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## Tri-Valley Lion Ilene Wizwer receives a "Knight of the Blind" award from Lion President Stephen Miller and Lion Susan Miller



*Susan Miller, Stephen Miller and Ilene Wizwer*

At the Tri-Valley Lions Dinner Meeting on March 4, 2024, Lion President Stephen Miller and Lion Susan Miller presented Lion Ilene Wizwer with a "Knight of the Blind" Award, an incredibly special award. Lion Ilene has been a Lion with The Fallsburg Lions Club and now in the Tri-Valley Lions Club and has been continually active in Lionism for so many years.

In 2010 she was Club President for the Fallsburg Lions Club and chaired the District 20-O Peace Poster Contest from 2010 to 2014. From 2013 through 2015, Ilene was District 20-O Zone Chairperson. In 2016, Lion Ilene served as Second Vice District Governor for 20-O, as well as District Hearing, Preservation, Awareness and Action Chairperson.

In 2017 Lion Ilene was First Vice District Governor for 20-O as well as District Convention Chairperson. Ilene served as District Governor for 20-O from 7/1/17 to 6/30/18. From 6/30/21 through 6/30/23, Lion Ilene served as Global Management Family and Women's Coordinator. From 7/1/23 to present, Lion Ilene now serves as Zone Chairperson. Ilene continues to attend Lions Conventions and stay highly active with all things Lion for District (Contd. Pg. 5)

## Retirement Plaque Presentation



Retirement Plaques were presented to the Town of Denning's most recent Retirees: Paul Schoonmaker, Joy Monforte and Dan Van Sadere at the Town Board Meeting held March 12th 2024. Supervisor Brooks, the Town Board, and Staff wish to sincerely thank Paul, Joy and Dan for their many years of commitment, dedication, and service to the Town of Denning. It is very much appreciated.

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**On the Front Burner:** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

Proverbs 9:10

## OBITUARY

**Charles Robert Van Aken** of Grahamsville, NY passed a-way at the



age of 84 on Friday, March 15, 2024. He was the son of the late Robert Charles Van Aken and Clara W. (Decker) Van Aken, born in Patterson, NJ on November 21, 1939. He was raised and grew up in the Catskills area from where his ancestors originally settled. He attended a one room school house in Lackawack, before the Roundout Reservoir was built, and graduated from Tri-Valley School in 1957.

Charles was known as Bob and is survived by his wife Romalda F. Van Aken and was the father of five children, survived by William, Robert, Emmet and predeceased by Pamala and Brian. He was the grandfather of 18 grandchildren with one predeceased and seven great grandchildren.

Bob started out his career working in construction building the tunnels for the NYC reservoirs before enlisting in the US Army armor division in January of 1959 and was deployed to South Korea during his service. He returned home and married Romalda Nasierowski to whom he would raise a family in Sundown, NY.

He enjoyed having family and friends around, sharing the history of the area, the horses on the farm and being outdoors hunting, fishing, trapping, etc.

Visiting will be held on Thursday, March 21st from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm with a Celebration of his life beginning at 12:00 pm at Loucks Funeral Home, Ellenville. Burial with military honors will follow in Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made in Bob's memory to Tunnel to Towers.

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Charles R. Van Aken, please visit our flower store.

Make a donation to Stephen Siller Tunnel To Towers Foundation in memory of Charles R. Van Aken at <https://www.loucksfh.com/obituaries/charles-van-aken>

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

### April 7, 1954

Miss Joyce Van Wagner was guest of honor at a bridal shower held at the Methodist Church Hall in Sundown last Saturday night. Joyce is a 1952 graduate of Tri Valley Central School, the first class to graduate from the new school. She will be married in April.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huntsberger held "Open House" on Wednesday at their home. They were celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Over fifty people attended.

Easter flowers  
are here to bring,  
Color and fragrance  
into our room.

Flowers belong  
to Easter and spring,  
Come in to choose  
your favorite blooms

### March 18, 1964

Sylvester Ackerley of Poughkeepsie, a former Ulster County farmer, died on March 7, 1964. He was born in Grahamsville August 12, 1885, a son of the late William and Sophrona Ackerley. He was married November 28, 1906 at Grahamsville to the former Bertha Greene. Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Doris Whispie of Hyde Park; two brothers, Archie Ackerley of Grahamsville and Floyd Ackerley of Ellenville.

Congratulations to friends on their anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. I.C. Slater will have their

Fred Eck, a retired construction worker, died on March 11th at his home in Napanoch. He was 79. He was born at Sholam December 30, 1884, the son of Conrad and Mary Bowers Eck. He was married at Sholam on May 4, 1907 to the former Maude Osterhoudt, who survives. In addition to his widow, he is survived by six sons: Conrad, Frederick, Earl, Richard, Robert and Frank; three daughters, Mrs. Raymond Sheeley, Mrs. Dorothy Wright and Miss Frances Eck.

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## DAYS OF YORE...

### Today's History

(From Pg. 2)

#### March 27, 1974

Miss Ellen Friedman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Friedman of Sugar Loaf Road, Grahamsville has been notified of her acceptance into the general freshman program by SUNY Brockport, SUNY College at Cortland, and the State University College of Arts and Sciences at Geneseo and also Oswego.

On Saturday, March 23rd, the Tri-Valley Chapter of FFA went to Rondout Valley High School for the District level of competition in the three contests in FFA. Judy O'Brien, who won the local and sub-district speaking contests, handled her speech superbly and defeated speakers from Schoharie and Greenville.

#### March 22, 1984

Fred W. Stabbert, Jr. chairman of the Board of Directors of United National Bank, and Vincent Zanetti, president, have announced the appointment of Barbara M. DeWire Walter as vice president and manager of the Liberty office of the bank.

From the pen of Tom Higgins - As of this writing (March 15) Old Man Winter is still with us and letting us know he still means business. First he hit us with 4 \_ inches of snow on March 5th which was followed by sleet and rain. Then he threw another 4 inches of light snow at us on March 8th and followed that up five days later with 6+ inches on the night of March 13th.

Well, I guess the winter of 2014 isn't so odd after all.

Roy McDole of Sholam Rd., Napanoch, a retired carpenter with McDole Construction Corp. and a lifelong area resident, died unexpectedly on Thursday, March 15, 1984 in Ellenville Community Hospital. He was 86. The son of the late James and Mary Ellen Coniker McDole, he was born Sept. 2, 1897 in Lackawack. The widower of Evelyn O'Neal McDole, he was a member of the Napanoch Golden Age Senior Citizens.

## LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published April 10, 1997

When I was a little girl, my grandmother Davis' ancestors were all in Holland. Her maiden name was Catherine Hogencamp. She was almost as wide as she was tall and I loved her very much. She had the indomitable spirit of two men. Grandma Davis could harness and hitch her horse to the buckboard wagon, she could weave carpet, catch, kill and pluck a chicken for dinner. To me she always was and always will be the symbol of the strong woman.

She pulled her hair straight back and made it up in a little ball. She didn't wash it very often because she said it took the oil out of it.

Grandma was soft spoken and gentle and wore cotton print dresses down to her ankles. She made these garments herself. (Contd. Pg. 4)

### Household Hint:

#### **Just a Suggestion; but a Good One!**

Take 5-10 minutes at the end of each day to clean up whatever mess you have made during the day. Never again will you have to spend hours cleaning.

### Nature Column - L. Comando

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

## A Feast of Fiddleheads

Now that the signs of snow have passed, but before the last frost, there is a short window of time each year, there is a fleeting sign of spring in the Catskills. Found along muddy riverbanks and in moist meadows is the furred baby fern that looks like the scrolled top of a violin. It's fiddleheads!

Almost everyone has heard of "fiddlehead fern," as they have gained popularity as a springtime gourmet wild vegetable. Few wild edibles are so well known, so convenient and tasty, or so widely available. It is regularly eaten by hundreds of millions of people today, and in North America was and continues as a traditional food for many Native American cultures.

Yet unfortunately, a few types of fiddleheads are surrounded by much confusion. Many people mistakenly believe that all fern fiddleheads and are edible.

There are three main species of edible ferns in North America: ostrich fern *Matteucia struthiopteris*, lady fern *Athyrium filix-femina*, and bracken fern *Pteridium aquilinum*.

When people say "fiddlehead fern" they are most often talking about the ostrich fern. The ostrich fern or shuttlecock fern (*Matteucia struthiopteris*) is a crown-forming, colony-forming fern, occurring in temperate regions of northern North America including the Catskill Mountains. These magnificent ferns grow mostly in shady areas near riverbanks, where often they cover many acres of ground, and they are also occasionally found in rich hardwood forests. The name *struthiopteris* comes from Ancient Greek words, *struthio* meaning ostrich and *pterion* meaning wing. It grows from a completely vertical crown, that sends out lateral stolons to form new crowns. It thus can form dense colonies resistant to destruction by floodwaters.

The fronds are dimorphic, (representing two distinct forms) with the deciduous green sterile fronds (palm-like leaves) being almost vertical, growing 39-67 in tall and 7.9-14 in broad, that are long-tapering to the base but short-tapering to the tip, so that they resemble ostrich plumes, hence the name. The fertile fronds are shorter, 16-24 in long, brown when ripe, with highly modified and constricted leaf tissue curled over the sporangia (receptacle where spores are formed) that develop in autumn, persist erect over the winter and release the spores in early spring.

The ostrich fern is a popular ornamental plant in gardens and is a nice addition to a shady garden. It easy to grow, and deer tend to leave it alone. In nature, it grows in dappled shade on the forest edge or in moist soil near water, so when placing ostrich fern in a garden scheme, look for a site with damp shade.

Remember, not all fiddlehead ferns are edible, so look for a U-shaped groove on the inside of the stem and a thin, brown, papery coating to identify the edible sort. When picking fiddleheads, three tops per plant is the recommended harvest. Each plant produces seven tops that turn into fronds; over-picking will kill the plant. Maintaining sustainable harvesting methods is important in the propagation of any non-farmed food species.

If you are not sure what you are looking for or don't have fiddleheads growing in your backyard, fiddleheads are now available for a short time at many grocery stores, and most of the local farmers' markets.



## LOOKING BACK

(From Pg. 3) I can still see her in my mind's eye standing in her kitchen by that old wood stove cooking up a meal for all of us.

Her house had a long railing that ran most of the way around the porch. It was such fun to play games and run around on her porch.

When grandpa Davis went to fight in the Civil War, she kept her family fed, clothed, housed, educated and healthy with her nimble hands, spinning wheel and carpet loom. Such wonderful memories come flooding back when I think of grandma Davis. She had the softest lap, the softest arms and an ear to listen to all my problems, both large and small. How fortunate we all were that God spared grandma Davis for all of us until she was close to 100 years of age.

When she passed away, she left us the spirit to fight when we were down and a sense of worth to both community and family. I'll always remember my grandma Davis, my dad's mother.

## Two New Members of the Claryville Fire Department

William A. Brenner, Esq.

The Claryville Fire Department proudly announces that NICK SIENITSKY has been unanimously voted in as an Associate Member.

ARIANAH HINKLEY, age 11 years old has been voted in as a "Cadet Member".

Both Nick Sienitsky and Arianah Hinkley were kept hopping, dressed in green, at the Claryville Fire Department St. Patrick's Day monthly Sunday Breakfast. This busy morning, they were assisted by a huge Easter Bunny.

## Emergency HEAP Available Apply in Person or Over the Phone

Liberty, NY - New York State has announced a second Emergency HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) benefit is available, beginning today, March 14.

If you are eligible, the Emergency HEAP Benefit can help you heat your home if you are experiencing a heat or heat-related emergency.

You may be eligible for an Emergency HEAP benefit if:

- Your electricity is necessary for your heating system or thermostat to work and is either shut off or scheduled to be shut off; or
- Your electric or natural gas heat is off or scheduled to be shut off; or
- You are out of fuel, or you have less than one-quarter tank of fuel oil, kerosene or propane or have less than a 10-day supply of wood, wood pellets, corn, or other deliverable heat source.

AND

- Your household's gross monthly income is at or below the current income guides for your household size as posted in the table below; or
- You receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits; or
- You receive Temporary Assistance (TA); or
- You receive Code A Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Living Alone; and
- The heating and/or electric bill is in your name; and
- Your household's available resources are:
- less than \$2,500; or

- less than \$3,750 if any member of your household is age 60 or older, or under age 6.

Emergency Heat and Heat-related HEAP Benefit Amounts for 2023-2024

Type of Emergency	Amount
Heat-Related Domestic (electric service required to operate heating equipment)	\$185
Natural Gas Heat Only	\$400
Natural Gas Combined with Heat Related Domestic	\$585
Electric Heat Combined with Heat Related Domestic	\$585
Non-utility heating fuel (oil, kerosene, and propane)	\$900
Non-utility heating fuel (wood, pellets, coal, corn, etc.)	\$635

### How to Apply

To apply, visit or call any of the agencies below:

- HEAP Office, Sullivan County Department of Social Services, 16 Community Lane, Liberty, NY; Phone: 845-807-0142; Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Email: Heap@sullivanny.us.
- Sullivan County Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY; Phone: 845-807-0241; Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Independent Living Inc., 14 Pelton Street, East Wing, Monticello, NY; Phone: 845-794-3322; Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Action Towards Independence, Inc., 309 East Broadway, Monticello, NY; Phone: 845-794-4228; Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## College Scholarships Available for Volunteer Efforts *Volunteer with a Sullivan 180 Project to be Eligible*

[Liberty, NY] The 2024 Sullivan 180 Scholarship application is now available. The scholarship program recognizes volunteer efforts in projects that support the Sullivan 180 mission to build a healthy community through people, places, and policy; with an intentional focus on prevention and empowering a healthier generation. Communities and organizations participating in the 2024 Sullivan 180 grant program welcome volunteer assistance in gardening, beautification, caring for public spaces, project documentation, outreach or fundraising.

The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, through a donor-advised fund established by Sullivan 180, offers a limited number of scholarships to Sullivan County residents who volunteer in a significant way with a Sullivan 180 project. Scholarships are announced in September and are applied toward the 2025 spring semester at an undergraduate college of one's choice.

Applications are due by August 19, 2024, and must be completed electronically via the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan's Online Portal. Applicants should submit a personal essay explaining the volunteer experience and how it impacted them personally, a letter of recommendation from the Sullivan 180 project leader, a letter of recommendation from a member of the community or other non-relative and photos from the volunteer experience. Visit Sullivan180.org for directions and links to apply.

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



## Tri-Valley Lion Ilene Wizwer receives a “Knight of the Blind” Award from Lion President Stephen Miller and Lion Susan Miller

(From Pg. 1) **20-O and the Tri-Valley Lions.**

Receiving a “Knight of the Blind” award is well deserved, and we did want to give you some background on how the “Knight of the Blind” award came about and its fascinating history. The following is directly from the Lions International website, lengthy but so interesting as it started with Helen Keller...

In 1925, as an ambassador for the newly formed American Foundation for the Blind, Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. She challenged Lions to become “Knights of the Blind” and many Lions in Districts 20-O, 20-Y2, and 20-W have taken up that challenge by supporting the Lions Eye Institute (LEI) through their donations to the Lions Foundation in Albany, NY. (Both The Tri-Valley Lions and Fallsburg Lions Clubs are in District 20-O.)

“Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today,” Keller asked Lions members packed into the convention hall. “Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in the night; your work, your independence gone.”

Keller knew exactly what this was like. Blind and deaf since the age of 19 months, she had once lived in virtual isolation, unable to effectively communicate. Then, a teacher from the Perkins School for the Blind named Anne Sullivan came to live and work with Keller and taught her to connect with the world through sign language. Keller eventually learned to read and write, earned a bachelor's degree and learned how to speak.

Most Lions at the time were familiar with her well-publicized story. Some Lions in the audience had already been involved with service projects to the blind. But witnessing Keller share her heart and soul for the plight of the blind brought the reality of being visually impaired crashing home for everyone present. The Lions and their guests were captivated.

Keller saved her most stirring words for the end of her speech, hoping that the Lions would partner with the American Foundation for the Blind and lend their support as an organization to those who had lost their sight.

“ Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lion, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves knights of the blind in this crusade against darkness?” She had no idea just how far the association would take her challenge.

Before the convention was over, the association unreservedly dedicated itself to making Keller's dream a reality. Lions would become Keller's Knights of the Blind.

Since 1925, hundreds of millions of lives have been changed through the vision-related work of Lions around the world, and today the association is as dedicated as ever to hastening the day when no one should suffer unnecessarily from vision problems. Through eye centers and hospitals, medicines and surgeries, eyeglasses and eye banks, Lions are working to end preventable blindness and aid the visually impaired.

The Lions Institute in Albany also serves as the Department of Ophthalmology at Albany Medical College, with specialists in advanced fields training residents, conducting research, and providing patient care to thousands of children and adults with difficult or specialized problems. In this tight economy, many of these patients do not have insurance or the necessary funds to pay for their treatment and this is where Lions can help. The majority of the funds raised by the Lions Foundation at Albany in support of the Lions Eye Institute are used to help these patients get the care they so desperately need.

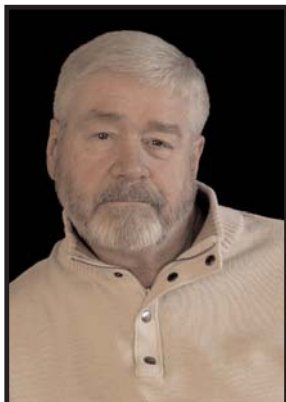
One of the major sources of funding for the LEI is the “Knight of the Blind” program. Donations come from Lions Clubs as well as from individuals who make donations either toward their own Knight of the Blind award or in memory or honor of someone else. Honorees can also be individuals or organizations not directly affiliated with a Lions organization. A “Knight of the Blind” receives a framed certificate or plaque recognizing their award status, a lapel pin, and are listed on the Wall of Honor at the Lions Eye Institute.

Having directly witnessed Lion Ilene's dedication and going above and beyond during her tenure with them in both the Fallsburg and Tri-Valley Lions Club, Lions Stephen and Susan Miller independently initiated and presented this prestigious award to Lion Ilene at our March 4, 2024 dinner meeting at Casa Mia. Lion Ilene was overwhelmed with emotion when receiving this award, but again it was so well deserved. Congratulations Lion Ilene.

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 47th year of existence, and we are always looking for new members. Just as a reminder, The Tri-Valley Lions bring in donations and funding by selling sodas from our Soda Booth for events at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies, our Annual Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day. Our funding allows us to continue to provide monetary and service support to Local Food Pantries, Tri-Valley School Community Service and Achievement Awards, Children's Eye Screenings, support for Diabetes, Lymphoma and Leukemia organizations, childhood cancer, WSUL Heart-A-Thon, Guiding Eyes For The Blind, and so much more. If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.r.com



*Susan Miller, Stephen Miller, Ilene Wizwer, Stacey Wizwer, Joshua and Benjamin Wizwer and Stuart Wizwer*



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## The Korean Woman

### Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 80

by John Dwaine McKenna

### Mysterious Book Report No. 368

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Mi-Hi Abrahams is living the American dream. She's the mother of two children; a boy age five and a girl age two and a half, married to a Wall Street lawyer, and living a privileged, wealthy lifestyle on Manhattan's upper east side where she's a doting mommy and actively involved in the PTA and community charity events. But it's all a lie. The woman's real name is Song Sun Young, and she's a spy . . . what's known as a sleeper . . . for the NKPR, the North Korean People's Republic in author John Altman's electrifying new thriller: *The Korean Woman*, (Blackstone Publishing, \$26.99, 261 pages, ISBN 978-1-4708-2697-0).

Song Sun Young barely managed to survive a brutal childhood in North Korea after her parents were killed, by engineering two escapes from the harshest imaginable prison camps before she turned eleven years old. Instead of being shot, the authorities recognized her brains, beauty and talent and decided to utilize her abilities to advance the aims of the state. She was plucked out of prison and began a decade long training course in spycraft. With her younger brother still held by the regime as insurance, Song applied herself with diligence, efficiency and ruthlessness. Showing no remorse after her first kill, she's infiltrated into South Korea with a new identity, then into the United States under still another false identity. There, she settles in, gets married, has kids . . . and waits . . . for the call she hopes never comes. But just six years later, it does. She's tasked with stealing the inner workings of America's financial system.

Unbeknownst to the North Koreans, the NSA, National Security Agency, using newly developed secret computers, has broken into the NKPR's cyber systems. The American CIA has been watching Song Sun Young for two years. The covert team leader calls upon retired Israeli operative Dalia Artzi, (a character introduced in Altman's last thriller, *False Flag*, MBR No. 322), who's a world-class expert in the history and tactics of warfare and a professor at Princeton. Her role is to figure out what the Koreans are attempting, as they observe Song's behavior while she relentlessly goes about her mission. What she sees convinces Dalia that Song is an unwitting dupe in a larger game, watching in horror as the nuclear-armed antagonists start their countdowns to the unthinkable in this teeth-gritting, pulse pounding and searing, all-too-real scenario that will leave you panting for more as Altman shows us once again, why he's fast becoming one of the top thriller writers in the world.

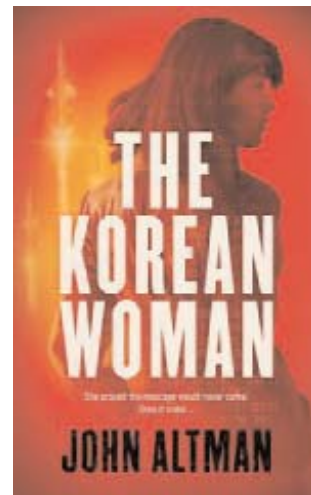
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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda



## “Beware the Ides of March”

“Beware the Ides of March” is the warning from Shakespeare in the play Julius Caesar. I often think of that warning as I gather my tax informa-

tion to get to my accountant.

There are so many metaphors for March. The most common is, “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” Usually that is true, but this year March entered softly and mildly treating us with temperatures hitting the seventies yesterday. Let's hope the saying isn't totally reversed and we get the lion's share of a snowstorm from a pretty open winter.

I would add that this year March is a menopausal, bi-polar woman throwing off the covers in the middle of the night and gathering them up the next day.

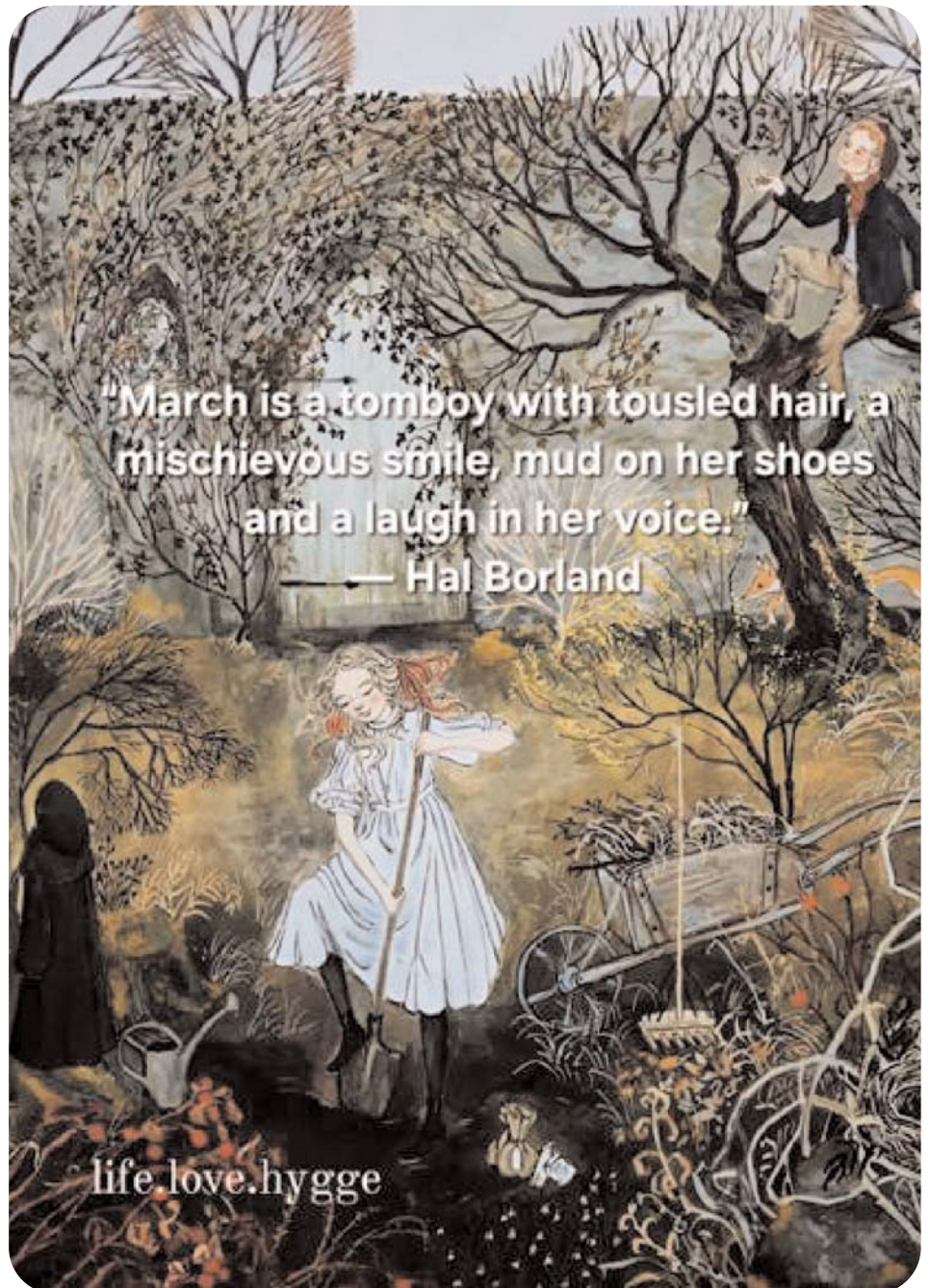
March in the northeast cannot make up its mind whether it belongs to winter or spring. Certainly the snow-drops and daffodils think it is spring, but the grass is still that gray-brown of winter. Just to confuse things further, we move the clocks ahead just before the vernal equinox.

You need your full wardrobe in March. The temperatures can run the gamut from Bermuda shorts to mittens.

The best thing about March is that the bulk of winter is over. We may just be getting teaser warmth and sunshine now, but the time of opening doors and windows and letting the woodstove go out is just around the corner.

### The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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







**Daniel Pierce Library**

*Between the Bookends*

## The “Bookwomen” of Yesteryear:

**A Look Back to Honorable Library Women**

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Any typical day, I'm here at our beautiful library; offering patrons book recommendations, shipping novels to other RCLS member libraries for their patrons (we're all about sharing the wealth, especially as budgets are stretched thinner amongst increasing costs), lending a hand during a felt story or an impromptu puppet show-our youngest patrons have an incredible imagination and boundless energy. It's an amazingly wonderful place to work: to get to share the love of reading, to socialize with patrons; to watch as their children grow up and transform from toddler to teenager, to share stories of “yesteryear” with our senior patrons-people who have memories of what the area used to be like, the families that played such a big part in this community, in this library, and still do. The ability to clock in and spread the love of reading is a luxury.

And for all intents and purposes, it's a pretty cush working environment-I never have to wonder if I'm going to be eaten by a bear, I generally don't worry if I'm going to freeze to death during my shift, and most often, patrons come to the library seeking us out and not suspicious of interacting with any of the DPL staff. For most libraries throughout the nation today, this is the norm.

But that wasn't always the case.

The 1930's Great Depression hit the nation hard. No state was immune to the systematic, wide-spread, economic crisis; but areas geographically isolated-like communities within the Appalachian Mountains-fared even worse. Kentucky was hit the hardest. At the same time, an estimated 30 percent of people in eastern Kentucky couldn't read nor did they have access to library services. But books, many thought, were a potential way out of the situation, which inspired the Pack Horse Library Project, a Works Progress Administration program, started in 1935 and ran to 1943. It was one of the New Deal programs issued by then president, Franklin D. Roosevelt. In its essence, the program was created-and funded-to hire librarians, primarily female, to deliver books to remote regions in the Appalachian Mountains. The “Book Women” worked for \$28 a month delivering books by horseback or on mules, through difficult and dangerous terrain, through adverse weather conditions, and sometimes, met with angry or suspicious patrons. These women would have to ride and/or walk hundreds of miles a week to bring books-which the Book Packs carried about 100 of-to their most isolated patrons. Along the way, they had to secure a collection of books, find a place to store said books, and

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create a circulating system. Then, while on horseback or mule, as the case may be, they provided reading lessons to the illiterate, offered socialization for the secluded, and hope to the weary. By its end, the program had employed about 200 women and reached over 100,000 residents in Kentucky.

The program ended in 1943 due to a lack of funding. Then it wasn't until the 1950's when bookmobiles took the place of the horses and mules. Today, there are less than 650 bookmobiles in operation across the nation. And while it's so hard to imagine, with technology the way it is and with construction practices throughout the past 60 years, there are still a large number of people who do not have easy access to their library-either for geographic, economic or health reasons.

From my cushy chair, in a climate controlled office, I get to dispense my literary wit, I get to enjoy the conversations with my patrons and see the children's faces light up at the train set. I can ask an elderly gentleman how he's getting along, or help another with a tech issue (but I'm really not the one to come to for that! Ha ha). In the grand scheme of things, the mission of libraries and their staff hasn't really changed since the most amazing, brave women set off on horseback with Huckleberry Finn strapped to their side, but I don't have to wrestle any bears.

And for that, I'm thankful.

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# The Scene Too

– By Jane Harrison

I didn't know what was up with my little old diabetic kitty Lefty. He is not sick, but he is acting weird. This morning at 3, he's slapping my face to wake me up. OK, it's cold and he needs some food in his bowl. Not unusual. That being done, I go back to bed and am just falling asleep and he does it again! And again. Now, he has a 'fountain' for water and all this time it's percolating away, so I paid no attention. At 8:30, it ran out of water. He knew! How did he know? I didn't hear or see anything different. He's so smart and such a good boy.



