medication," Governor Hochul said. "DFS Connect allows for individuals to report these spikes to the State and provide a more efficient service to both consumers and businesses."

In 2021, Governor Hochul signed landmark legislation to bring transparency and a comprehensive regulatory structure to otherwise unregulated PBMs. DFS adopted new market conduct regulations to govern PBMs operating in New York State; helping to protect New Yorkers' access to prescription drugs, prohibiting business practices that increase the cost of certain drugs, and ensuring that small, independent pharmacies compete on a fair playing field with large pharmacies affiliated with Pharmacy Benefit Managers. Since January 2022, DFS has received over 300 complaints regarding PBMs and has recovered a total of more than \$1.3 million for pharmacies and consumers.

With today's launch of DFS Connect, New Yorkers can now submit complaints about prescription drug spikes, PBMs and drug manufacturers. Once a

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complaint is submitted through DFS Connect, an individual can track its status in real-time and communicate directly with DFS staff about their issue. DFS Connect eliminates bureaucratic red tape and creates a user-friendly platform that enhances oversight and ensures better service to regulate businesses and consumers alike. Pharmacies will also be able to report problematic business practices of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) and drug manufacturers.

Over the next three years, all of DFS's regulatory processes and consumer support services will be rolled out on the platform:

- o Q2-Q3 2025: Insurance Acquisition of Control, Reinsurance Agreements, Reinsurer Applications, Disclaimer of Control, Free Trade Zone Applications, Management Services Agreements, Schedule C-1 Filings
- o Q4 2025: Billing and Assessments, Foreclosure Management System Replacement
- o Q1-Q2 2026: Banking & Virtual Currency Examinations
- o Q3-Q4 2026: Licensing and Insurance Examinations
- o Q1-Q2 2027: Full transition of all regulatory processes to DFS Connect, including all consumer complaints

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(From Pg. 42) This tool is also modernizing how DFS oversees financial institutions, ensuring that critical regulatory functions, such as licensing, renewals, examinations and legal filings, are handled seamlessly. Additional functionalities, including insurance-related licensing and examination modules, will be introduced over the next two years, with the full transition to DFS Connect expected in 2026.

As part of its larger operational transformation, DFS has also invested heavily in strengthening its workforce. Over the past three years, DFS has hired and promoted more than 1,000 individuals, including the first class of financial services examiner trainees since 2018. This investment ensures the Department can effectively oversee New York's financial and insurance industries while continuing to enhance con-

sumer protections.

New Yorkers can submit PBM or drug price spike complaints online using DFS Connect, which can be accessed with a new or existing NY.gov account. Paper complaints are available on the Consumer Complaint page, and can be mailed to the Department of Financial Services, Attn: Office of Pharmacy Benefits, 1 Commerce Plaza, Albany, NY 12257. Additionally, the DFS Hotline is staffed Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Call DFS at (800) 342-3736.

For more information or to sign up for DFS Connect, visit the DFS website or the DFS Connect platform.

## Gillibrand Delivers Floor Speech Honoring Dr. Hazel Dukes

*Dr. Dukes was the president of the NAACP New York State Conference and a longtime advocate and activist*

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand delivered a speech on the Senate floor to honor Dr. Hazel Dukes, longtime president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) New York Conference and former national president of the NAACP, who passed away earlier this month.

WATCH GILLIBRAND'S SPEECH ON THE SENATE FLOOR HERE or read the Text Below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CFNRt6iqxLs>  
M. President,

I want to take a moment to honor the late Dr. Hazel Dukes, who died earlier this month. Hazel was not just my mentor and longtime friend - she was an extraordinary advocate for members of the African American community across New York.

When I was first appointed to the Senate, Hazel took me under her wing. She helped me learn how to do my job well and how to serve my constituents effectively.

Hazel was a wise and generous soul. She was a trailblazer for the civil rights movement and the longstanding president of the New York State NAACP. She fought housing discrimination on Long Island and was a tireless advocate for equal educational opportunities. Hazel's leadership shaped the NAACP and she inspired future generations nationwide.

Hazel was truly a treasure, and I was devastated to learn of her passing. Her legacy will live on in the fight for justice she waged and the lives she changed. May we honor her by continuing the work she so fiercely championed.

Hazel, we miss you very much, and we will always remember you.

## Daniel Pierce Library

**April 23rd, 24th & 25th**  
**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Join us for an opportunity to meet with Ellenville Regional Hospital Representatives to ask questions and hear about services they provide to the community.

Including:

- Men & Women's Health
- Sports Medicine
- Physical Therapy
- Patient Care Planning
- Digital Imaging
- Cardiac Rehab
- Specialty Services

....and much more!

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# The Daniel Pierce Library

## *Spring Children's Programs 2025*

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

Calling all caregivers and their little ones, ages 12 months to 4 years, who live in the Tri-Valley Central School District! We've got some awesome programs lined up just for you. The spring session will kick off the week of April 21st and run for eight fun-filled weeks. It's completely free, thanks to the kindness of our amazing community! Registration is a must.

### **Mother Goose Time (12-23 months)**

Beginning Wednesday, April 23rd

### **Toddler Time (24-35 months)**

Beginning Thursday, April 24th

### **Story Hour (3 and 4 year-olds)**

Beginning Friday, April 25th

### **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.

*Register  
Today!*



P.O. Box 268 • 328 Main Street • Grahamsville, NY 12740  
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## From President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James

The month is flying by with so many Spring Things in the works for Monticello Rotary. Please lend a hand to ensure the success of these events.

Congratulations to our newest Monticello Rotary Member, Shana Bruestle, Principal at Fallsburg Junior/Senior High School and Co-owner of Two Farms Brewing in Bloomingburg, NY. Shana is already off to a great start volunteering her business as one of the vendors at



the Monticello Rotary Taste of Sullivan. She is excited to be part of the Rotary Family and looks forward to ways she can help the community beyond the scope of the school walls.

Thank you to ADG Jack Strassman for a wonderful and meaningful Installation Ceremony and to Les Kristt for sponsoring Shana.

Guest Speak-er:

Always a delight to have Angela Dutcher, Executive Director for Sullivan County Literacy Volunteers to update us on the progress being made. From GED programs, tutoring, and English as a Second Language needs in our community, Angela and the volunteers make it all possible. Angela asked for anyone who has an hour or two a week to donate specifically for the tutoring needs. Please contact her directly if you are interested.



This Week's Program: Learn Rotary Agenda for March 11, 2025

1. Meeting Called to Order - President Lori Orestano-James
2. Pledge Of Allegiance - Dr. Peter Chester - President-Elect
3. Introduction of Guests of Members - Full Membership
4. Rotary Learning Program: Learn Rotary
5. Committee Reports:
  - Taste of Sullivan - Helen Diehl
  - Scholarship Committee - Marty Miller
  - RYLA Update - Lori Orestano-James
  - Rotary Radio - Rick Stein
  - Humpback Friday - Barbara Carr
6. Regional Updates/District Updates - District Conference
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Happy Dollars
10. 50/50
11. Adjourn

Link for Zoom Meeting Sign-on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88506100931?pwd=MUNmWnhZanR6M2lCSy9McjNQSTBudz09>

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:  
March 18, 2025 - Monthly Board of Directors Meeting  
5:30 - 6:30 - Albella

March 21, 2025 - Scholarship Applications Due

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

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

Our Motto: Service Above Self - How have you meet that goal lately?