This last Thursday, I was out at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville specifically to see CARRIE NATION AND THE SPEAKEASY. This is a name



that has cropped up often in my music newsfeeds, but it has always been in venues that are just too far away, so when I found out they would be there, I cleared my calendar.



Instinct told me to go early, and I'm so glad I listened. By the time they went on, it was standing room only. 30s, 40s, 50 somethings ...and me. What kind of music, my friend Angel asked me the following day and I really had to think and all I could come up with was "new". Which is a gross understatement as

it is clear this has been finely honed over time and performances.

From song one, they owned their audience with high energy of a jam band, with the intricacies of notes of jazz fusion, with Ska thrown in for good measure, and a beat that made you want to dance...and if you couldn't dance, you were moving. It was clear many there were familiar with their Bio proclaimed "Brass and (blue) Grass" band and were there specifically to see them. Others were there out of curiosity. Of the latter, what I heard was "It's not really my kind of music but I'm so glad I came out. This band is great!"

The band hails from Wichita, Kansas but they tour nation and world wide, garnering a solid following in their decade and a half. How they found CABERNET FRANK'S is interesting. A shopkeeper in Livingston Manor. Ya just never know!!! What I do know, is should they come back to the area, I will be in that audience. And so should you. You could catch them on their upcoming tour in June of Germany and Switzerland.



Sunday at the HASBROUK TAVERN was another standing



room only event, with native sons ALBI and JESSIE NOREN taking the stage, as well as guests. Seeing either of these wonderful performers on their own, well, you just know you're going to hear all your favorites done extremely well. But

hearing them in tandem, that was so worth it all by itself.



ALBI brought up his good friend JOHN STEFFENS, someone he's performed with before, and someone I'd never seen. And what a fun group of songs they did together! And when the principles took a break, up comes this guy with his accordion....the guy that turned people like me that used to cringe at even the word 'accordion' in staunch supporters. The one and only DRAZ started with a few country songs, done as only he can, to thunderous applause and a few whoops from those gathered. More converts! What a great afternoon of music!

I was so happy for these two venues packed, even though it worked their kitchens to death. My original plan on Sunday was to have dinner with three friends at the HASBROUK TAVERN but by a little after four, I knew this would be impossible. I did take the Irish Sausage meal home with me, and I have to say, for a simple meal (sausages, mashed potatoes, veggies) it was absolutely delicious. I was also impressed that for a takeout meal, it was garnished with curly Q carrots.



I don't mind saying that right now I'm in overload. Good friends and good music, what else can one ask for.

Still, with an entire empty street, on Sunday, Joe Peters parked yet again across the driveway of the owners of CABERNET FRANK'S for no reason. It must be sad to be so desperate for attention.

Until next time.....



# Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Spring Tree & Shrub Program

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce their annual spring Tree & Shrub Program. Landowners can choose from a wide variety of deciduous and conifer trees and shrubs and specialized packets such as Nut Tree, Flowering Tree & Shrub, Wildflower, Butterfly, and perennials. Seedling varieties allow for you, the purchaser, to select what's right for your needs. We offer a range of quantities at reduced costs to promote conservation plantings.

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## Burn Ban Now in Effect Statewide

Monticello, NY - With the New York State Burn Ban having begun on Saturday, March 16, Sullivan County Fire Coordinator John Hauschild is emphasizing the fact that open burning isn't just illegal - it's incredibly dangerous.

"We've had a good bit of rain, but vegetation is still 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 - including death."



The Statewide Burn Ban runs until Tuesday, May 14 this year.

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).

Kauneonga Lake and White Lake firefighters had to spray down a fast-moving brush fire just this month, reducing a field of dry grass to ash (as can be seen in this photo from the White Lake Fire Company's Facebook page).



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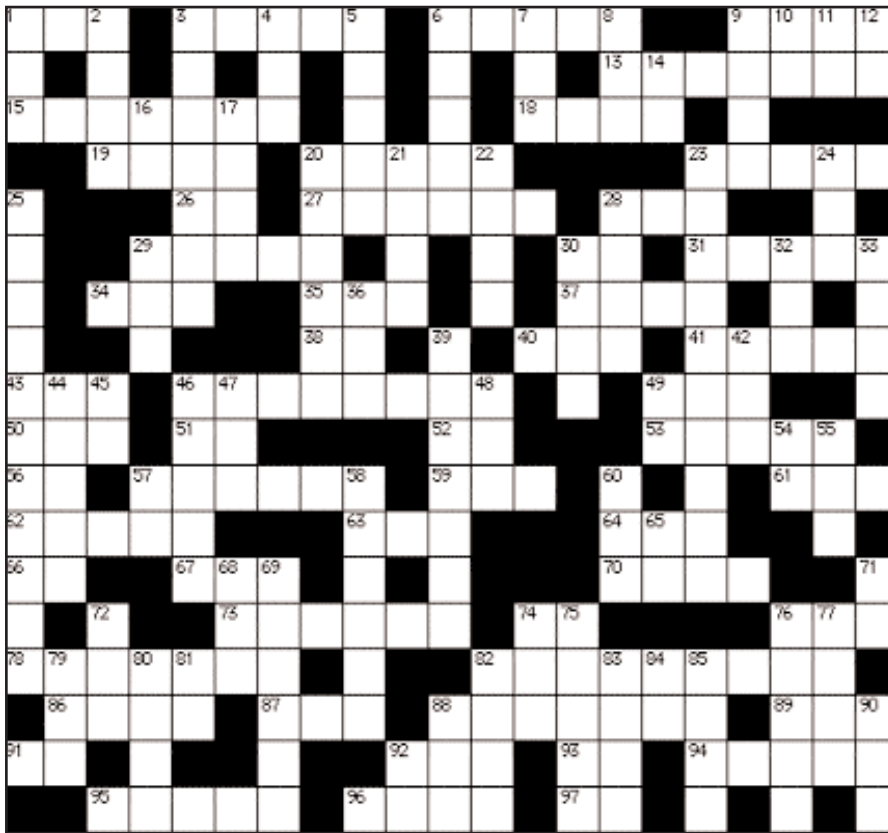
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49 Long Island (abbrev)

54 General Practitioner

55 Snake-like fish

57 Foot (abbrev)

58 Soft white fibrous substance

60 Hot brewed beverage

65 Not off

68 Female sheep

69 Employee

71 Identifying the agent performing the action

72 Large fast-running bird

74 A heavy demand

75 Loft

76 Mythical creature

77 Vegetable used in gumbo

79 Anger

80 Flat hollow bread

81 A logarithm to the base

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83 Mention as an example

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85 Destroy by use

88 A decade

90 Eastern Standard Time

92 Southeast

Daffodil Cake

10 egg whites

1 teaspoon cream of tartar

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 1/4 cups white sugar, divided

3/4 cup sifted cake flour

6 egg yolks

1/2 teaspoon orange extract

1/2 cup sifted cake flour

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Wash the tube pan in hot soapy water to ensure it is totally grease-free. In a large dry glass or metal bowl, whip egg whites until frothy. Add cream of tartar and salt, and continue to whip. When the whites can form soft peaks, gradually sprinkle in 1 cup sugar, while continuing to beat until stiff peaks form. In a separate bowl, beat egg yolks with 1/4 cup sugar until thick and lemon-colored. Blend in 3/4 cup cake flour and orange extract. Fold half of the whipped egg whites into the yolk mixture. Fold the remaining 1/2 cup of cake flour into the egg whites, along with the vanilla. Spoon about 1 cup of batter at a time, alternating colors, into the prepared pan.

Bake for 30 minutes in the preheated oven. Reduce heat to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C) and continue baking for another 20 minutes, or until the top of the cake springs back when pressed.

Without removing cake from pan, invert pan onto a wire rack to cool. Once completely cooled, remove cake from the pan and frost with your choice of frosting.

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1 Used to play a fiddle  
3 Irregular surface  
6 Make fabric on a loom  
9 Market garden  
13 Grant an official pardon  
15 Continue to exist  
18 Makes lace  
19 Product of three and three  
20 Used for draining waste material  
23 Light meal  
26 Combining form; having two  
27 Red wine  
28 19th century Gothic poet and critic  
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30 To such a great extent  
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35 Upper limb  
37 Nuisance  
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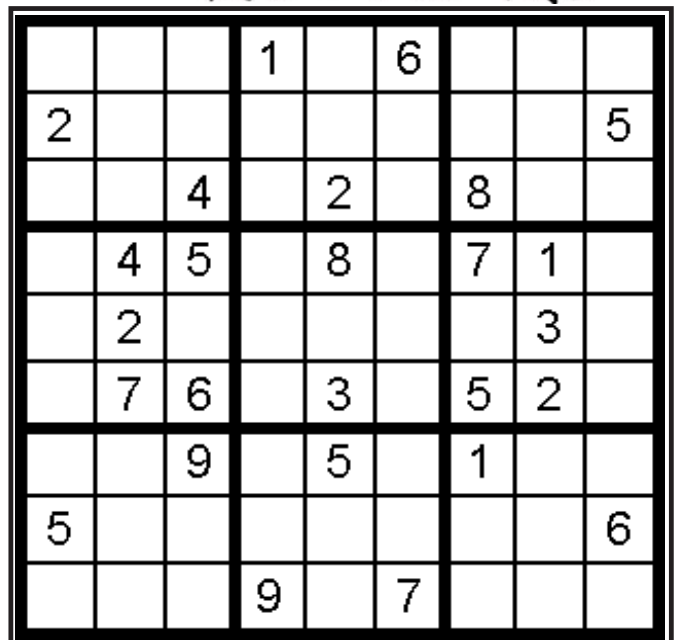
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43 Grassy meadow  
46 Medieval military expeditions  
49 Limb used for standing  
50 Make a mistake  
51 Used to draw attention to an amazing event  
52 Associated Press  
53 A mental interpretation of an idea  
56 Expression of surprise  
57 Material  
59 Strong alkaline solution  
61 Writing tool  
62 Prepares for publication  
63 Make a choice

64 Long period of time  
66 Auto-exposure  
67 Fasten with stitches  
70 Picnic pests  
73 Deserving respect  
74 Brit's thank you  
76 An object used for play  
78 More easily understood  
82 Composed of different elements  
86 Wreckage  
87 Family  
88 Woven fabric  
89 Crude metal  
91 Northeast  
92 Ocean  
93 Used to refer to something previously mentioned  
94 Book of maps  
95 Accommodate  
96 Cloth shelter used by a camper

97 Common Era  
**DOWN**  
1 Public transportation  
2 Having clothing on one's body  
3 Arch of colors  
4 Employ  
5 Establishment for accommodation tourists  
6 Compound of Hydrogen and Oxygen  
7 Expression of human creativity  
8 Consumed food  
9 Flowerless plant with leafy fond  
10 Used in comparisons  
11 Right (abbrev)  
12 Possessive pronoun  
14 Title before a woman's surname  
16 Roman numeral  
17 Something

used to conceal  
20 Small pieces of leftovers  
21 Comfortably high temperature  
22 Slender leaved grass plant  
23 Where people establish a community  
24 Be able to  
25 Young, curled edible fond of certain fern plants  
28 Rhyme  
29 Domestic bovine  
30 Whirl around quickly  
32 A guest house  
33 Group of people with similar characteristics  
36 Long narrow inlet  
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46 A group of students  
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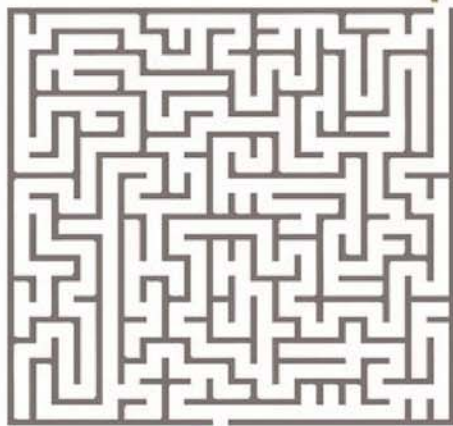
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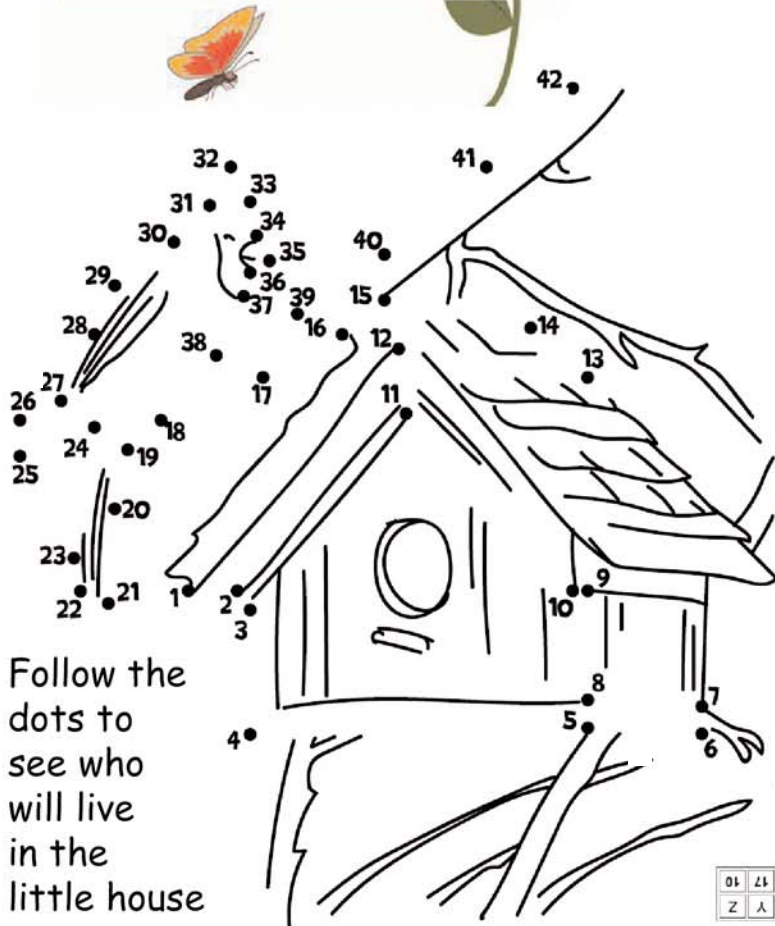
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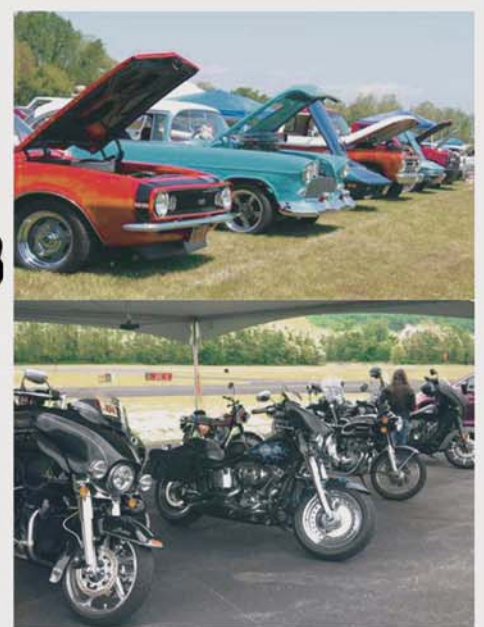
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FALLSBURG - On March 13, 2024, the Fallsburg Central School District held its winter sports banquet at the high school auditorium. Fifty-one students were celebrated by their coaches and families for their exceptional athletic accomplishments. These students are:

### Varsity Boys Basketball

**Coach's Award:** Justice Laurel & Terrance Hayden Jr.

**Most Improved Award:** Nick Storms

**Most Valuable Player:** Isaiah Young

**Sportsmanship Award:** JeanCarolos Galeas Iraheta & Alex Depuy-McBride

### Varsity Girls Basketball

**Most Valuable Player:** Jennifer Pena-Fuentes

**Most Improved Award:** Marilyn Santos

**Sportsmanship Award:** Jordan Batista & Emily Perna

**Coach's Award:** Maya Ballard

### JV Boys Basketball

**Most Valuable Player:** Xavier Young

**Most Improved Award:** Sebastian Fowler

**Sportsmanship Award:** Xzavier Berrios

### JV Girls Basketball

**Most Valuable Player:** Olivia DeGraw

**Most Improved Award:** Alisha Tremper & Allison Frunzi

**Sportsmanship Award:** Addison Ingber & Carmen Montes

**Coach's Award:** Yulenh Phillip & Mariyah Legrand

### Modified Boys Basketball

**Most Improved Award:** Stephon Harris

**Coach's Award:** Lavante Ward & Zamari Carruthers-Little

**Sportsmanship Award:** Joseph Cerrone

### Modified Girls Basketball

**Most Improved Award:** Layla Hermann

**Sportsmanship Award:** Madelyne Maxwell

**Coach's Award:** Marion Sesay & Joslyn Smith

### Varsity Boys Indoor Track

**Most Valuable Player:** Nazir Lopez

**Most Improved Award:** Azon Laurel and Rubin Bonilla

**Sportsmanship:** William Martinez and Daris Koljenovic

**Rookie of the Season:** Treyvon Hayden

### Varsity Girls Indoor Track

**Sportsmanship Award:** Savannah Doty

**Most Valuable Player:** Adir Greer-Padilla

**Most Improved Award:** Hannah Johnson

**Rookies of the Season:** Kaddyjatou Darboe and Jordyn Wall-Carty

### Varsity Girls Alpine Skiing

**Most Valuable Player:** Madeline Pantel

### Varsity Boys Wrestling

**Most Valuable Player:** Arianna Gonzalez

**Most Improved Award:** Inmer Santos Morales

**Varsity Girls Wrestling**

**Most Valuable Player:** Alexandra Ruiz

### Modified Wrestling

**Most Valuable Player:** Josue Martinez-Lopez

**Most Improved Player:** Samuel Vega Rosales

### Varsity Cheerleading

**Sportsmanship:** Nataly Alcocer-Zapata and Kalena Clarke

**Coach's Award:** Katelyn Pedersen and Angie Rodriguez

**Most Improved Player:** Saleen Lyons



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The material must be of such grade as to be acceptable to the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent. Sand for all locations shall be screened, clean, hard sharp and free from loam, clay, frozen lumps, or organic material with 100% passing through a 3/8-inch sieve.

All bids should be **delivered** price only, **except** for **FOB** black top type 6 & 7, together with Non-Collusive Bidding Certification.

Upon acceptance of bid price, bidder shall in turn notify the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent when he has at least 100 tons of material stockpiled for the Town of Denning in order that the testing may be done by the Highway Department or by a designated agent for final approval.

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 9th, 2024 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 18th, 2024

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## Senior Legislative Action Committee of SC Monthly Meeting

10 AM, Friday, March 29, 2024, in the Legislative Hearing Room, at the Sullivan County Government Center, Monticello NY

It is apparent that some legislators do not support keeping the Adult Care Center under County management. We ask that all SLAC members and friends please go to any of the following meetings with either signs and/or public comment. Let us fill the room.

At 9:00 A.M. March 21, 2024, is an Executive Committee meeting.

There is a Special Meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 9:30 AM, chaired by Catherine (Cat) Scott

At 11:00 A.M. March 21, 2024, is the County Legislature meeting.

Our freedoms and democracy depend on our involvement and participation in our government at all levels. There are many ways to foster positive change. There will be a discussion on the following.

How to be an effective activist

What are the rules of engagement?

What are your rights under the Open's Law?

How to make your government more transparent.

What are your rights when making a FOIL, Freedom of Information Law, request?

### Adult Care Center and the Certificate of Need

Update: Legislature's position as of late.

Department of Health Certificate of Need process.

Infinite Care is applying.

DUES: \$10.00 per year. 2024, collected before or after the meeting.

SLAC is affiliated with StateWide Senior Action Council, senior@org.com, and NYS Alliance for Retired Americans nysara.org.

## Sunday “Tea-Time” Concert

(Monticello, NY) The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) presents a Sunday “Tea-Time” Concert on Sunday, April 7th, 2024 at 2 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 15 St. John. St., Monticello, NY. After the concert keep the good vibes going! Join the Musicians for refreshments and conversations and unwind with a relaxing paint and sip session. Purchase a combo ticket and save while supporting Nesin Cultural Arts (NCA)! The concert ticket is \$25; \$40 for the paint and sip; \$55 for the combo ticket.

To reserve, visit: <https://linktr.ee/nesinculturalarts>. For any questions, please call 845-798-9006 or email: [contact@nesinculturalarts.org](mailto:contact@nesinculturalarts.org). Follow us on social media: @nesinculturalarts & @sccoplayers.

The program includes: Glinka - Grand Sextet for Piano and string quartet and Dvorak - Piano Quintet No. 2 in A Major Op. 81. Glinka composed this work while living in Milan in 1832. At this time, he was heavily influenced by opera, taking in the Italian style at La Scala as often as possible. This music is rich in melodic content and the joie de vivre of the sextet. The Glinka will be followed by the Dvorak Piano Quintet. This is one of the finest examples of Romantic chamber music in the repertoire though it took Dvorak many attempts before he was satisfied. He ignored it, and it remained unpublished, until a string of successes inspired him to return to the work. He worked from a score of his original quintet until he completely abandoned the first iteration of the work and started fresh.

The SCCO performers include: Akiko Hosoi - violin, Naho Parrini - Violin, Chiu-Chen Liu - Viola, TBD - Cello, Andrew Trombley - Bass and Ruo Ting Li - Piano.

SCCO is a Nesin Cultural Arts supported project. Programs are made possible in part by funding from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathleen Courtney Hochul and the NY State Legislature, Episcopal Charities, Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation, Laura Jane Musser Fund, Sullivan County Legislature, Sullivan County Youth Bureau, M&T Charitable Foundation, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, NY Life Foundation, Walmart Community Foundation and Stewart's Shoppes.

## With PBS Funding Eliminated in House Spending Bill, Gillibrand Pushing for \$575 Million for Public Broadcasting

*Funding Cuts Could Put Future Of Beloved Shows Like Sesame Street At Risk*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is leading a bipartisan push for \$575 million in federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) to be included in the upcoming government spending package. The funding bill proposed by the House eliminates advance funding for CPB, which provides direct grant support to PBS and NPR for their public television and radio stations across the country. Zeroing out funding would mean that the future of critical educational and news programming, as well as beloved shows like Sesame Street and America's Test Kitchen, could be in jeopardy.

“PBS is a beloved institution and home to shows that millions of us grew up with,” said Senator Gillibrand. “Sesame Street and Reading Rainbow have helped generations of American children learn to read. PBS NewsHour delivers unbiased reporting every night. PBS also functions as an emergency alert broadcast system, and CPB funding supports the largest non-profit GED program in

the country. Funding cuts could force many PBS stations off the air, and if cuts like these continue, they could potentially jeopardize many of the programs that millions of Americans know and love. I'm determined to not let that happen. I'm leading a bipartisan push to get \$575 million for CPB included in the upcoming spending bill to save public broadcasting.”

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting supports over 1,500 local public television and radio stations that provide free, high-quality programming to millions of households across America. It provides young children who don't get the chance to attend preschool with educational content that helps them learn to read; airs highly trusted nightly news programming; and shares critical public safety information during emergencies. Local public television stations also provide extensive coverage of local government and elections and host candidate debates, helping Americans stay connected with their elected leaders. Because public television and radio relies heavily on federal funding to operate, particularly in rural communities, losing this funding would force many of these stations to reduce or even eliminate much of their programming.

The full text of Senator Gillibrand's letter to Senate appropriators is available here or below:

Dear Chair Baldwin and Ranking Member Capito:

Thank you for the Committee's strong bipartisan leadership in providing full funding for local public broadcast stations through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Ready To Learn program, and public media's interconnection system in your FY 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Bill. The levels you provided in the Senate bill are essential to the continued public services that local stations provide every day in the communities they serve and I urge the conferees to accept your levels for public broadcasting funding.

I was disheartened to see that the House Bill eliminated the two-year advanced appropriations for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and included no funding for the Ready To Learn program or the public broadcasting Interconnection. As you consider the FY 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, I urge you to continue to provide healthy funding for these programs which enable local stations to invest in essential public services in their communities. This funding supports investments in education, public safety, and civic leadership services that all stations are uniquely positioned to provide.

Without adequate funding, important programs providing education, public safety, civic leadership, news, information and community programming may be in jeopardy for many Americans. These services have helped more than three generations of Americans learn to read, while also improving the math and literacy skills of many children living in high-need areas across the country. Local public broadcasting stations play a critical role in alerting, warning, and providing local information during disasters and other crises. Public media is successfully providing trusted local journalism, information, and cultural programming to many parts of our country that are underserved and unprofitable for traditional media sources.

The longstanding practice of two-year advance appropriations for CPB, which was first proposed by President Ford as a five-year advance and enacted by Congress in 1976, allows stations the ability to maximize fundraising efforts to leverage the promise of federal dollars for local impact, ensuring the continuation of this strong public-private partnership. The two-year advance funding mechanism also gives stations critical lead-time needed to plan and produce high-quality programming with accompanying educational resources. Local stations rely on the two-year advance appropriation, and removing this provision will only hurt much-needed clarity.

Thank you again for your leadership on this issue and I urge the conferees to support your Senate funding levels for public media in the final FY 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Bill



Tri-Valley Elementary School  
"INSPIRE SUCCESS TOGETHER"



GO BEARS!

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# Tri-Valley Elementary School

## UPK REGISTRATION

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

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

**Or send an email to:**

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

**and leave your name, your child's  
name and phone number where you  
can be reached.**



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**Sundown United Methodist Church  
Covered Dish Supper  
5:30 pm  
Apr 6, 2024**

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

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

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

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

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

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

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

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

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Ellenville, New York  
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**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041



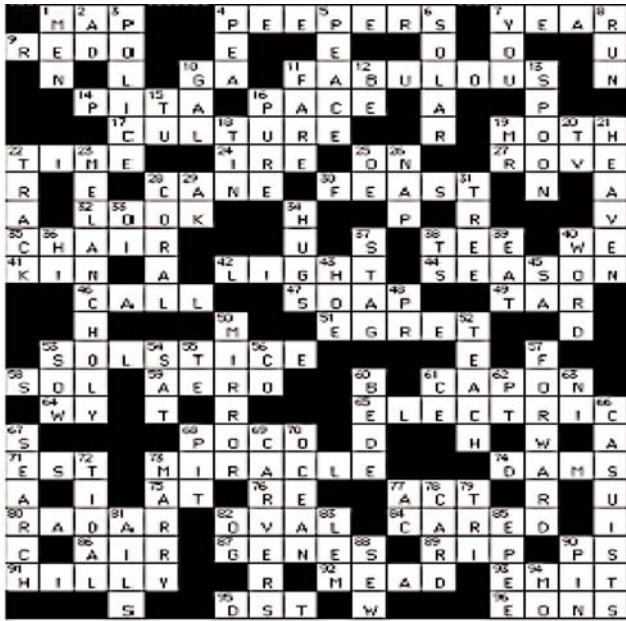
Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor  
Church Hall available for rent  
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

**St. Augustine's Chapel**  
Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY

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



Ans to last week's Crossword



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

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU  
 answer

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 or visit our Virtual Mail  
<http://gnomehomeinc.com>

Clip & Save  
**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
 356 Main St. P.O. Box 86  
 Grahamsville, NY 12740  
**Thrift Sale Schedule 2024**  
 All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

April - 6th and 20th      Sept - 7th and 21st  
 May - 4th and 18th      October - 12th and 26th  
 June - 1st and 15th      Nov - 2nd and 16th  
 July - 6th and 20th      Dec - 7th **Holiday Craft Fair**  
 August - 3rd and 17th

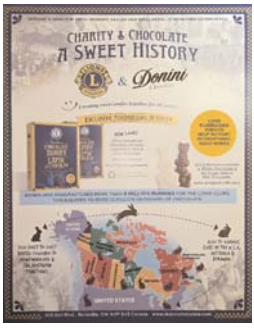
Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays, starting March 14, 2024, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment. Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.  
[grahamsvilleumc.org](http://grahamsvilleumc.org) - [grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com)  
**Seung Jin Hong, Pastor**

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

**2024 Journey For Sight Walk**

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

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



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

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

## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/21/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
3/21/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
3/29/24	Town of Neversink Holiday <b>Good Friday</b>
4/2/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
4/3/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
4/6/24	<b>Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper</b> 5:30 Church Hall
4/9/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
4/10/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
4/16/24	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
4/18/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
4/18/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

**Save the Date!**

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

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

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

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

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

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of March 18 - March 23, 2024

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

**Monday, March 18**

- o 4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; 44 Bingham Road, Marlboro 12542 & 604 Bradford Court Boynton Beach, Florida 33436
- o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Governance Committee**, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Finance Committee**, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Trails Advisory Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Tuesday, March 19**

- o **5:00 PM - Caucus: Democrats**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Caucus: Republican**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **7:00 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024** - A Local Law Amending Article III Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Determination Of Taxable Rent, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Livestream at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>
- o **7:05 PM - Legislative Session**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston and Via Livestream at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>

**Wednesday, March 20**

- o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Audit Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **9:30 AM** (Or Immediately Following IDA Audit Committee) - **Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Audit Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **9:40 AM** (Or Immediately Following UCCRC Audit Committee) - **Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Finance Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **10:00 AM** (Or Immediately Following UCIDA Finance

**Committee) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Finance Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

- o **10:00 AM** (Or Immediately Following UCCRC Finance Committee) - **Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Regular Board Meeting**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

- o **11:00 AM** (Or Immediately Following IDA Board Meeting) - **Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Regular Board Meeting**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

- o **11:15 AM** (Or Immediately Following UCCRC Board Meeting) - **Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

- o **11:45 AM** (Or Immediately Following UCIDA Governance Committee) - **Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Governance Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

- o 12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline

**Thursday, March 21**

- o **9:30 AM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Reform Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

- o **1:00 PM - Ulster County Advisory Committee on Non-Toxic Pest Management**, in the Department of Environment, 17 Pearl Street, Kingston

- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Audit Committee**, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

- o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Youth Bureau**, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston

**Friday, March 22**

- o No Meetings

**Saturday, March 23**

- o **10:00 AM - Special Meeting of the Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston





## Grahamsville United Methodist Church

350 Main St. P.O. Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740

### Thrift Sale Schedule 2024

All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

April – 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

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Nov. – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

July – 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

Dec. – 7<sup>th</sup> Holiday Craft Fair

Aug. – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays, starting March 12, 2024, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment. Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.