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

With Rotary Pride,

Lori Orestano-James

President Monticello Rotary 2024-2025

## Stories

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

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

Over 20 Sullivan County restaurants, distilleries, and food distributors will be serving samplings of their culinary delicacies. From appetizers to desserts, participants will enjoy the multicultural and diverse eatery options in our area.

Students from the SUNY Sullivan Culinary Department, along with SUNY Rotaract Members and Monticello and Fallsburg High School Interact Clubs, will be on hand to showcase their culinary talents and assist in the operations of this event.

In addition, raffles will be available for gift certificates to the vendors present and many others throughout Sullivan County to help raise funds for this worthy cause.

Tickets are priced at \$40 per person and are available online: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/PGFWGZAT853LN> or through Monticello Rotary members, contacting us at RotaryMonti@gmail.com, or by Facebook Messenger PM to our Facebook Page.

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

### Monti Rotary Scholarships Available

Attention all Monticello Central School District High School and Fallsburg Junior Senior High School Class of 2025 students: Monticello Rotary Scholarship Applications are available now from your School Guidance Counselors. Up to \$10,000 will be distributed to successful graduates to use in the next part of their life's journey. Application Deadline March 21st. For additional information, email RotaryMonti@gmail.com Application can be downloaded then submitted as indicated here: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bj3dyAlucDKRM\\_0sUWyoN-AdyVIXPJ8u/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bj3dyAlucDKRM_0sUWyoN-AdyVIXPJ8u/view?usp=sharing)

# INSIDE INSIGHTS

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MANAGER



## NOT KICKING THE TRASH CAN DOWN THE ROAD

BY JOSHUA POTOSEK, COUNTY MANAGER

You've likely heard about the County Legislature looking into our trash disposal options. While they're not seeking to make a change today, they are actively researching for tomorrow. **Sullivan County, via its six transfer stations, sends nearly 100,000 tons of garbage to the upstate Seneca Meadows Landfill every year. That equates to about 3,200 truck trips, each haul spanning 190 miles one way (about a five-hour drive), with diesel mileage hovering around 4 miles a gallon.** In 2024 it cost us just shy of \$9 million. With higher tipping rates in 2025, we expect this amount to increase to above \$10 million. But Seneca Meadows cannot continue for much longer without expanding, and New York State has not issued a landfill permit in a very long time. So we're concerned that next year, we will no longer have that option for disposing of our (& your) garbage. Plus, we'd like to lessen our greenhouse gas emissions, not just with truck exhaust but with the methane emitted by landfills. So here are some options legislators are considering:

- Finding another landfill to which we can truck or train the waste (though this doesn't lower greenhouse gas emissions)
- Approaching neighboring counties for a regional solution
- Having a private company build a plant that would generate electricity by burning garbage (with toxins and odors filtered out to well below NYS DEC and Federal EPA thresholds)

In the meantime, we continue to actively encourage residents to reduce their waste stream by composting, recycling and reusing materials. While the concept of "zero waste" is not something we can implement independent of State and Federal legislation,

we should all strive to lessen what we're throwing away as much as possible. You may be surprised to learn that the County is not mandated to provide waste disposal services. But it's something this Legislature feels strongly about continuing, in a way that does not place a greater fiscal burden on taxpayers. Think you have an idea legislators should consider? Call them at 845-807-0435 or email [anmarie.martin@sullivanny.gov](mailto:anmarie.martin@sullivanny.gov).

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# DMV IS MEETING YOU WHERE YOU NEED TO BE

I still talk to people who don't realize they can skip coming all the way to the Government Center in Monticello to do business with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

No, I'm not talking about the State-run DMV website. I'm referring to our Mobile DMV service.

Take a look at the chart below, and you'll see our DMV team - under the leadership of County Clerk Russell Reeves - is all over Sullivan County this spring.

No matter where you live, you're likely no more than 20 minutes from one of our locations. And at many of them, workers can do everything the Monticello DMV office does.

Just one reminder: even the mobile offices work on our appointment system. That may seem unnecessary, but in our experience, appointments make for faster, easier transactions. To schedule one at any of these locations, visit

<https://sullivanyny.gov/Departments/Clerk/DMV>. And be sure to have all the necessary paperwork when you

arrive. There's little worse than having to turn around and head back home when you've forgotten a key document!



## REAL ID Deadline Is Coming

You've probably heard that beginning May 7, 2025, every air traveler 18 years of age and older will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or ID card, state-issued enhanced driver's license, or another TSA-acceptable form of identification (like a passport) for domestic air travel.

In other words, even though you might be flying from New York to Colorado, you'll still need more than the standard driver's license to board the plane.

Since it can take time to secure a new ID, the County Clerk's Office has been urging everyone to get a compliant license and/or passport before the deadline. Find out more at

<https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification>.

## SULLIVAN COUNTY DMV

mobile unit  
on location 10:00am - 3:00pm

# 2025 Spring Schedule

You can also Schedule an Appointment at [sullivanyny.gov](https://sullivanyny.gov) | County Clerk Russell Reeves

<p><b>JEFFERSONVILLE</b></p> <p>Tues April 1</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Tues May 6</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Tues June 3</p> <p>-----</p> <p>License &amp; Registration Appts</p> <p>19 Legion St Jeffersonville, NY</p>	<p><b>WURTSBORO</b></p> <p>Thurs April 17</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Thurs May 22</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Thurs June 19</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>2948 US 209 Wurtsboro, NY</p>	<p><b>NARROWSBURG</b></p> <p>Tues April 15</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Tues May 20</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Tues June 17</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>210 Bridge St Narrowsburg, NY</p>	<p><b>HORTONVILLE</b></p> <p>Thurs April 10</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Thurs May 15</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Thurs June 12</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>104 Lower Main St Hortonville, NY</p>
<p><b>LIVINGSTON MANOR</b></p> <p>Tues April 8</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Tues May 13</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Tues June 10</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>95 Main St Livingston Manor, NY</p>	<p><b>GRAHAMSVILLE</b></p> <p>Thurs April 3</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Thurs May 8</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Thurs June 5</p> <p>-----</p> <p>License &amp; Registration Appts</p> <p>273 Main St Grahamsville, NY</p>	<p><b>LIBERTY</b></p> <p>Tues April 22</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Tues May 27</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Tues June 24</p> <p>-----</p> <p>License &amp; Registration Appts</p> <p>15 Sullivan Ave Liberty, NY</p>	<p><b>BLOOMINGBURG</b></p> <p>Thurs April 24</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Thurs May 29</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Thurs June 26</p> <p>-----</p> <p>License &amp; Registration Appts</p> <p>13 North Rd Bloomingburg, NY</p>

# TREASURER'S OFFICE EARNS 34TH BUDGET AWARD

For an incredible 34th consecutive time, the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office was accorded the Financial Reporting Achievement Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) this year. The County also received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the GFOA.

The award was given after an impartial panel of judges determined the County's 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) met GFOA's high standards, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" in communicating financial details and motivating people to read it. The report can be found at

<https://sullivanny.gov/Departments/Managementandbudget/Audits>.

"News of this award brings much excitement to my office every year – made even more meaningful to me as this will be my last year in office," said County Treasurer Nancy Buck. "I very much appreciate the recognition for the significant amount of daily work that County staff – particularly Senior Fiscal Administrator Shannan Armbrust – are required to perform. I am deeply grateful for my entire team, not only for the diligence in which they carry out their



**From the left are Senior Fiscal Administrator Shannan Armbrust, Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck and Deputy County Treasurer Kathleen Lara.**

duties, but for the way they conduct themselves every day with the public they serve."