### - Our Faith Community Mission -

*“To become one with God as we grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, share our faith with others, and serve God's church, community and world.”*

1. Sundown UMC Sunday Worship is at 8:30 AM
2. Grahamsville UMC Sunday Worship is at 10:30 AM
3. Mongaup Valley UMC Sunday Worship is at 10:30 AM

*(The first Sunday of the month service is at 1:00 pm for Holy Communion)*

**May I ask if you consider yourself a spiritual seeker?**

If yes, please contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong.

**Church # (845)-985-2283**

**E-mail: [GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com](mailto:GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com)**

**Website: [GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com](http://GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com)**

## Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has Arrested a Liberty Man in Connection with a Contractor Larceny Scam

David Gizinski, 37, of Gizinski Construction, LLC. was arrested on February 16, 2024 and charged with Grand Larceny in the 3rd degree, a class D Felony.

It is alleged that the defendant received \$13,656.38 from a Grahamsville NY couple as a 50% down payment for a roofing job in November 2023. The victims were unable to contact Gizinski after he took their money and never started the work.

Gizinski was arraigned before Neversink Town Justice Michael Scagnelli and released on



his own recognizance under New York State's bail reform law. He is due back in the Town of Neversink Court on Tuesday March 19, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

Sheriff Mike Schiff urges citizens to screen contractors carefully before giving them any money. "Do your research, look at internet reviews and social media to see what other people's experiences have been with a contractor that you are thinking of hiring", said the Sheriff. "If a contractor wants full payment in advance or asks you to give them a positive review before they even start the job, that's a red flag".

Sheriff Schiff asks anyone else who has been a victim of this contractor to call the Sheriff's Office at 845-794-7100.

## UC Executive Metzger Urges Residents to Review and Edit Broadband Internet Map

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger is urging all County residents to help improve internet connectivity access and shape broadband infrastructure funding in our community by reviewing and commenting on the State's broadband map. Local governments and non-profit organizations are also urged to review and challenge the map to help ensure all organizations that may provide internet within their locales are fully represented.

With New York State receiving more than \$664 million in federal funding to expand high-speed broadband infrastructure, the ConnectALL program is providing grants to close gaps in broadband service statewide. Since locations that have been officially designated as unserved or underserved will be eligible for these grants, residents across the County are urged to review and comment on maps of Ulster County's current broadband access to make sure the internet access needs of all residents are fully represented.

View the maps and weigh in with your feedback here: <https://register.broadband.ny.gov/map-correction>. Comments can be submitted now through April 11.

Additionally, starting today, local governments and non-profit organizations can review the map and challenge its accuracy if necessary. Help identify anchor institutions, such as community centers and public and supportive housing, that are missing from the map that may provide internet to people who do not have it. For more information, and to register as a challenger, visit: NYS



Broadband Challenge Portal. The deadline for official challenges to the map is April 18.

"We want to make sure our residents have all the tools they need to succeed, and that includes access to high-speed internet," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "The COVID-19 pandemic brought into sharp focus how much internet access has become a basic necessity - for school, for work, for health and safety, for social connection. Every resident in our community should have affordable access to this service."

"Communities throughout the Mid-Hudson region should seize this opportunity to bring high-speed broadband to more homes and businesses," said Pattern for Progress CEO Adam Bosch. "There are many communities in Ulster County that should be competitive for these Federal funds because they have no internet or slow internet. So let's make sure that we review the maps, submit the proper evidence, and help our neighbors compete for this invaluable infrastructure funding."

### BACKGROUND

What is ConnectAll? As part of the 2021 national Bipartisan Infrastructure bill, more than \$664 million was allocated to New York State as part of the federal Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program. The newly formed New York State ConnectAll Office (CAO) will use these funds to improve internet access statewide by investing in digital infrastructure, upgrading service to affordable and public housing, and to supporting digital inclusion and education. One of CAO's initiatives, the ConnectALL Deployment Program, will provide grant funding for last-mile infrastructure and communications equipment that can deliver broadband services to unserved and underserved locations. Pattern for Progress was selected by New York to manage the challenge process for the Mid-Hudson region.



## Public Meeting to Learn About the Ulster County Shandaken Rail Trail Project

KINGSTON, NY - On Tuesday, April 9, Ulster County is hosting a public meeting at the Shandaken Town Hall at 6 pm to gather input from community members about the Shandaken Rail Trail project. The project will construct a multi-use path from the post office at Galli Curci Road in Highmount to the Belleayre Day Use Area in Pine Hill.

Local officials, residents, and business owners are encouraged to attend the meeting online via Zoom or in person at the Town Hall, located at 7209 Route 28, Shandaken. The meeting will include a short presentation by the County's engineering consultants on the project's scope and preliminary design, followed by a public opportunity to comment.

Public Informational Meeting: Shandaken Rail Trail Project

- o Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6 PM
- o In Person: Shandaken Town Hall, 7209 Rt. 28, Shandaken, NY
- o Online - Register via Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_vwACIxfQR3-3UMp76URmvA#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vwACIxfQR3-3UMp76URmvA#/registration)

The 2.6-mile Shandaken Rail Trail project builds upon the County's efforts to develop an interconnected trail system throughout Ulster County. The project includes interconnections to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) trails and those of the Belleayre Mountain Ski Center.

Consistent with the Ulster County Legislature's policy for trail uses in the Ulster and Delaware Rail Corridor, this project was envisioned by the Ulster County Transportation Council's Shandaken Ulster and Delaware Trail Feasibility Study: <https://uctc.ulstercountyny.gov/projects/shandaken-ulster-and-delaware-trail-feasibility-study/>

For individuals requiring special accommodations or seeking further information about the project, please contact Kristen Wilson, Deputy Director of Planning, at (845) 340-3338 or via email at [kwil@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:kwil@co.ulster.ny.us).

Following the meeting, written feedback on the project will be welcomed and can be submitted through the project website: <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/shandaken-rail-trail>.

## Governor Hochul Reminds New Yorkers About Expanded Move Over Law to Include all Stopped Vehicles on Highways

- Drivers Must Slow Down or Move Over to Avoid a Crash with Any Disabled or Stopped Vehicle
- Move Over Law Protects Drivers, Pedestrians, Highway Workers, and Emergency Responders

Governor Kathy Hochul today reminded drivers that New York's Move Over Law will soon be expanded to include all vehicles which will improve highway safety for everyone. Starting March 27, 2024, drivers will be required to take precautions, including slowing down and moving over, to avoid a crash with all vehicles stopped along the roadway.

"The safety of all New Yorkers is my top priority, especially those pulled over to the side of the road," Governor Hochul said. "If you see that you are approaching a disabled vehicle, slow down and move over as best you can to give them some space."

From 2016 to 2020, 37 individuals were killed outside disabled vehicles in New York. Nationally, nearly 300 drivers are struck and killed roadside every year. The Move Over Law was enacted to prevent those tragedies and make New York's roadways safer for all.

The law first became effective in 2010 to prevent collisions with emergency vehicles that were stopped on the roadway. The law has been expanded several times to also cover hazard vehicles, highway worker vehicles, and tow trucks. In 2023, Governor Hochul signed a bill to further strengthen the law by including this protection for all vehicles stopped on the roadway. Under the law, when a driver is approaching a vehicle stopped along either shoulder of the road, they should: change into a lane not immediately adjacent to the vehicle, or slow down to a reasonable speed if unable to safely make a lane change.

Also today, the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee is launching a public awareness campaign using radio, social media and other out-of-home elements to remind people they will need to "Slow Down, Move Over" as best they can when they come upon someone stopped on the side of the road or in a driving lane. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, all 50 states have "Move Over" laws to protect law enforcement officers and other first responders, yet one-third of Americans are not aware of these laws.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

### Middle East Peace Is A Myth

A two-state solution for Israel, a strategic U.S. ally, and Palestine most likely was permanently derailed by the Hamas terrorist attack of October 7, 2023, and the overwhelming Israeli response in Gaza.

The hatred of the Jews of Israel permeates Arab societies. A survey found 74% of Middle East Arabs hate Jews. This is prominently documented by the preaching of a Muslim cleric as follows:

Egyptian Muslim cleric Muhammad Hussein Ya'qoub stated Muslim's feelings in January 2009 when he said "If the Jews left Palestine to us, would we start loving them? Of course not. We will never love them. Absolutely not. The Jews are infidels - not because I say so, and not because they are killing Muslims, but because they imitate the sayings of the disbelievers before. How deluded they are." Ya'qoub also said "The Jews are enemies not because they occupied Palestine. They would have been enemies even if they did not occupy a thing."

Israel must be supported so it can be prepared for ongoing conflicts and potential warfare.

The United States provides about \$3.5 billion annually in military foreign aid to Israel to support our strategic doctrine in the Middle East. Private U.S. citizens, including a few million Jews and about 60 million Evangelical Christians provide support to Israel.

Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry NH

## Two Headed Trout Dinner Get Your Tickets Before They're Gone!

*There are just a few tickets left!*

**JOIN US AT THE DINNER!**

The Two Headed Trout Dinner is a time-honored Roscoe tradition dating back to the 1940s. It remains one of Roscoe's favorite celebrations and serves as the annual fundraiser for the Roscoe-Rockland Chamber of Commerce, which supports local businesses and attracts tourism to our town throughout the entire year! The Dinner also provides us with an opportunity to celebrate Roscoe, highlight and promote local business, raise awareness about preserving our beautiful waterways, and honoring luminaries in the sport of fly fishing that helps our town thrive. Purchase tickets to support our town and enjoy this cherished tradition with your employees, clients, neighbors, family, and friends.

All of the information about this year's Two Headed Trout Weekend is available by clicking [HERE](#) and in the email below! The 63rd Annual Two Headed Trout Dinner and Awards The 2024 Two Headed Trout Dinner will be held Saturday April 6, 2024 at the historic Rockland House at 5:30 p.m., featuring an amazing multi-course meal, live local music, dancing, awards, exciting speakers, local elected leaders, and the popular Two Headed Trout Raffle and Silent Auction -- a wonderful way to promote local businesses and organizations. (See below for how you can donate to the Raffle and Auction!)

### **Joan Wulff Excellence in Fly Fishing Award**

We are thrilled to be honoring the winner of the 2024 Joan Wulff Excellence in Fly Fishing Award: American fly fishing icon Nancy Zakon! As Joan Wulff herself has said, "No one has done more to grow the sport of fly fishing among women than Nancy." You can read more about Nancy's incredible contributions to the sport in her American Museum of Fly Fishing profile featured [HERE](#).

### **The Golden Trout Award**

Awarded for the first time this year, the Golden Trout Award honors an outstanding Roscoe community member who helps keep Roscoe wonderful -- the unsung heroes of the town. This year's inaugural recipient is the Harris family of Harris Funeral Home (est. 1820), one of the oldest businesses in Roscoe. "Elton Harris and his family provide much more than a service. Priceless measures the care and compassion they offer during the most difficult of times. Their work is noble and, by this humble expression of appreciation, honored." - Tim McCausland, Two Headed Trout Awards Selection Committee.

### **The Details**

Where: Rockland House (159 Rockland Rd, Roscoe, NY 12776)

When: Saturday, April 6, 5:30 pm - 8:30pm

Dinner Details: Raffle, Silent Auction, and multi-course Dinner with Live Music and Dancing to Follow!

Pricing: Individual tickets can be purchased for \$80 each.

Tickets can be purchased by mailing a check for the amount of your ticket(s)/table(s) : P.O. Box 443, Roscoe, NY 12777.

If you plan to purchase by check, email [roscoeny@yahoo.com](mailto:roscoeny@yahoo.com) to make sure there are tickets left before you mail your payment.

For information on purchasing tickets, contact Two Headed Trout Committee Co-Chair Rachael Ellen (Loizeaux) Tipping [rachael.tipping@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.tipping@gmail.com) 917-396-8291(text/cell)

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# DEC Announces 2024 I Bird NY Challenge I BIRD NY Encourages New Yorkers to Enjoy Birding Close to Home and on the New York State Birding Trail New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Early spring is an exciting time to observe birds as they engage in fascinating behavior like establishing territories, finding a mate, and gathering nest materials. Others are just starting to arrive from their wintering grounds, and some will only be

passing through. By staying quiet and moving slowly, you'll maximize your chances of seeing the birds that are around you. We recommend visiting the New York State Birding Trail for its unique and accessible settings," said Michael Burger, Executive Director, Audubon Connecticut and New York.

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

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

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

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

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

## Governor Hochul Launches 'Blazing a Trail: A History of New York State Parks and Historic Sites'

- *In Celebration of New York State Parks' Centennial, Interactive Digital Timeline Details Development of Parks System Through Images, Videos and Text*
- *Educational Tool Part of Multi-Faceted, Yearlong Centennial Celebration*

Governor Kathy Hochul today launched an interactive, online timeline titled 'Blazing a Trail: A History of New York State Parks and Historic Sites' in celebration of New York State Parks' Centennial. Organized by eight chronological eras, the first two installments of the timeline are available here, with subsequent eras launching throughout 2024.

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/6be78bd117b645bfa985580d08e2f7df?item=2>

"The New York State Parks Centennial is the perfect opportunity to explore the rich history of our parks and historic sites," Governor Hochul said. "Local leaders, philanthropists, businesses and people from across this state worked together to create a nation-leading parks system that has become one of New York's most cherished recreational and cultural treasures.

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## Governor Hochul Launches 'Blazing a Trail: A History of New York State Parks and Historic Sites'

(From Pg. 29) I invite all New Yorkers to experience 'Blazing A Trail' and learn about this integral part of our state."

'Blazing A Trail' employs photographs, illustrations, paintings, documents, archival footage, maps and narrative to tell the story of the development of the New York State Parks system. The timeline experience introduces important figures in the agency's history and examines the social and political context of each era of development. The first two eras are currently live: "Laying the Foundation: 1850-1924" and "Adopting The Park Plan: 1924-1929."

In these eras, users will learn about the drive to conserve natural spaces during the rapid development of the late 1800s and preserve the nation's past as the country celebrated its first century, and explore how the focus of the early parks movement shifted from preservation to recreation at the dawn of the 20th century. They will encounter leaders such as Gov. Alfred Smith, whose upbringing in New York City's tenements instilled a lifelong drive to improve the lives of the urban poor and who was influential in the system's creation, and philanthropists such as Robert and Laura Treman, William Pryor Letchworth, and John Boyd and Emma Treadwell Thacher, who purchased and donated land and whose names are now enshrined in the parks created on their donated lands. Each era includes the individual histories of the parks and sites added in the timeframe.

Additional eras launching throughout the year will cover the rise of the automobile, the influence of the Great Depression and Civilian Conservation Corps on Parks, the development of the system under the post-World War II Rockefeller administration, the creation of the modern Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), efforts to expand the agency's diverse portfolio of parks, and more. Future eras include 1930-1945, 1945-1959, 1960-1971, 1972-1999, 2000-Today, and Tomorrow and Beyond.

Commissioner Pro Tempore of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Randy Simons said, "This timeline represents decades of archival collection and preservation, and a great deal of research, curation, and writing by the dedicated historians and archivists of our Division Of Historic Preservation, both past and present. When people experience 'Blazing A Trail,' they will gain an understanding of the forces that shaped the Park system we know and love today, and a greater appreciation of this public treasure."

'Blazing A Trail' is the latest in a series of initiatives to celebrate the Parks Centennial. Other initiatives include an exhibit in the New York State Capitol's State Street Tunnel currently on view; the Share Your Story project, which invites people to tell their own stories relating to Parks and Sites; the Centennial Challenge, which encourages people to win prizes by participating in various activities at parks and sites; and the release of the Centennial Collection merchandise, which includes t-shirts, hoodies, mugs and more. Additional initiatives will be announced throughout 2024.

### The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses,



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## Governor Hochul Announces NY Pharmacists Can Now Provide Hormonal Contraception without a Prescription

Governor Kathy Hochul joined New York State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald at College Parkside Pharmacy in Albany to sign a standing order authorizing pharmacists to dispense three types of hormonal contraception medication without a prescription. This measure makes it easier for people who have difficulty accessing a primary care provider to get safe and effective contraception at their local pharmacy, and furthers New York State's mission to provide safe and legal family planning care to all.

"At a time when reproductive rights are under attack, New York State will continue to fight for every individual's right to access the health care they need," Governor Hochul said. "Starting a family is a deeply personal decision and New York State will always be a place where people can access safe and effective contraceptives."

The standing order signed by the State Health Commissioner pertains to three types of self-administered hormonal contraceptives that are approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration to prevent pregnancy, which include the following:

- o Oral hormonal pill
- o Hormonal vaginal ring
- o Hormonal contraceptive patch

Pharmacists who choose to participate can dispense up to 12 months of a self-administered hormonal contraception of the individual's preference and covered under their insurance.

This announcement builds on several actions from Governor Kathy Hochul since the Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Governor Hochul led New York State in protecting abortion access, including making a nation-leading \$35 million investment to support abortion providers across the state, purchasing a five-year supply of misoprostol and signing laws protecting patients and providers and strengthening access for abortion care through telehealth services. As part of her FY2024 budget, Governor Hochul allocated \$100.7 million in new funding to support abortion providers and reproductive health care.

The New York State Board of Regents, the agency that grants pharmacy licenses, voted on March 12, 2024, to approve an emergency amendment that was necessary before the State Health Commissioner could issue the standing order.

New York State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "Under Governor Hochul's leadership, New York State continues to expand access to contraception options and break down longstanding barriers to reproductive care that persist across the nation. This is about access to care and individual autonomy. By issuing a standing order to allow pharmacists to provide hormonal contraception medications, more people can choose the right reproductive care for themselves and the right time for them to have a child. New York State will continue to fight for reproductive rights and advance health equity through meaningful measures that broaden access to care for all. In partnership with the State Education Department, we will work with our licensed pharmacist professionals over the next several weeks so they're ready to provide these important contraception medications."

Participating pharmacists could be ready and able to dispense hormonal contraceptives over the next several weeks. Individuals should reach out to their local pharmacy for more information about if and when the services will be available.

As part of this process, the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Education has developed a set of competencies required for pharmacists who choose to participate to self-attest. Pharmacists will need to maintain their own documentation of training and make it avail-

able to the state Department of Education upon request.

Prior to dispensing these self-administered medications, a pharmacist is required to provide the individual with a self-screening patient intake form. If the pharmacist deems the selected medication appropriate, they will provide counseling including direction for self-administered usage, potential risks associated with medications, and risk for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. Individuals will have to self-screen at minimum every 12 months, and pharmacists will be required to notify an individual's primary health care practitioner within 72 hours of dispensing the medication unless the patient requests otherwise.

Pharmacists Society of the State of New York Board President Leigh McConchie, RPh said, "New York pharmacists are pleased to once again join the state in expanding patients' access to reproductive health care. Self-administered hormonal contraceptives are used by thousands of New Yorkers for a variety of reproductive health needs-including but not limited to the treatment of irregular menstrual cycle-as well as to prevent a pregnancy. A patient's pharmacy is often more available and convenient than a physician's office or reproductive health care office, especially when time is of the essence. Today's emergency standing order further empowers pharmacists to play a vital role in the overall patient health care team, and we commend Governor Hochul, Commissioner McDonald and NYSDOH for cementing New York's stance as a leader in reproductive rights for all."

More information on the New York State standing order can be found on the State Department of Health's website or the State Education Department website.



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## Governor Hochul Announces Extension of Home Heating Assistance Programs through April 12

- *Second Round of Emergency Home Heating Aid Now Available for Eligible New Yorkers*
- *Home Energy Assistance Program Helps Eligible Households Pay Their Heating Bills*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the availability of additional home heating assistance to help low- and middle-income New Yorkers who are struggling to pay their energy bills, are in danger of running out of heating fuel or having their utility service shut off. The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) has extended the deadline for Regular and Emergency HEAP applications to April 12 and is now accepting applications for a second emergency benefit from eligible New Yorkers who have used up their regular and first emergency benefits.

“Energy prices remain high, putting a burden on struggling New Yorkers trying to pay their bills,” Governor Hochul said. “New Yorkers are applying for HEAP benefits, and by extending the program through April 12 and offering a second emergency benefit, we are continuing to provide critical relief to low- and middle-income households.”

HEAP, which is overseen by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, is federally funded and can help eligible New Yorkers heat and cool their homes. Normally, eligible households can receive one Regular HEAP benefit each winter and could also be eligible for a single Emergency HEAP benefit if they face an energy crisis. Those that have already received a regular and emergency benefit this winter will be able to apply for an additional emergency benefit, if they are facing a utility shut off or are running out of heating fuel and cannot afford to replenish it.

Eligible homeowners and renters may receive up to \$976 in heating assistance, depending on their income, household size, how they heat their home, and if the household contains a vulnerable member. A family of four may have a maximum gross monthly income of \$5,838, or an annual gross income of \$70,059 and still qualify for benefits.

More than 1.4 million Regular HEAP benefits totaling \$198 million have been issued this heating season since the program opened November 1, with an additional 49,000 Emergency HEAP benefits totaling \$30 million provided since January 2.

Applications for assistance are accepted at local departments of social services and can be submitted online, through the mail or in person. Additionally, older adults needing assistance with HEAP applications can contact their local office for the aging or contact the NY Connects helpline at 1-800-342-9871. The deadline for the Regular, Emergency, and second Emergency benefit is April 12. Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Acting Commissioner Barbara C. Guinn said, “HEAP provides essential financial assistance to hundreds of thousands of vulnerable New Yorkers struggling to pay their energy bills. We are grateful for Governor Hochul’s continued support of this vital lifeline for low-income working families, senior citizens on a fixed income, and those who find themselves in emergency situations. I encourage all eligible households to apply for these additional benefits, which will provide much-needed

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financial relief.”

Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer said, “Every New York family deserves safe, affordable homes with heating to keep themselves and their children warm during the winter. As majority leader, I have been a relentless advocate to amply fund the HEAP program so residents across every corner of the Empire State can tap into federal funds to deal with challenging heating costs. I am proud I fought to deliver heating assistance for all New Yorkers, and thank Governor Hochul for advocating to secure the resources vulnerable New Yorkers need to make ends meet.”

Representative Joseph Morelle said, “The Home Energy Assistance Program is a vital resource that helps thousands of New York families heat and cool their homes. I’m proud to support this program with federal funds and I’m grateful to Governor Hochul for helping ensure more people can take advantage of these cost-saving benefits. I encourage everyone who qualifies to sign up for this valuable program.”

Additionally, assistance through the 2023-2024 Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement program remains available to help eligible homeowners repair or replace their furnace, boiler, and other direct heating equipment necessary to keep their home’s primary heating source working. Benefit amounts through the HEAP Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement program are based on the actual cost incurred to repair or replace the essential heating equipment - up to \$4,000 for a repair and \$8,000 for a replacement.

Eligible homeowners can also continue to apply for a HEAP Heating Equipment Clean and Tune benefit to keep their home’s primary heating source working at peak efficiency. Applicants for these benefits should contact their local department of social services for more information.

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

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

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

Advanced online registration required at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org). Those who register will receive an email prior to the event with a link and instructions on how to join. This educational program is provided to you at no cost or obligation.

To register go to:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1gurL2KWpOZkgBcmyN4Elet3DU2lo\\_iVTG1sK38Ea-WOx\\_A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1gurL2KWpOZkgBcmyN4Elet3DU2lo_iVTG1sK38Ea-WOx_A/viewform)





# Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK at the Daniel Pierce Library!

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

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

3 - 4:30 p.m.



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

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

To Register go to:

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

# Environmental Conservation Police on Patrol Seize Ailing Alligator

On March 13, ECOs successfully seized an 11-foot, 750-pound alligator illegally kept at a residence in the town of Hamburg.



ECOs learned the owner of the home had built an addition to his house and installed an in-ground swimming pool to keep the roughly 30-year-old alligator, and, without a permit, allegedly allowed members of the public to get into the water to pet the unsecured alligator. The individual formerly possessed a DEC license for the alligator, but the license expired in 2021 and was not renewed.

ECOs executed the seizure in conjunction with the town of Hamburg Police Department and the Erie County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) in the interest of public safety and the health, safety, and protection of the alligator. The alligator



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 ← Turn LEFT onto NY-213 1.1 Miles  
 → Turn RIGHT onto Krumville Road/CR-2A 0.8 Miles  
 Gun Shop on LEFT

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

## Bingo at the Monticello Elks Lodge

### Every Tuesday at 7 PM

46 North Street in Monticello

### For information

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

gator has numerous health-related issues, including blindness in both eyes and spinal complications.

Authorities turned the alligator over to a licensed caretaker who will house and care for the animal until it can be properly transported for permanent care. Analysis of additional evidence seized during the warrant and consultation with a licensed veterinarian will determine any future potential charges.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Division of Law Enforcement enforces the 71 chapters of New York State's Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York. In 1880, the first eight Game Protectors proudly began serving to protect the natural resources and people of New York State. In 2023, the Division of Law Enforcement fielded more than 101,500 calls, resulting in Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) and Investigators across the state responding to more than 30,932 complaints and working on cases that resulted in nearly 16,900 tickets or arrests for violations ranging from deer poaching to solid waste dumping, illegal mining, the illegal pet trade, and excessive emissions violations.

“DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers and Investigators from Brooklyn to Buffalo and beyond work around the clock to protect our environment, safeguard public health, and hold law breakers accountable,” DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. “As DEC continues its efforts to build a Police force more reflective of the communities they serve, the public can rest assured that our Officers, in partnership with representatives of local, State, and federal law enforcement agencies, continue to enforce New York's stringent Environmental Conservation Laws.”



# The Daniel Pierce Library

## Spring Children's Programs 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour**

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

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

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

Register at:

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



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Register  
Today!



# Tri-Valley Chess

AT THE DPL

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

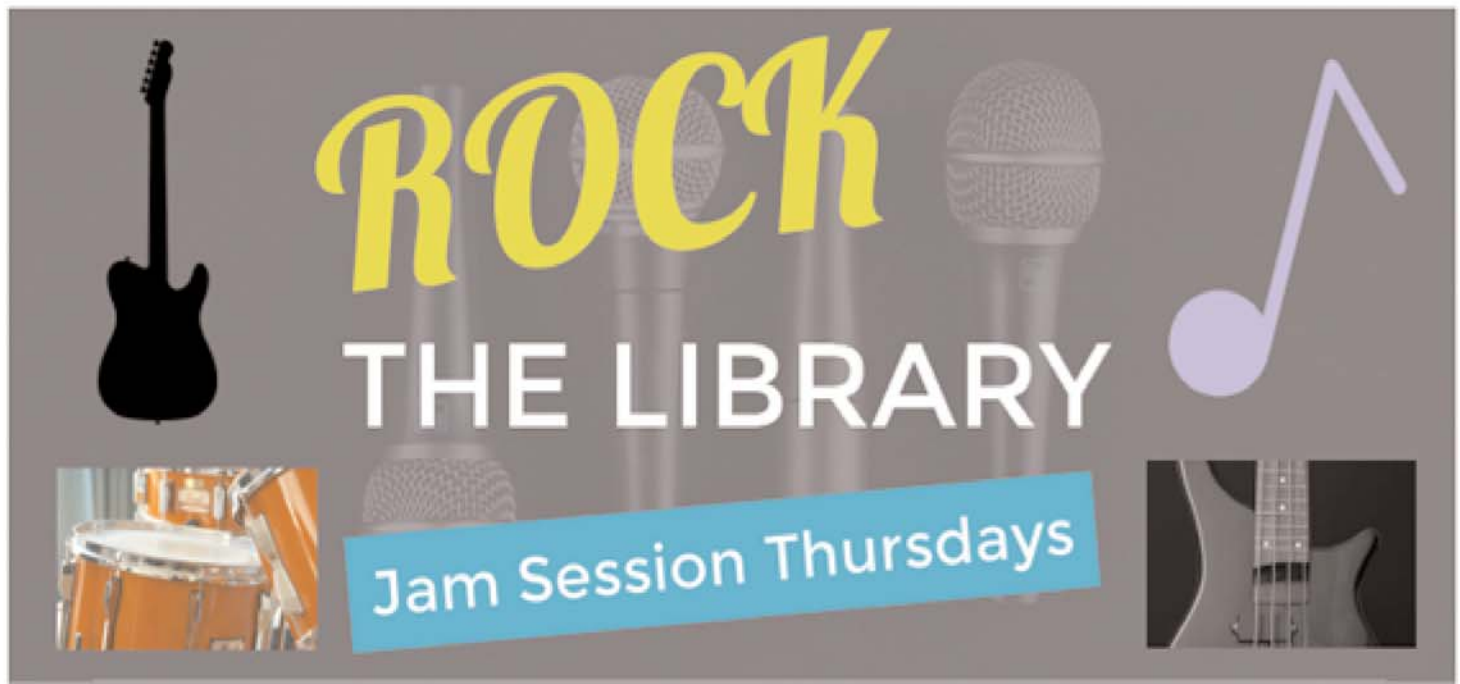


**Join us for Snacks, Chess, & No Stress!**

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

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





*Thursdays in April @ the DPL*

*3:15 - 4:45 pm*

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

*Clinic in the Board Room*

*Jam Sesh in the Reading Room*

Bus to and from School and Library

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

*Bring your instrument/talent*

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

*Performance event on the Patio in June*



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**CLARYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
STATION 65**

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

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# Defensive Driving Course

Opened to all Community Members

Sponsored by: Claryville Vol. Fire Dept

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

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

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

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

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





Sundown  
United  
Methodist  
Church



**April 6, 2024**

**5:30 pm**

Bring a covered dish to share  
Enjoy good food and fellowship

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

**Sundown United Methodist Church Hall**

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



## Statement from Governor Hochul on Agreement in Callahan 'Right to Shelter' Mediation

"I am pleased to see an agreement reached between the City of New York and Legal Aid that will allow the City greater flexibility while still ensuring that both longtime New Yorkers and new arrivals have access to safe shelter. I have been proud to partner with Mayor Adams in helping to manage the current humanitarian crisis, including by providing \$4.3 billion in state funds, and am committed to continuing our support while the Biden Administration works towards a longer term federal solution."