"We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting," concluded Michele Mark Levine, the GFOA's Director of Technical Services.

The GFOA is a national nonprofit association serving approximately 21,000 government finance professionals, with offices in Chicago and Washington, DC.

## HERE COMES OUR WIRELESS BROADBAND SERVICE

We've been talking about it for years, but construction is finally just about to start on our effort to flood the County with wireless broadband signal availability.

Thanks to a \$30 million Municipal Infrastructure Program (ConnectALL) grant, we are partnering with Archtop Fiber to run fiber-optic wire to most of our emergency communications towers. They will then serve as high-speed Internet transceivers that you can buy a modem to access.

Archtop Fiber will also be providing wired broadband service in many towns, giving you another choice in a beneficially competitive market.

It's all part of our goal to bring high-speed Internet access to every corner of the County, with all-weather reliability that satellite can't offer, flexible wireless availability, and a price that will be hard to beat.

Service is expected to start later this year.

# ENJOY LAKE SUPERIOR ALL SEASON LONG



Why pay \$5 every time you want to visit Lake Superior, the County-operated State park in Bethel? For \$15, you can get a season pass, giving you access to the fields, beach, boat launch, picnic areas and hiking trails the whole year! The application is at <https://sullivanny.gov/Department/s/ParksRecreation/LakeSuperior>. And don't forget: you can also rent picnic pavilions and rowboats, kayaks or paddleboats.



## LOOK OUT ROSCOE (AND MANOR AND JEFF), HERE WE COME!

Our free Move Sullivan bus service has just expanded with Route E traveling from Liberty to Livingston Manor, Roscoe, Callicoon Center, Jeffersonville, Youngsville and White Sulphur Springs.



And we've also started hourlong loops in downtown Monticello & Liberty. That's in addition to our four two-hour routes

serving those villages, plus places like Rock Hill, Harris, South Fallsburg, Woodridge, Swan Lake, Bloomingburg, Loch Sheldrake, Hurleyville, White Lake and Mongaup Valley. Find the full list of schedules by visiting [movesullivan.com](http://movesullivan.com), or give a call to our operating partner, Rolling V, at 845-434-4102.



# SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



## NICK NEEDS KIDNEY -TYPE 0 (IN SOME CASES TYPE A BLOOD COULD WORK)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT?



*Relive the exodus and discover  
the eternal relevance of the Seder traditions.*

## Community Seders

<p>Saturday, April 12th 7:15 pm Pre Seder snack 7:35 pm Seder Begins</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 13th 8:15pm Holiday Service 8:30pm Seder Begins</p>
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At The RJC - 102 Montgomery St. Rhinebeck NY  
Suggested donation \$36 per person ~ \$540 Seder Sponsor  
RSVP Required - [RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](mailto:RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com) ~ 845-876-7666

## You are invited to our Community Seders!

Shabbat, April 12, 7:15 PM

7:15 snack  
7:35 Hagadah discussion  
8:17 candle lighting  
8:20 Kiddush  
9:30 dinner

Sunday April 13 8:30 PM  
8:15 Services  
8:30 traditional Seder

At The Rhinebeck Jewish Center - 102 Montgomery St, Rhinebeck  
Suggested Donation \$36 per person | Seder Sponsor \$540

Reservations required. Please Email [RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](mailto:RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com) or call 845-876-7666 to secure a seat with us at the Seder table!

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**APRIL 4, 2025**

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

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# ULSTER COUNTY'S TOP 10 EVENTS

## Ulster County St. Patrick's Day Parade

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

Uptown Kingston @ The Kingston Plaza

*Free!*

*\$15-\$30*

## 37th Annual Shamrock Run

12:50pm SHARP on March 16th

238 Clinton Ave, Kingston

## Boston Blackthorne St. Patrick's Day Bash

7pm to 10pm on March 16th

22 Rock City Rd, Woodstock

*\$15-\$20*

## Ulster County Fiber & Cider Tour

10am to 3pm on March 22nd

Various locations around Ulster County

*Free!*

## New Beginnings Farmstead Maple Weekend

Open House 2025

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

2585 State Route 209, Kingston

*Free!*

# MARCH

# Color Our World

with **LEGO** at the

## Daniel Pierce Library

### Up in the AIR Program Spring 2025

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

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

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

#### **Treehouse (Grades 2-3) Wednesday, April 30**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Register here: DPL Color our World

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





### **Voting to Keep the Government Open and Advance President Trump's America First Agenda**

House Republicans passed a Continuing Resolution this week by a vote of 217-213 to ensure President Trump's America First agenda will be implemented. Americans overwhelmingly voted for President Trump and are eager to take the next steps to achieve the policy priorities of his campaign last year. While I do not favor Continuing Resolutions, it is essential to keep the government open so the reconciliation process will continue to move forward. If we fail to pass a reconciliation package that includes an extension of the Trump Tax Cuts, taxpayers in NY-24 will see an average tax increase of 25%. Expanding the permanency and the certainty of the Trump Tax Cuts is essential and a priority for President Trump and the future prosperity and security of the American people.

Funding the federal government is a constitutional obligation, and House Republicans have upheld that duty. Once again, House Republicans passed several individual FY25 appropriations bills, while the Senate, under Chuck Schumer's failed leadership, did not vote on a single appropriations bill. A shutdown would harm our servicemembers and their families, hinder CBP and ICE from securing our borders and deporting dangerous criminal illegal aliens, and severely cost taxpayers. Notably, House Democrats voted for a nearly identical CR in December. Yet now, with President Trump in the Oval Office, they are voting to send our nation into a costly government shutdown and are putting their disdain for President Trump over the well-being of the American people.

While I am disappointed that this CR did not include my FY25 Community Project Funding requests, the CR fully funds essential government services while reducing discretionary spending to lower the topline number. By freezing spending at current levels, this clean CR is another step toward fulfilling the America First Agenda that Congressional Republicans and President Trump promised to the American people.

### **Leading the No Tax on LOSAP Act to Reward and Recruit Volunteer Firefighters**

Across NY-24, we have over 250 fire departments, many of which rely on volunteer firefighters.

Volunteer firefighters are the backbone of our community, and they need the proper resources to carry out their duties safely and effectively. In 2024, I held five roundtable events in five counties to hear directly from volunteer firefighters (one of these events in Oswego County is pictured above). In addition, I've cosponsored the Volunteer First Responder Housing Act to expand access for volunteer emergency responders to participate in certain federal housing assistance

programs.

In recent years, the number of volunteer firefighters has declined, making it more important than ever to fairly compensate and reward their dedication. That's why I introduced the No Tax on LOSAP Act to raise the threshold of nontaxable LOSAP awards at the federal level from \$600 a year to \$12,000 a year. This legislation will raise the tax-exemption threshold to recognize their service and encourage more volunteers to join.

Tenney introduces bill to boost tax-free benefits for volunteer firefighters amid NY shortage [https://www.fingerlakes1.com/2025/03/12/tenney-introduces-bill-to-boost-tax-free-benefits-for-volunteer-firefighters-amid-ny-shortage/#google\\_vignette](https://www.fingerlakes1.com/2025/03/12/tenney-introduces-bill-to-boost-tax-free-benefits-for-volunteer-firefighters-amid-ny-shortage/#google_vignette)

This week, I reintroduced legislation that will amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove private or commercial golf courses from section 144(c)(6)(B) of the U.S. tax code. This bill would allow golf courses, which provide a family-friendly activity, to use tax-exempt private activity bonds to help recover from natural disasters. This will provide much-needed support to our community's golf courses, ensuring they have access to various forms of disaster relief and community development programs available to other businesses such as restaurants, hotels, and other leisure activities. By leveling the playing field, we can foster continued economic growth, protect local jobs, and enhance recreational opportunities for our region.