## Legislators Urge NYSDOT to Address Runaway Truck Accidents in Wurtsboro

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Legislature's Public Works Committee today unanimously agreed to ask the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) to use all means at its disposal to improve the safety of the intersection of U.S. Route 209 and Sullivan Street in the Village of Wurtsboro.

"That four-way intersection has seen numerous accidents going back decades, mostly due to heavy trucks whose brakes have overheated while coming down Wurtsboro Mountain Road (County Route 172) from Rock Hill," explains District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, who co-introduced today's resolution with District 4 Legislator Nick Salomone. "Since the DOT owns and maintains the traffic lights at that intersection, it's incumbent upon them to take action where we cannot - namely, to mitigate, as much as possible, these deadly and destructive accidents."

"I travel through the Village regularly, and I've seen the damage that results when huge trucks careen down the hill," affirms Legislator Salomone, who represents the Village of Wurtsboro on the Legislature. "We need to increase the safety of the Village, its businesses, its residents and truck drivers themselves, before another life is lost."

The most recent runaway truck accidents occurred in February and April last year, resulting in thousands of dollars in damages and injuries to a truck driver.

According to the latest DOT data available, approximately 8,000 vehicles use that section of Route 209 every day, and around 5,100 use Sullivan Street, which becomes Wurtsboro Mountain Road/CR 172 west of the Village. Approximately 10% of that traffic consists of medium to heavy weight trucks, with nearly 200 trucks estimated to utilize acWurtsboro Mountain Road each day.

County officials are urging the State to assess alternate truck routes (using Route 17's Exit 113 instead of 112, for example) and the potential efficacy of Traffic Signal Pre-emption Technology, which would install detectors under the pavement on Wurtsboro Mountain Road. The equipment could determine whether a heavy truck was speeding down the hill towards the Village, then activate signaling devices at the intersection to warn drivers and pedestrians of a potentially out-of-control vehicle.

"We cannot wait until another accident happens to take action," says Blosser-Bernardo. "We need the State DOT to come up with effective solutions and put them into place as soon as possible. It will literally save lives."



Published in the Sullivan County Democrat, this photo shows firefighters rescuing a truck driver after an accident at the Wurtsboro four corners on April 11, 2023.

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# COMMUNITY TAKEOUT CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, May 18, 2024  
4 to 6 p.m.

Museum and Library Parking Lot  
332 Main Street, Grahamsville

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



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

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



## All Vendors are wanted!

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

**When:** Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Rain or Shine**

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

**Time:** 10 AM – 3 PM

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

### Regulations for Sellers:

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

For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer at 845-807-6563; email at [claryvillefd@gmail.com](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 STATION 65**

1500 DENNING ROAD · CLARYVILLE, NEW YORK 12725  
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Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

**Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Rain or Shine**

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Please check if you would like to be either outside under the pavilion or inside the building.*  
**\*\*\*spots inside the building are first come first serve based on postage date of application\*\*\***

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

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

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

Cost: \$20.00 per 8ft table or \$250.00 an 8ft table with *electricity*. *\*Please note vendor spot fee is nonrefundable\** Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Donation for door prize (an item raffled off for vendors) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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

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

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

**Registration forms and payment must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your spot!**

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

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



# ELEMENTARY SOCIAL SKILLS

Registration is open for Grades K-5.

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

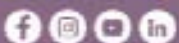
- Manners
- Listening
- Hygiene
- Emotions

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

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

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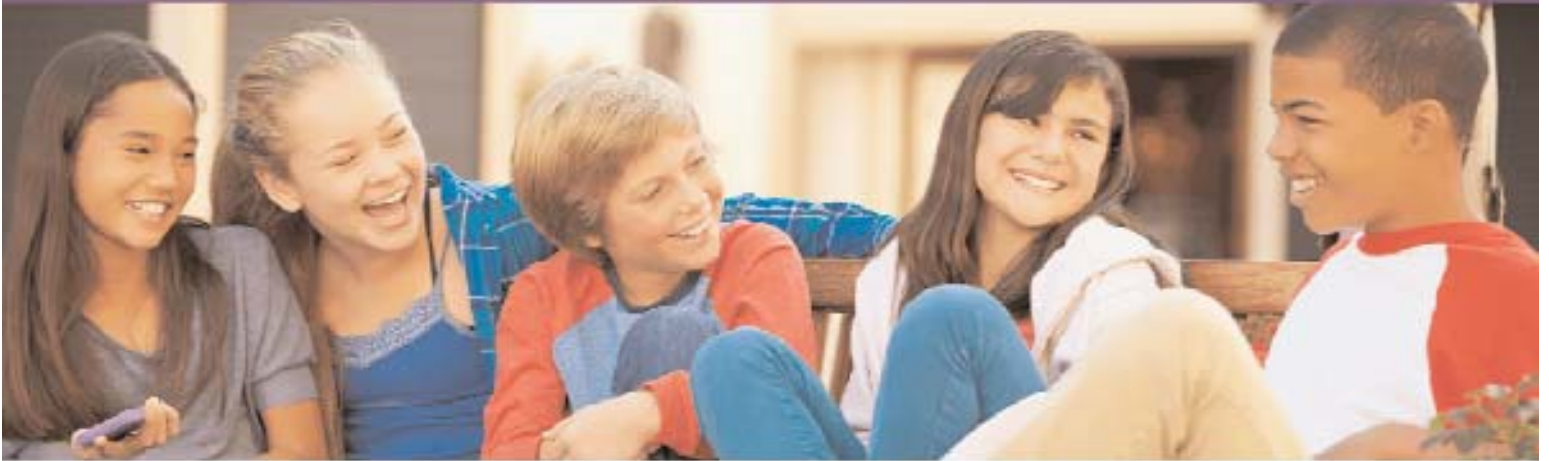
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# Middle School Social Skills



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# *Life Skills Group*

## **WORK READINESS EDITION**

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

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

**309 East Broadway**

**Monticello, NY 12701**

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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After a busy week, I wanted to provide another update on how I'm fighting for Hudson and Delaware Valley priorities:

#### WISHING YOU A HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

I want to wish everyone who celebrated this weekend Happy St. Patrick's Day!

I'm lucky to call the Hudson Valley home.

Thanks to everyone who came to celebrate at the Wallkill Parade!

#### CALLING FOR TRANSPARENCY ON CENTRAL HUDSON'S BILLING PRACTICES

Transparency is an absolute must as Central Hudson works to rebuild customer trust. Last week, I called on the Public Service Commission to immediately release the independent monitor's report on Central Hudson's billing practices, which was due on February 29th.

It is clearly in the public's interest to have full access to the report, especially given Central Hudson's pending rate case.

Hudson Valley families deserve to know exactly what corrections Central Hudson is making to ensure this fiasco never happens again. Read my letter here .

#### PROTECTING OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FROM CYBERATTACKS

The recent cyberattack on United Healthcare has left patients and providers reeling.

We cannot allow our critical healthcare infrastructure to be crippled by another cyberattack.

I joined on a letter calling for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the Department of Health and Human Services to increase cyber defenses available to the health sector and provide immediate relief to the patients and providers impacted by the current cyberattack. Read the letter here .

#### PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Last week, Donald Trump made it clear that he won't hesitate to cut Social Security and Medicare. This has been Elise Stefanik and the far right's agenda since day one and now Trump is saying it out loud.

Let me be absolutely clear, I will always fight to protect Social Security and Medicare. In my first year in Congress, I voted against the far-right's drastic proposed across the board cuts of 20% to critical social safety net programs.

I'm also committed to making it as easy as possible for you to access your hard-earned benefits. If you need assistance navigating Social Security, Medicare, or federal benefits, contact my office at (845) 443-2930 or here on my website .

#### FIGHTING FOR AFFORDABLE INTERNET

In NY-18, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) helps 46,000 families access the internet, but critical funding is running out.

I'm pushing to fully fund the ACP. I've signed on to a letter calling for continued funding for the vital program and am a proud cosponsor of the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act, so that our neighbors like Nancy have continued access to the internet.

#### PUSHING TO END THE GENDER WAGE GAP

The Equal Pay Act was passed 61 years ago, yet women still earn on average 84 cents for every dollar made by men.

This past Wednesday marked Equal Pay Day, and I'm proud to cosponsor the Equal Pay Day Resolution and the Paycheck Fairness Act to end the gender wage gap once and for all.

#### MARKING THE BEGINNING OF RAMADAN

Last week marked the beginning of Ramadan, and I want to wish everyone a meaningful and blessed month.

#### SUPPORTING NY-18 BROADCASTERS

Thanks to the New York State Broadcasters Association and representatives from NY-18 stations for making the trip to DC to discuss everything from the importance of local broadcasting and journalism to concerns about artificial intelligence.

Looking forward to more productive conversations!

#### CONGRATULATING NY-18'S OUTSTANDING MATH STUDENTS

On Thursday, March 14, we celebrated Pi Day, but it's also a day of celebrating math education.

Math and Physics Exploration in Poughkeepsie offers extraordinary STEM learning opportunities to NY-18 kids.

I was honored to send my congratulations to the students being honored at the program's Math Recognition Day for their outstanding achievements in math.

You have bright futures ahead!

#### CHAMPIONING OUR NATIONAL PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS

I'm proud to have earned a 100% National Parks Champion certification from the National Parks Action Fund!

I'll never stop fighting to protect our public lands, waters, and wildlife.

#### WISHING THE AMERICAN LEGION A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

On Friday, the American Legion celebrated its 105th birthday - a huge Happy Birthday to the Legion!

#### GRANTS CORNER – APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds regional and local initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and injuries. Application webinars are available here . The FY2024 application has multiple deadlines depending on the grant type:

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

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

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

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

The NYS ConnectALL Broadband - Municipal Infrastructure Program will assist municipalities, non-profits, and other entities to construct open and accessible public broadband infrastructure to provide New Yorkers with high-quality, reliable, and affordable service options. The Municipal Infrastructure Program will prioritize projects that address unserved and underserved locations.

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## Pat Ryan

(From Pg. 53)

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

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

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

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



### Forcing TikTok to Cut Ties with the CCP & Protecting Americans' Data

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y88Ip\\_-\\_7XQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y88Ip_-_7XQ)

Over the last two weeks, the Chinese Communist Party has aggressively spread misinformation about H.R. 7521, the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act. In an attempt to strengthen their propaganda megaphone, the CCP uses TikTok to manipulate and exploit

users' data for its own surveillance and monetary gains.

This bill, which passed the House by a vote of 352-65, aims to ensure the safety of Americans' data and the national security of the United States from threats posed by foreign adversary-controlled applications such as TikTok. The legislation does not apply to U.S.-owned companies, thus mitigating the risk of weaponization against American social media companies like X, Truth Social, or Rumble. H.R. 7521 would simply require applications controlled by China, Iran, Russia, or North Korea to either divest ownership of the foreign adversary or face prohibition from operating in the United States.

With over 170 million users, it was imperative that Congress took this decisive and critical measure to prohibit the Chinese Communist Party from controlling the TikTok application. I remain dedicated to cracking down on the CCP's malign influence and working to ensure that our adversaries do not have access to sensitive data held by individuals and businesses who use the app.

### Holding President Biden Accountable

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wXUQH13LZ4>

The facts of the matter remain the same even following Special Counsel Hur's testimony this past week: Our country has a two-tiered system of justice.

Joe Biden kept 50 classified documents on the military surge in Afghanistan in his Delaware garage and wasn't prosecuted. There are two tiers of justice in Biden's America: Biden's political opponents get targeted and indicted, while Democrats get off without charge.

In his testimony, Special Counsel Hur reiterated the facts spelled out in his report. President Biden "willfully retained and disclosed classified materials as a private citizen," but criminal charges were not warranted because President Biden is an "elderly man with a poor memory."

Either President Biden is fit to stand trial for willfully lying about possessing classified materials, or he is unfit to serve as Commander-in-Chief of the United States. There is no middle ground.

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

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

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7521, the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act. H.R. 7521 would ensure the national security of the United States by safeguarding Americans' data from applications, such as TikTok, that are controlled by hostile foreign actors. Congress has heard consistently from the intelligence community about the serious threats posed by TikTok to our national security. With over 170 million users, TikTok is the Chinese Communist Party's propaganda megaphone, using the app to exploit users' data for its own surveillance and monetary gains. In response, H.R. 7521 would require all social media applications with greater than one million users controlled by China, Iran, Russia, or North Korea to either divest ownership or face a prohibition from operating in the United States. This decisive move by the House will protect Americans' data and take away a major tool from the Chinese Communist Party's ongoing initiatives regarding propaganda and censorship. As a result, the Chinese Communist Party has worked aggressively to spread misinformation about this bill. H.R. 7521 only applies to social media platforms owned by China, Iran, Russia, or North Korea, so the risk of weaponization against U.S. social media companies, such as X, Truth Social, or Rumble, is nonexistent. (Contd. Pg. 55)



## This Week With Claudia

(From Pg. 54) I was grateful to cosponsor this important bill to protect Americans' data from the Chinese Communist Party and other hostile foreign actors. H.R. 7521 passed the House by an overwhelming majority of 352-65 with one present vote.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6276, the Utilizing Space Efficiently and Improving Technologies Act of 2023. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, countless federal agencies have refused to bring their employees back to the office, leaving the federal offices they occupy empty or underutilized. This is an enormous disservice to American taxpayers who have to suffer under inadequate government services and pay to maintain unused buildings. In response, H.R. 6276 requires the heads of federal agencies to report to Congress on the utilization rate of each of their federal buildings. In addition, it instructs the General Services Administration and Office of Management and Budget to reduce or consolidate space in buildings that have a utilization rate below 60 percent. It is time for federal employees to return to the office and for our bureaucracy to use taxpayer funds more responsibly. H.R. 6276 passed the House by a vote of 217-203.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 1065, Denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policies. After inheriting a secure border, the Biden administration has completely failed to maintain it, with over 10 million unvetted migrants crossing our border. This is nothing less than a complete and utter crisis that is directly harming our national security as President Biden's policies often have the effect of supporting drug cartels and human traffickers. In response, the House passed H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act of 2023, which was the strongest border security package to ever pass. H.Res. 1065 highlights the Biden administration's dereliction of duty and raises seven key actions that the President could take to end the crisis. These actions are: ending catch-and-release; reinstating the Migrant Protection Protocols; entering into asylum cooperative agreements; ending abuses of parole authority; detaining inadmissible aliens; using expedited removal authority; and reining in taxpayer-funded benefits for illegal aliens. Despite President Biden's continued attempts to deflect blame for this crisis, the President must take responsibility for his failures and resign or face impeachment. I strongly supported H.Res. 1065 when it passed the House by a vote of 226-193.