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

H.R.1156 - Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement Act - This bill extends the statute of limitations for prosecuting fraud in COVID-era pandemic unemployment insurance programs. Shockingly, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has estimated that as much as \$100-135 billion in fraudulent UI benefits were sent during the pandemic.

H.R. 1919 - the Anti-CBDC Sureveillance State Act - This bill would prevent the Federal Reserve from issuing a central bank digital currency (CBDC) that could undermine Americans' financial privacy and give the government unprecedented control over personal transactions. A government-controlled CBDC could enable real-time monitoring of financial activity, restrict politically unfavorable transactions, and centralize financial data, posing significant threats to financial privacy and civil liberties. By codifying these restrictions into law, the bill aims to protect Americans from potential government overreach and preserve the decentralized nature of the financial system.

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

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

[. https://tenney.house.gov/about/my-votes-explained](https://tenney.house.gov/about/my-votes-explained)

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**This Week with Claudia** (From Pg. 52)**Monday, March 10**

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 495, the Subterranean Border Defense Act. H.R. 495 would amend current law to require the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to issue annual reports on counter-illicit cross-border tunnel operations. Dangerous cartels have used tunnels for human trafficking, smuggling illicit drugs such as fentanyl, and bringing known terrorists into our communities. Since 1990, law enforcement officials have discovered at least 230 tunnels bypassing the U.S. border. This legislation will build on the efforts of President Trump and Border Czar Tom Homan to secure our border and make our communities safe. H.R. 495 passed the House by a vote of 402-1.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 901, the Research Security and Accountability in DHS Act. H.R. 901 would require the Under Secretary of the Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to better safeguard federal research and development and sensitive information. A 2022 report by the DHS Inspector General stated that the S&T Director failed to safeguard their research adequately. Additionally, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has become increasingly brazen in their attempts to undermine our national security and gain access to critical research. This commonsense legislation is an additional measure that ensures that research related to border security and other national defense programs under DHS is secured against foreign adversaries. H.R. 901 passed the House by 410-1.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 993, the Emerging Innovative Border Technologies Act. H.R. 993 would require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to identify, integrate, and deploy new, emerging, or advanced technologies to enhance or address capability gaps in border security operations. To secure our border, the brave men and women of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) need the flexibility to use the latest technology available to them. The bill would authorize the creation of an Innovation Teams taskforce to research and adapt commercial technologies for use along our borders. This bipartisan legislation will help keep our nation safe and support law enforcement's ability to catch criminals. H.R. 993 passed the House by 406-9.

**Tuesday, March 11**

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1968, the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025. House Republicans passed a Continuing Resolution that ensures President Trump's America First agenda will be implemented. Americans overwhelmingly voted for President Trump and are eager to take the next steps to achieve the policy priorities of his campaign last year. While I do not favor Continuing Resolutions, it is essential to keep the government open so the reconciliation process will continue to move forward. If we fail to pass a reconciliation package that includes an extension of the Trump Tax Cuts, taxpayers in NY-24 will see an average tax increase of 25%. Expanding the permanency and the certainty of the Trump Tax Cuts is essential and a priority for President Trump and the future prosperity and security of the American people. Funding the federal government is a constitutional obligation, and House Republicans have upheld that duty. Once

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I voted "Yes" on H.J. Res. 25, the Digital Asset CRA. This joint resolution of disapproval overturns the Biden Administration's excessive and misguided reporting requirements imposed on certain blockchain developers and service providers - requirements that threaten to cripple the digital asset industry, impose unlawful burdens on software developers, and stifle American innovation. In its final weeks, the Biden Administration's Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued a rule mandating that trading front-end service providers - which facilitate digital asset transactions directly with users - comply with the same reporting requirements as traditional securities brokers and custodial digital asset platforms, including filing 1099 Forms. However, unlike these brokers and custodial platforms, trading front-end service providers operate in a decentralized manner and do not collect user information, making compliance with these regulations impossible. H.J. Res. 25 seeks to safeguard American cryptocurrency innovation by repealing this burdensome rule, ensuring individuals can continue to freely buy, sell, and trade digital assets without unnecessary government interference. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 292-132.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1156, the Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement Act. This bill would extend the statute of limitations for criminal prosecutions and civil enforcement actions related to fraud in pandemic unemployment programs from 5 years to 10 years, ensuring that those who defrauded these programs are held accountable and taxpayer dollars can be recovered. Under current law, the statute of limitations for prosecuting fraud in COVID-era pandemic unemployment insurance (UI) programs is set to expire on March 27, 2025. Once this deadline passes, Congress will no longer have the authority to retroactively extend the timeframe for criminal prosecutions. This bill aims to prevent fraudsters from escaping accountability and protect taxpayers by allowing more time to pursue cases of pandemic-related unemployment fraud. This bill passed the House by a vote of 295-127. (Contd. Pg 54)

## This Week with Claudia

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### ICYMI: Hosting a Welcome Home Celebration for Ryan Corbett

Last weekend, we hosted a special event to welcome Ryan Corbett back home! Nearly 300 people gathered to celebrate his return after enduring 900 days of unlawful detention by the Taliban. During his captivity, Ryan faced horrific conditions, including solitary confinement and limited access to basic necessities like a bathroom, sunlight, and medical care. As Ryan shared his powerful story, we listened closely to his experiences and the challenges he overcame. His resilience is truly inspiring, and we are incredibly grateful to have him back home in NY-24. Thank you to all who attended!

### Thank you to the Members of the Tri-County YMCA for Stopping By

It was a pleasure to meet with Natalie Donahue and Kristoph Kocan from the Tri-County YMCA and learn about their work with the community. We appreciate them for stopping by our office in Washington and giving us an update on their work in our community. We had a great discussion on how the New Markets Tax Credit can support the expansion of the Dansville YMCA. Thank you for all you have done to support our community in NY-24!



It was another busy week fighting for our neighbors across the Hudson Valley to deliver lower costs, safer streets, and cleaner water.

I wanted to take a moment to update you on what I've been working on this week, and also let you know about some exciting opportunities coming up soon!

### CONNECTING WITH OUR HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY

I'm hosting another town hall this Wednesday, March 19th and I want to hear from YOU!

Join us in Poughkeepsie so I can answer your questions as we all work to make the Hudson Valley more affordable, more safe, and more free.

You can RSVP using [THIS link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9P3hfmD62nZYP4An2U5zfBcjaCe8tcc8EyCnuI9G8Fpg13w/closed-form). See you Wednesday!

### CLEBRATING THE START OF PURIM

Happy Purim!

I hope all who celebrate have a festive holiday... and hopefully enjoy some delicious hamantaschen!

### PUTTING HUDSON VALLEY FAMILIES FIRST

This week, I refused to vote for a continuation of the

chaos, closures, and harm.

I will always fight for YOU.

My statement below ??

### HEALTH CARE IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

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

If you haven't already, please fill out [THIS SURVEY](https://patryan.house.gov/serving-you/optum-survey) and tell us about your experience with Optum in the Hudson Valley.

We already have thousands of responses from your neighbors - your input is incredibly helpful in making sure we are addressing the full scope of the problem!

<https://patryan.house.gov/serving-you/optum-survey>

### FIGHTING FOR HUDSON VALLEY VETERANS, KIDS, AND FAMILIES

I know the country I risked my life to defend wouldn't kick kids and veterans out of their homes.

That's why I worked with Senator Schumer this week to demand Housing Secretary Scott Turner immediately right this wrong and restore critical housing funds to our community.

We need everyone to raise their voices and join the fight.

Our Hudson Valley community cannot and will not let this stand.

Read the full press release: [With Cuts Threatening to Put Veterans and Families on the Street, Congressman Pat Ryan and Senator Schumer Demand Trump Administration Restore Critical Housing Funding Immediately](https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/cuts-threatening-put-veterans-and-families-street-congressman-pat-ryan-and)

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### ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE, RIGHT IN YOUR HOME TOWN

Amidst the cuts, closures and uncertainty with federal programs like Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare, we're marshaling every tool at our disposal to help folks with our C.A.R.E.S Van.

We'll be all over the district, bringing one-on-one assistance to Hudson Valley families

Whether you need help with accessing a payment, or need assistance navigating a federal program, we are urgently working around the clock to get you the answers you need and services you deserve.

Check out the full schedule and learn more about our C.A.R.E.S. Van here: [Amidst Harmful Cuts, Closures, and Uncertainty Congressman Ryan's C.A.R.E.S. Van to Provide Assistance with Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare.](https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/amidst-harmful-cuts-closures-and-uncertainty-congressman-ryans-cares-van)

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**Pat Ryan** (From Pg. 54)

**CONGRATULATING WEST POINT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ON MAKING IT**

It was great to watch West Point women's basketball in the Patriot League semifinals on Thursday!

Also, I wanted to give a HUGE congrats to the 3 (!!!) Black Knights named to All-Conference teams this year.

Can't wait to watch you in the finals against Lehigh today.

Go Army!!

**WELCOMING COL. RYAN DANNEMANN FROM NEWBURGH**

**HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOUR REAL ID?**

The deadline is just a few months away.

Make sure you have a REAL ID by May 7th!

Learn how by visiting: <https://dmv.ny.gov/driver-license/enhanced-or-real-id>

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**HONORING THE LEGACY OF HARRIET TUBMAN**

Last week, we recognized Harriet Tubman Day, and honored her legacy & profound bravery as an abolitionist, suffragist, and beacon of freedom.

**GRANTS CORNER**

**APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:**

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

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

Grants.gov Deadline March 27, 2025, 11:59 pm Eastern  
Application JustGrants Deadline April 3, 2025, 8:59 pm Eastern

**FY25 STOP School Violence Program**

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

Grants.gov Deadline March 27, 2025, 11:59 pm Eastern  
Application JustGrants Deadline April 3, 2025, 8:59 pm Easter

**New York State Community Reforestation (CoRe) Grant Program**

\$15 million is available for municipalities, nonprofits, and State agencies through the Community Reforestation (CoRe) Grant program for tree planting projects that expand, restore and create forested natural areas that serve urban populations. This competitive reimbursement grant program contributes to New York State's goal to plant 25 million trees by 2033, which will mitigate climate change impacts like extreme heat.

CoRe grant applications are due by Wednesday March 12, 2025 at 2PM ET

2025 Renew America's Schools Prize

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is now accepting submissions for the 2025 Renew America's Schools Prize, a \$90 million investment in K-12 public schools and school facilities across the country. This three-phase opportunity will help districts build capacity, perform energy audits, and plan/implement energy improvement projects across a portfolio of school facilities.

**Apply for the 2025 Renew America's Schools Prize by April 3, 2025, at 5PM ET**

Digital Equity Program Capacity Grant

ConnectALL's Digital Equity Program Capacity Grant will provide two-year grants to a range of entities and partnerships working to bridge the digital divide. Funds will drive new initiatives and effective collaborations to deliver high-quality digital literacy trainings, access to devices and equipment, digital privacy skills, and inclusive support services to expand internet use among underserved communities and Covered Populations across the state.

**ConnectALL's Digital Equity Program Capacity Grant**, funded by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program, will support projects that align with New York State's Digital Equity Plan. ConnectALL aims to double the capacity of the State's digital equity ecosystem demonstrated through positive outcomes in: employment and job readiness; education; health and well-being; civic engagement, and access to essential government services.

Deadline for Applications: March 24, 2025, 11:59PM ET. Applications must be submitted through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application.

\$80 Million in Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act Funding Now Available to Support Resiliency Initiatives

Last week, Governor Hochul announced \$80 million in new grant funding available to communities across New York State for climate resiliency projects. The grants, funded through the \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022, will support nature-based and green infrastructure projects designed to reduce flood risk and enhance community resilience to extreme weather. (Contd. Pg. 56)

**Pat Ryan** (From Pg. 55)

**The three resiliency related grant programs are:**

**Resilient Watersheds Grant Program:** \$45 million will be made available through the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), building on the success of the Resilient NY program and advancing the State's goal of strengthening infrastructure and protecting New Yorkers from the impacts of extreme weather.

**Coastal Rehabilitation and Resilience Projects Program:** \$20 million will be made available through the Department of State (DOS) for coastal communities. The program prioritizes projects using nature-based solutions to enhance community resilience while also delivering environmental, economic and social benefits.

**Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Implementation Projects Program:** \$15 million will be made available through DOS for implementation projects that improve waterfront and watershed resiliency and reduce climate impacts, particularly flooding.

DEC, DOS and EFC will co-host a webinar for all three funding opportunities on March 12, 2025, from 10 to 11 a.m. To register for the webinar, click here . Applications for all three funding opportunities can be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) portal . Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2025.

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



## Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

### 1. Standing up for veterans

The Trump administration's plan to fire more than 80,000 employees at the Department of Veterans Affairs - including roughly 20,000 veterans - is reprehensible. These cuts will impair veterans' ability to access the health care and benefits that they are owed.

That's why Kirsten is fighting back. This week, she held a press conference and sent a letter to the VA blasting the decision to fire staff and cut essential contracts and demanding answers about how this will impact the veterans who have put their lives on the line for our country.

Read more. <https://www.weny.com/story/52551118/va-could-dismiss-80000-employees-senator-gillibrand-warns-it-could-impact-veterans>

### 2. Fighting for Medicaid

Millions of older Americans and their families rely on Medicaid to access lifesaving health care. The Trump administration's efforts to cut hundreds of billions of dollars from Medicaid will be devastating for New Yorkers and contradict the promises made by Republicans in Congress and in the administration.

This week, Kirsten led a group of 14 Democratic senators in demanding answers as to how - or if - the Trump administration plans to provide care for low-income families, and particularly seniors, after gutting Medicaid. Kirsten is committed to fighting tooth and nail to protect this program, and she will continue working to make sure seniors get the care they deserve.

Read [more](https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-wyden-slam-republican-efforts-to-slash-medicaid-by-hundreds-of-billions-call-on-trump-administration-to-provide-answers-on-full-impact-to-older-americans/)  
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### 3. Combating loneliness among older Americans

Loneliness is an epidemic that leaves many older Americans feeling helpless and isolated.

This week, in her role as ranking member of the Senate Aging Committee, Kirsten convened a hearing to discuss the need to strengthen family and community support for seniors so that we can better care for our nation's aging population.

Watch the hearing [here](https://www.aging.senate.gov/hearings/breaking-the-cycle-of-senior-loneliness-strengthening-family-and-community-support).  
<https://www.aging.senate.gov/hearings/breaking-the-cycle-of-senior-loneliness-strengthening-family-and-community-support>

### 4. WATCH: Kirsten honors NY NAACP President and activist Dr. Hazel Dukes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CFNRt6iqxLs>  
and staffer Geri Shapiro on Senate floor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CFNRt6iqxLs>

On Wednesday, Kirsten gave two floor speeches to highlight two amazing women who dedicated their lives to helping others.

Dr. Hazel Dukes was an extraordinary activist who served as the president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) New York State Conference for many years. She passed away earlier this month.

Geri Shapiro is a longtime Gillibrand staffer who is one of the oldest members of staff in Congress. A Westchester County native, Geri is a go-to resource for advocates and constituents, and she is deeply adored by her fellow staffers.

### 5. Helping constituents get their tax benefits

After a constituent had been waiting for her delayed tax refund for nearly two years, she reached out to Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team contacted the IRS and worked with the constituent to provide the necessary documentation to the agency to get her tax refund of over \$2,000 released to her.

Individual casework is Kirsten's top priority. If you need help with any federal agency, contact her [here](https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help).  
<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help>

## Gillibrand on Budget

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand released the following statement after her vote to advance the continuing resolution to fund the government through September 30, 2025:

“President Trump and Elon Musk directed House Republicans to pass a partisan spending bill without any Democratic input. To be clear, I oppose the policies in this bill.

The question is: do we pass a partisan bill that harms Americans but keeps the government and courts functioning? Or do we shut down government operations indefinitely, disrupting critical services that everyday people depend on, and in the process give even greater power to President Trump and Elon Musk, who have shown a lust for firing workers and dismantling government? I believe that handing President Trump this kind of unchecked power would cause even more harm to my constituents.

Our economy is already in a tailspin due to President Trump's reckless trade war and general instability, and a shutdown harms innocent families, children and seniors. We will fight against Republicans' upcoming tax scam, which will slash Medicaid and other important programs in order to give tax cuts to billionaires.”

## Gillibrand Delivers Floor Speech Honoring Longtime Staffer Geri Shapiro

*Shapiro is a Westchester County Native and a Go-To Resource for Advocates, Staffers, and Constituents on Issues Related to Aging and Indian Point*

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand spoke on the Senate floor to honor her longtime staffer Geri Shapiro, who is one of the oldest members of staff in Congress.

**\*\* WATCH GILLIBRAND'S SPEECH ON THE SENATE FLOOR HERE \*\***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozzhN-jqn28>

Speech Text:

M. President,

Today, I want to tell you about an extraordinary woman, my senior advisor Geri Shapiro. Geri is in the final stages of a long battle with cancer and so I wanted to express my deepest gratitude and thank her for her service to my office and New York.

Geri joined my staff in 2009 after she served as Hillary Clinton's Westchester Regional Director. But she's so much more than a member of my staff. She is one of my closest confidants, mentors, and friends. She is truly one of a kind.

Geri is an institution in Westchester, New York. She knows everybody and everybody knows her name. Everyone who knows her knows that when Geri gives her word, it's as good as gold.

She's an expert in so many important areas of policymaking, and the depth of knowledge she brings to any conversation is as impressive as her ability to make people feel at ease. My staff - most of whom are decades younger - adore her energy and spirit.

Geri is one of the kindest people you'll ever meet, and she cares deeply about her fellow New Yorkers.

But don't let that fool you. She's also as tough as nails.

Geri tells it like it is and doesn't pull punches. She's fearless and formidable, and her family calls her the “expeditor” because she gets things done. With Geri on your side, you know you can't lose.

A longtime Westchester resident who grew up in New Rochelle,

Geri's first career was as a homemaker and mom, and she devoted much of her time to caring for her aging parents. During that time, she took courses at Columbia University and became a stockbroker to support her ailing father's business. She also volunteered at her daughter Leslie's school where she served as Edgemont PTA president.

In 2000, Geri was inspired to volunteer on Hillary Clinton's Senate campaign because she admired Hillary's passion for health care.

Hillary immediately recognized Geri's talents and hired her as her Westchester Regional Director when Geri was 59 years old! In Geri's own words, it gave a whole new meaning to the term “late bloomer,” and she credits Hillary's younger staffers for helping her learn the ropes.

To this day, Geri is among the oldest members of staff in Congress. She is proof positive that you can do amazing things at any age.

I first met Geri when I also volunteered on Hillary's Senate campaign. When I became senator, I asked her to serve as my Westchester County expert. I remember meeting her at the train stop in Westchester early in my Senate tenure and knowing then and there that she would be a friend for life.

Since then, Geri has led our community outreach in Westchester and has become a deeply valued member of our team.

She is my go-to expert when it comes to anything related to the Indian Point nuclear facility. She knows the ins and outs of policymaking and procedure better than most, and she's become an invaluable resource for people working on nuclear energy regulation, especially with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and its Indian Point decommissioning process.

But if it's not nuclear policy, it's something just as important, like her leadership on my Aging Working Group or her work with health care and disability advocates. Geri understands the substance of the work, and she knows how to channel her own experiences into bigger causes. But what really sets her apart is that she understands how much relationships matter. Whether you're a neighbor, a CEO, a friend, or a high-ranking official, Geri is the first person you turn to. Her instincts are spot-on.

She connects with people in a way few others can, and she always brings a human touch to everything we do.

She mentors my staff on the importance of public service and the power of grassroots organizing. She emphasizes what it means to connect with a community and to understand the needs of our constituents. She gives everything her full attention and effort and leads by example in everything she does. She clearly sees her work not just as a job, but as a real calling.

Throughout my entire Senate career, Geri has not only been an outstanding strategic and political advisor but also a dear friend. She gives me heartfelt advice when I need it most and shows thoughtfulness and generosity to everyone who knows her. She is hard-working, caring, and the most dedicated Senate staffer that I know by her years served and service given.

When Geri speaks, people listen- and when she gives advice, you know it comes from a place of deep knowledge and careful thought. New York and this nation need more leaders like her.

When asked what motivates her, Geri says, “Do good, feel good” - a maxim that is evident in everything she's done.

She is truly an inspiration to everyone who knows her, and I am so grateful for everything she's done for Westchester and our state. When asked what motivates her, Geri says, “Do good, feel good” - a maxim that is evident in everything she's done.

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Thank you, Geri. We love you. And we will always remember you.

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Meet & Greet



# Spring Mixer



Meet & Greet

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

Thursday, March 27 • 5:30-7

Sweet Basil

19 John Street, Liberty NY

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

Spring Rolls • Vegetable Dumplings • Pad Thai  
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Call or email for more information

845-292-9797 / [info@libertychamber.org](mailto:info@libertychamber.org)



\$25 per person in advance

\$30 at the door

Buffet\* / Cash Bar

*\*menu subject to change without notice*



## Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Craft and Vendor Fair & Community Yard Sale

### All Vendors are wanted!

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

**When:** Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

**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 crafters on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **No food vendors or baked goods** (sold exclusively by the fire department).
- Food will be available for purchase throughout the day.
- **Fee:** \$20 per table (8 ft long or 8 ft picnic table). If an outlet is required, the fee is \$25 per table. Tables are provided.
- **Claryville Fire Dept. is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen merchandise**

For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer at 845-807-6563; email at [claryvillefd@gmail.com](mailto:claryvillefd@gmail.com).

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





# Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Craft and Vendor Fair & Community Yard Sale

Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Merchandise: \_\_\_\_\_

# of tables needed: \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity needed (inside the building only): Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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

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

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

Pavilion: \_\_\_\_\_ Inside the building: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Check if paid: cash: \_\_\_\_\_ check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of vendor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$20.00 per 8ft table or \$25.00 an 8ft table with *electricity*. \*Please note vendor spot fee is nonrefundable \* Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Donation for door prize (item donated by vendor for raffle) 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.

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Make checks payable to Claryville Volunteer Fire Department

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello

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**Every Monday**



**10:00AM - 11:00AM**

Come join us along with other Vets to share some coffee and some stories.

**Place: 309 East Broadway  
Monticello, NY 12701**

**Call 845-794-4228 for more  
info, ask for Matt or Vinny**



# Action Toward Independence

## Presents

# Women's Empowerment Group



Join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of  
each month

from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Discuss topics impacting women today, in a safe and judgement free environment. Opportunities to exchange ideas and share life experiences. Attend educational workshops and learn from guest speakers.

### Be Inspired ~ Be Empowered ~ Be You

Location:

126 Seward Ave

Middletown, NY 10940

For More Information Call

845.343.4284

*Please RSVP  
Seats are limited*




Eligibility & Pre-Registration is required.



Find us on  
**Facebook**



# Veteran Peer Support



**Vet 2 Vet offers  
Veteran Peer Support.  
Call to speak with our Veteran  
Peer Advocates.  
We didn't fight alone while  
we served, we don't need  
to fight alone at home.**

**Vet 2 Vet**



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WOODRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
THIRD ANNUAL

# Father's Day

RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

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- 1ST PRIZE:** STIHL MS 271 FARM BOSS CHAINSAW
- 2ND PRIZE:** STIHL FS 94 R WEED WHACKER TRIMMER
- 3RD PRIZE:** STIHL GTA 26 GARDEN PRUNER
- 4TH PRIZE:** \$50.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO ACE HARDWARE OF ELLENVILLE

DRAWING DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025

TO PURCHASE, PLEASE  
SEE ANY MEMBER OR  
STOP BY OUR FIREHOUSE  
THURSDAYS AT 7PM!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
CHIEF NOLAN AKERLEY - 845.707.2975  
ASSISTANT CHIEF ERIC AKERLEY - 845.707.1483

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New to the Daniel Pierce Library this year...

Introducing  
**Pages & Percs**

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

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

**You can:**

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

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

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

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

**Enjoy!**



## Parents for Parents

## Support Group

2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY  
EVERY MONTH 5PM -7PM

Parents for Parents is designed to support and empower families raising children with emotional, behavioral challenges, learning disabilities or Autism, in a nonjudgmental setting. Each group meeting will consist of a topic discussion, or Parent Empowerment Workshop or a creative activity.

All supplies are FREE of charge.

Credentialed program facilitators share their knowledge and lived experiences to help families cope and understand the challenges that they face. We are able provide safe, supervised childcare, refreshments and transportation arrangements if needed.

For more information and to register please call our Family Peer Advocate at 845-794-4228 or email: [info@atitoday.org](mailto:info@atitoday.org)



309 East Broadway Suite A  
Monticello, NY 12701

Open  
House

March 19th  
5:00 pm



**knitting & crochet group**  
Thursdays 2-3pm

**IT ENDS WITH US**



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

### Music Café

Every 3rd Thursday  
7:00 – 9:00p.m.

NEW!

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

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



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

## Local Food Pantries

**RESERVOIR FOOD PANTRY**  
behind former Trail Nursery, 4073 NY-28, Boiceville  
OPEN MONDAY 2-4 P.M.

**RONDOT VALLEY FOOD PANTRY**  
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OPEN TUESDAY & THURSDAY 9-11 A.M.  
Serving Town of Rochester residents only

**WINDOWS OF HEAVEN  
FOOD PANTRY**  
19 DuBois Road, Shokan  
(845) 657-8444  
OPEN FRIDAYS 10AM-2PM

**GOOD NEIGHBOR FOOD PANTRY  
OF WOODSTOCK**  
16 Tinker St, Woodstock  
(845) 399-0376



### Guatemalan Worry Doll Workshop

MARCH 22  
@ 11 A.M.

with Andrea Del Cid from the Reher Center in Kingston

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

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

## EXIT'S TRAGEDY



Nat Drake  
Jörg Madlener  
Wayne Toepp

3.22.25 – 4.27.25

Opening Saturday, March 22, 4pm – 7pm



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## RURAL HEALTH NETWORK FITNESS CLASSES

The Ellenville Regional Rural Health Network offers a wide variety of FREE fitness classes for all ages and fitness levels.

 **CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE MARCH FITNESS CALENDAR**

[https://erhny.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/March-2025-Fitness-Calendar-2.pdf?utm\\_source=Ellenville+Regional+Hospital+Emails&utm\\_campaign=032f4c62e8-EMAIL\\_CAM-PAIGN\\_2021\\_02\\_23\\_02\\_39\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_bba6f0ff6e-032f4c62e8-499879025&mc\\_cid=032f4c62e8&mc\\_eid=e96f95494c](https://erhny.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/March-2025-Fitness-Calendar-2.pdf?utm_source=Ellenville+Regional+Hospital+Emails&utm_campaign=032f4c62e8-EMAIL_CAM-PAIGN_2021_02_23_02_39_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bba6f0ff6e-032f4c62e8-499879025&mc_cid=032f4c62e8&mc_eid=e96f95494c)



## Bowled Over

functional ceramics exhibition

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

Curated by Nathalie Andrews and Elaine Ralston

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


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4033 Route 28A  
West Shokan, NY  
olivefreelibrary.org / 845.657.2482

## The Color of Light

8th annual juried summer group show

juried by jane bloodgood-abrams

July 26 – September 6, 2025  
submission deadline: monday june 2, 2025

 OLIVE FREE LIBRARY more info: [olivefreelibrary.org/call-for-art](http://olivefreelibrary.org/call-for-art)

 Friends of the Olive Free Library

## Saturday April 26 6-8pm

### SPRING FUNDRAISER

Join the Friends of the Olive Free Library for a Dolly Parton-filled evening of food, fun, and music! Celebrate the legend and her Imagination Library.

# Dolly Forever!

Live music by Critter Bonus, playing Dolly's greatest hits  
Dinner with Dolly's Southern favorites (hello, chicken & dumplings!)  
Reading and stories from local author Holly George-Warren, co-author of *Behind the Seams: My Life in Rhinestones*  
Best Dolly Costume Prize!

Tickets: \$45 each  
RSVP by April 20

## OLIVE SENIORS

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

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

OLIVE FREE LIBRARY

## PIANO PLUS! CONCERT SERIES



**Daria Podorozhnova & Terri Ji**  
with Inesa Sinkevych

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

Saturday, March 29 4:00 p.m.

# Tech Tuesdays

A program for DPL Patrons

**Every Tuesday**  
**9 am - 12 pm**

Receive help on a variety of basic tech topics including:

- ▶ *Smartphones*
- ▶ *Tablets*
- ▶ *Laptops*
- ▶ *Website navigation*
- ▶ *Downloading apps*
- ▶ *Social Media*
- ▶ *Messaging Apps*
- ▶ *Streaming platforms*
- ▶ *And more...*

Bring your own device or use our computers!

**We are here to help!**



# Middletown Lions Club Spring Craft Fair

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

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

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

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

Contact Diane Youngs if you have any questions at  
[liondiane1@gmail.com](mailto:liondiane1@gmail.com)

### Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

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

**Help is available now!**

We are here anytime you need to talk.

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



**Text 845-372-1817**  
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Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

### Sullivan County Text For Teens

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



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



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

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

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



## FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!



# Homeschooling Group

4th Tuesday of each month

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

at the Daniel Pierce Library

We invite all homeschooling families to join a self-guided group that meets monthly at the Daniel Pierce Library.

Together this group will share lessons, network, set up future field trips, have various guest speakers and programs.

You can also... borrow books, check out DVD's, access the internet, research online databases and utilize library space! (If you have a RCLS library card).

Please join in, the possibilities are endless!

**Text or call Dana  
for more information:  
845 707 – 2489**



**Beginning  
September  
24th**



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VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!


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

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM





VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!




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

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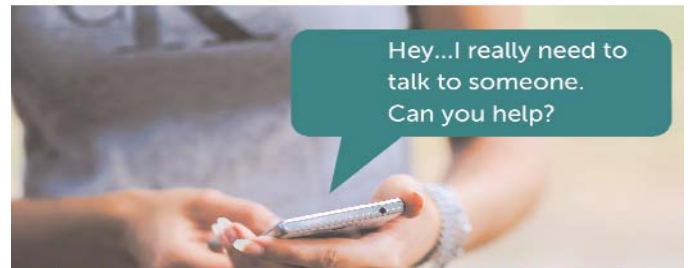
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## **Join the DPL 2025 Reading Challenge!**

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

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

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

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

***Challenge yourself and your family.***

**Expand your horizons with new books.**

**For ALL ages!**

**Read adventurously!**



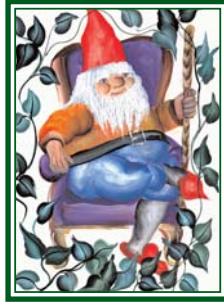


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(RATED G / 1998 / 1hr 30min  
A heart warming love story

Get ready for fun! "Paulie" will tug on the strings of your heart. It is filled with sentiment of love and caring for others. Paulie helps his friend Marie stop studdering.

While looking for his original owner Paulie, a talking parrot, recounts his travels to a Russian janitor who helps him to the end of his journey



Paulie is directed by John Roberts. Starring Gena Rowlands, Tony Shalhoub, Cheech Marin and Bruce Davison.  
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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: **Barry Fitzgerald**

**This weeks' Trivia question:**

What child movie star had a drink named after her?

(From Pg. 76)

*"Knarf's Classic Movies II"*

AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, NETFLIX

## Jurassic Park

1993 / PG-13 / 2 hr 7 min / Fantasy/Drama

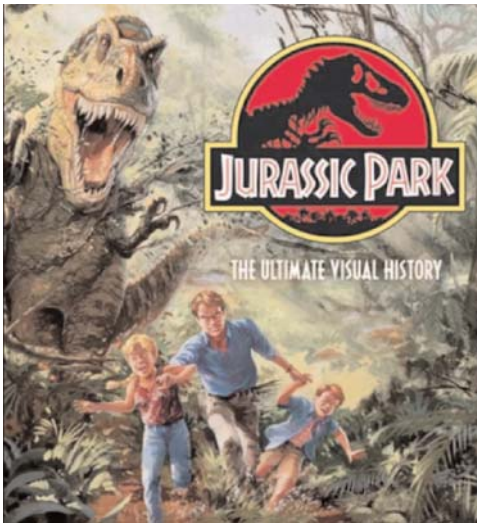
John Hammond, an industrialist created a theme park with cloned dinosaurs. After a dinosaur handler is killed by a Velociraptor, a group of experts visits the park to attest to its safety. The group is shocked to see a living Brachiosaurus.

Spielberg's mix of early CGI and animatronics helped bring the dinosaurs to life in a way that had never been seen before.

It was thrilling, overwhelming, and exhausting in the best possible way, and audiences couldn't seem to get enough of watching Earth's early inhabitants chow down on hapless human victims.

Dinosaurs had already been featured in hit

Hollywood films before 1993, but *Jurassic Park* changed the template forever. One of Director Steven Spielberg's best films, *Jurassic Park* was adapted from the Michael Crichton novel of the same name, featuring an island theme park overrun with prehistoric animals.



The cast includes: Sam Neill as Dr. Alan Grant, Laura Dern as Dr. Ellie Sattler and Jeff Goldblum as Dr. Ian Malcolm.

## "KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III

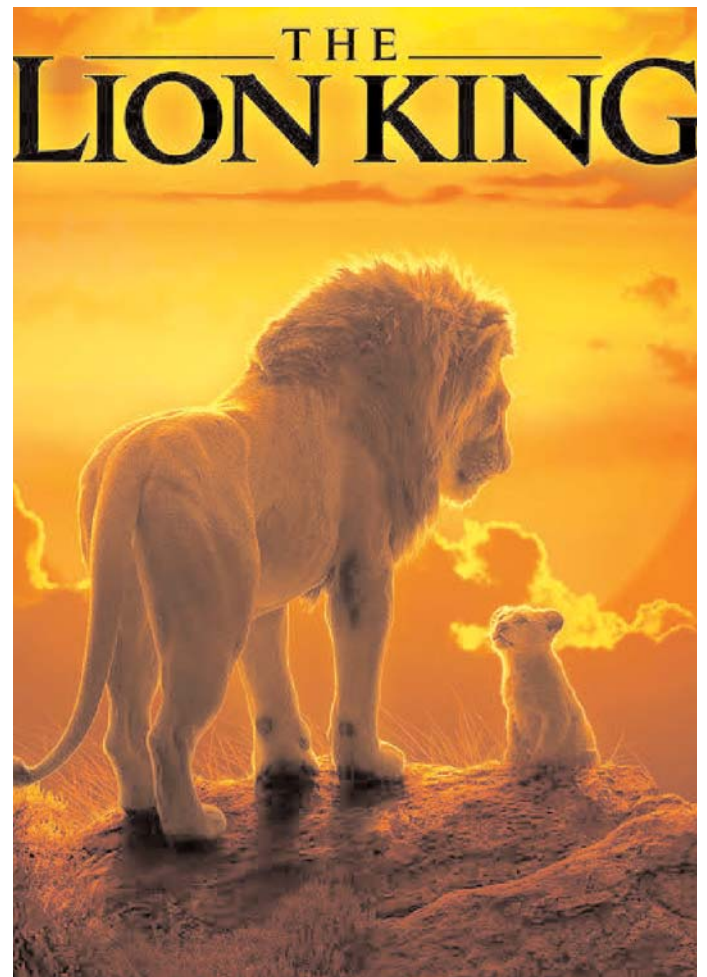
Disney; Prime; Amazon

## The Lion King

Rated-G / 1994/ 2 hr 30 min / fantasy/ Drama

The *Lion King* is proof that no matter how great Pixar's CGI is, it's no substitute for classic hand-drawn animation.

The story of Simba and Mufasa was such a hit for Disney that it even received its own live-action remake in 2019, albeit with less enthusiasm than the original.



In many ways, *The Lion King* was a swansong for Disney's traditional animated art style before shifting focus to CGI. It was one of the defining films of the 1990s, and an unbreakable hit for Disney even to this day.

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