I voted "Yes" on H.R.1752, the E-BRIDGE Act. Across our country, countless Americans lack access to fast and reliable broadband. To ensure proper deployment of broadband, many local communities must partner with the private sector who provides the required expertise. However, such partnerships can render potential projects ineligible for federal grants. To address this issue, H.R. 1752 would allow the Economic Development Administration within the Department of Commerce to fund such arrangements. This is a commonsense step to help expand broadband access for more Americans, especially those in Upstate New York. H.R. 1752 passed the House by a vote of 375-20.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 886, the Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act. H.R. 886 would reauthorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Marine Debris Program (MDP), which was founded to coordinate the removal of debris in our nation's waterways and oceans. H.R. 886 would extend MDP through 2028 and increase its annual appropriation from \$10 million to \$15 million per year. In addition, it would restructure the program into a nonprofit corporation under the supervision of the Secretary of Commerce, allowing the program to accept certain donations, acquire certain property, invest funds, and carry out contracts to address marine debris. People across New York flock to Lake Ontario and the Finger Lakes for their natural beauty, not to see litter and pollution. It is vital we have a coordinated response to address such

issues. H.R. 886 passed the House by a vote of 326-73.

**Demanding Answers on Governor Hochul's Misguided Migrant Relocation Assistance Program**

Since first hearing of Kathy Hochul's misguided Migrant Relocation Assistance Program, counties in New York's 24th District have courageously stood up to Governor Hochul to protect local residents by passing resolutions in opposition to this program. Just five of New York's 62 counties are accepting illegal immigrants through this state's program. But recently there have been alarming reports of individuals with unproven asylum claims being transferred to Erie and Monroe Counties.

This week, I sent a letter to Kathy Hochul, urging her to address these pressing concerns regarding her administration's program. I demanded answers to the following questions to ensure our communities are protected:

How many individuals have been relocated to Erie County or Monroe County under MRAP?

How much have the relocations to Erie County and Monroe County cost taxpayers?

How is your administration vetting the individuals selected to participate in MRAP? Is part of this vetting an evaluation of the legitimacy of their asylum claims or a criminal background check?

How is your administration ensuring the safety of American citizens in Erie County, Monroe County, and the surrounding counties with the influx of these individuals with unproven asylum claims?

How is your administration ensuring that these individuals show up to their court dates and do not evade the law?

Our communities are suffering under crushing inflation, record crime, and now an illegal migrant crisis. Central and Western New Yorkers should not be used as pawns in the lawless 'sanctuary city' policies imposed by Biden and Hochul.



## Rep Molinaro Backs Bill to Protect IVF Access Following Alabama Ruling

Washington, DC - Following the Alabama Supreme Court ruling, U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) today cosponsored the Access to Family Building Act, a bill that protects access to in-vitro fertilization (IVF). Millions of Americans rely on IVF to have children. The bill was introduced by U.S. Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA-7). Companion legislation was introduced in the Senate by U.S. Senators Patty Murray (D-WA) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL).

Specifically, the Access to Family Building Act establishes a statutory right to access IVF, thereby overriding any state effort to limit services and ensuring no hopeful parent-or their doctors-are punished for trying to start or grow their family.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I was troubled by and said at the time that I opposed Alabama's ruling to limit IVF. I'm a parent who has personal experience with IVF and support all women and families who choose IVF to bring life into this world. Protecting it is just commonsense."

In Congress, Rep. Molinaro has fought back against restrictive policy. Most recently, he led a successful effort to prevent restrictions on mifepristone and birth control from passing. (Contd. Pg 56)

## On Anniversary of COVID-19 School Closures, Molinaro Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Address Learning Loss Among Students with Disabilities

Binghamton, NY - Ahead of the four year anniversary of Upstate New York schools shutting down due to the COVID-19 pandemic, U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) is introducing the Think DIFFERENTLY About Ending Learning Loss Act. The bipartisan bill, which builds on Rep. Molinaro's successful 'Think DIFFERENTLY' initiative, was introduced alongside U.S. Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA-3).

During the COVID-19 pandemic, schools in Upstate New York and across the nation experienced prolonged closures, mask mandates, and various restrictions. Students with disabilities were particularly affected, with limited or no access to essential therapies and extensive time away from the classroom, leading to Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals becoming no longer attainable.

Rep. Molinaro's bill directs the Department of Education to conduct a study on the effects of learning loss for students with disabilities during the pandemic. The study will highlight the unique needs of these students so educators, parents, and lawmakers can develop informed solutions to address learning loss.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Very little attention has been given to the educational needs of students with disabilities and the setbacks they endured during the pandemic. As a father of a child on the autism spectrum, I saw learning loss firsthand. We can't allow students with disabilities to just be left behind. This bipartisan effort will work to ensure students with disabilities get additional support to address the learning loss that occurred."

## At Chenango Valley High School, Rep. Molinaro Discusses Impact of Education Cuts in Proposed NYS Budget

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today hosted an education roundtable with school faculty, parents, teachers, and students at Chenango Valley High School, one of the schools losing funding in Governor Kathy Hochul's proposed 2025 state budget. During the roundtable, the group discussed the need for more school funding - not less - as well as expanded disability education, pediatric mental health, and workforce development programs.

The Governor's budget, which Rep. Molinaro has led the opposition against, reduces funding for hundreds of schools across New York State. This includes cuts to funding at Chenango Valley Central School District, Chenango Forks Central School District, and over half of all schools in New York's 19th Congressional District. The budget also provides \$2.4 billion to provide undocumented immigrants with legal assistance, housing, transportation,

healthcare, and jobs.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Today's discussion centered around the massive needs schools have, including more mental health resources and more disability education support. None of this is possible if Governor Hochul's education cuts go through. In fact, with budget cuts, schools could be forced to make up the difference by gutting the very programs they want to build up. The budget is even more nonsensical when you account for the \$2 billion in new spending for undocumented immigrants. We need more education funding, not less. The Governor has to rescind this budget."

## Molinaro Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Help Small Business Invest in Accessibility

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) today introduced the Think DIFFERENTLY Small Business Accessibility Act, a bipartisan bill that helps small businesses in Upstate New York make modifications that accommodate customers and employees with disabilities. It builds on Rep. Molinaro's successful 'ThinkDIFFERENTLY' initiative which challenges local residents, businesses, and municipalities to break down barriers for those with disabilities. Rep. Molinaro introduced this bill alongside U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-TX-30).

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) provides the Disabled Access Credit, which helps small businesses make investments in modifications that promote accessibility for customers or employees with disabilities. Eligible investments include purchasing assistive technologies, equipment modifications, or any other reasonable accommodation defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, the tax credit is currently limited to businesses with 30 or less full time employees and businesses who have earned less than \$1 million in the previous year.

Rep. Molinaro's bill expands the Disabled Access Credit to small businesses with up to 100 full-time employees or \$3.5 million in annual revenue. With this expanded credit, more small businesses in Upstate New York will be able to fund improvements that fully accommodate employees and customers with disabilities.

Rep. Molinaro said, "The Disabled Access Credit has helped small businesses make modifications that open the door to employees and customers with disabilities. We know there's plenty of untapped potential. By expanding the Disabled Tax Credit, my bipartisan bill will make more small businesses eligible to receive federal support for accommodations."

Rep. Crockett said, "Small businesses provide a ladder to economic success for millions of Americans - both owners and employees. This bill helps small business owners extend this ladder to workers with disabilities, allowing employers to gain access to a talented pool of motivated workers and removing barriers to entry for customers and clients with disabilities." (Contd. Pg. 57)



## Molinaro Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Help Small Business Invest in Accessibility

(From Pg. 56) SourceAmerica President and CEO Richard Belden said, "We support the Disabled Access Tax Credit, which will ensure that people with disabilities have equal access and the necessary accommodations in businesses across America. This legislation creates a unique opportunity for businesses to hire more people with disabilities, including veterans, who continue to be underutilized part of the American workforce."

Leadership Alliance of Binghamton CEO Stacey Duncan said, "Our Chamber recently partnered with Congressman Molinaro to provide our members with an educational forum designed to encourage inclusive hiring practices. We truly appreciate the Congressman's dedication to helping community members ThinkDIFFERENTLY and support individuals with developmental disabilities. Nearly 70% of our membership are small businesses, many of whom would love to invest in accessibility upgrades, but cost continues to be a burden. If passed, the ThinkDIFFERENTLY Small Business Accessibility Act would allow businesses that do not currently qualify for the existing Disabled Access Credit to have the funds necessary to invest in critical infrastructure of this kind, enabling them to employ disabled individuals and better serve their customers. This is a win-win for businesses and community members."

This bill is also endorsed by the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN).

## Rep. Molinaro Calls on Biden to End Secret Undocumented Immigrant Relocation Program Report: Biden Has Secretly Flown Over 320,000 Undocumented Immigrants Across The Country

Liberty, NY - U.S. Rep Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today called out President Biden for flying hundreds of thousands of undocumented immigrants across the United States without notifying the public. Currently, there are at least 200,000 undocumented immigrants in New York City. In response to the influx, New York City has attempted to bus them to communities in New York's 19th Congressional District like Liberty, leading counties across Upstate New York to declare states of emergency. <https://nypost.com/2023/05/18/sullivan-county-officials-blast-nyc-busing-migrants-to-local-motel-with-checkered-past/>

A Freedom Of Information Act request uncovered that the Biden administration has flown at least 320,000 undocumented immigrants into the United States over the past 12 months. The administration however has refused to dis-

close the origin of these flights or say where the undocumented immigrants were flown to in the United States. <https://cis.org/Bensman/New-Records-Biden-DHS-Has-Approved-Hundreds-Thousands-Migrants-Secretive-Foreign-Flights>

In a letter to President Biden, Rep. Molinaro demanded he immediately end this program and say where these flights came from and where they went.

Rep. Molinaro said, "President Biden has been secretly transporting undocumented immigrants across the country without notifying the public. New York has become one of the epicenters of the border crisis, with counties in New York's 19th Congressional District declaring states of emergency to prevent undocumented immigrants from being transported there. This secret relocation program needs to end now."

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

Dear President Biden,

I am incredibly concerned with a recent report that came out as a result of a Freedom Of Information Act request that shows your administration has flown at least 320,000 migrants into the United States over the past 12 months.

The report states that migrants were flown from international airports into 43 different airports throughout the United States, but that CBP cannot share the specifics for security purposes.

There are dozens of airports in New York State and it is concerning to know that thousands of migrants may have been flown into New York without knowledge of who these individuals are, where they departed from, and which communities they settled. There are already at least 200,000 migrants that have come to New York City. Many of these migrants have been sent to Upstate New York to places like Sullivan County, in my district.

These migrants come needing food, housing, medical treatment, and more. These needs end up being provided at the expense of New York taxpayers and county resources that are already limited to begin with.

Therefore, I urge you to end this program immediately and provide Congress and the American people with full transparency about the details of this secretive program.

I request you answer the following questions by March 29, 2024:

- Is this program still active?
- What international airports have migrants flown from into the United States?
- What domestic airports have migrants flown into within the United States?
- What communication was made with local airport authorities, local communities, and local service providers prior to migrant arrivals?
- What legal authority was used to operate this program?
- Will you terminate this program immediately and share all relevant information with Congress and the public?



## Statement from Senator Oberacker

ALBANY, 03/14/24 -- State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenevus) commented on his NO vote on the Senate Majority's one-house budget resolution for fiscal year 2024-25:

"Albany Democrats continue to live in a bubble, advancing a budget plan that raises taxes, makes life tougher on our business owners, and spends at a record rate. Additionally, this plan gives the state more power over local governments, will continue to raise energy prices for homeowners, and fails to address ongoing public safety concerns. More and more people are leaving New York State, and this proposal will do nothing to reroute the moving vans.

"The April 1st budget deadline is right around the corner, and we have a great deal of work ahead. I will continue to advocate for affordability and commonsense policies to meet the needs of those who live and work in 51st Senate District."

## Senator Oberacker Calls for Vital Transportation Funding

ALBANY, 03/19/24 -- State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenevus) today took part in the initial meeting of the joint budget conference committee on transportation.

"Bipartisan conference committees are a key part of the budget process as we work to reconcile differences between proposals from the governor, senate, and assembly. It is crucial that legislative leaders adhere to the public budget discussions and avoid the Albany tradition of cutting backroom deals that fail to put all New Yorkers first," said Senator Oberacker.

Regarding his assignment on the transportation budget conference committee, Senator Oberacker said:

"Local roads and bridges, and the dedicated workers who maintain them, are vital to public safety and our economy. I have met with local highway superintendents and elected officials throughout the 51st Senate District and the message is clear - costs to repair and maintain roads are rising and increased state funding is needed to ensure infrastructure needs are met. I am continuing to press for a final transportation budget that will lead to improved roads and bridges, while keeping local taxes in check. It is also key that funding is spread evenly throughout the state and not solely funneled to the MTA and New York City.

"I am pleased that the senate one-house budget includes changes to the governor's proposal regarding limousine safety laws, most notably, the extension of the Stretch Limousine Passenger Safety Task Force which was shut down prematurely."

The conference committees are made up of five senators and five assemblymen tasked with negotiating budget differences between the houses, in concert with the governor, to develop a final spending plan.

"There is a great deal of work ahead as we near the April 1st budget deadline and I look forward to the discussions moving forward. A fiscally sound budget that meets the needs of those I represent with a focus on affordability, public safety, and improved opportunities is my goal," Senator Oberacker concluded.

## Upcoming Events at MISU in March

*Drum Circle will be this Thursday, March 21 from 6-7:00 pm. All ages and abilities are welcome!*

Drums will be provided, first come first serve. If you have a drum, bring it!

Paul is an avid percussionist and educator from Kingston, New York. He is an instructor of percussion, world music, and music theory at SUNY Ulster and SUNY New Paltz. He is an avid performer, researcher, and clinician of traditional African music. He studied in Ghana on three separate occasions and, in 2016, was awarded a Fulbright grant to document traditional music in South Africa. The resulting research is published in the academic journal African Music.

**Song Club will be on Saturday, March 30 from 5-6:30 pm. The audience is the choir!**

Debbie Lan is a Choral director, Vocal Arranger, Musician and Songwriter who is passionate about singing with communities, helping people explore and find their voices and enjoys arranging interesting and enjoyable vocal parts for an eclectic mix of songs. Debbie directs Bloom (60 voices), The B2s, Perennial and The Resisterhood community Choir.

No registration is necessary for either event, you can just drop in and join that session! \$10 Suggested Donation, per session.

### Happening in April

**Music on Market Coffeehaus:** Margo Leverett's New Klezmer Quartet on Saturday, April 6th at 7:30 pm.

More information to come.

For more information visit our website  
[www.misucatskills.org](http://www.misucatskills.org)

## Paint the Town

**Paint the Town**, Hawley wants you to help us choose our 22nd banner. Vote for your favorite online. Our art-loving jury selected 21 stunning art images from an amazing assortment of 181 submitted images by 77 talented regional artists. Now we want you to choose from three finalists to decide on the image for our 22nd banner. Place your vote online at <http://waynecountyartsalliance.org> Voting begins March 20 and ends at midnight on April 2.

**Paint the Town**, Hawley is an exciting new art project in Hawley, PA led by the Wayne County Arts Alliance in collaboration with the Downtown Hawley Partnership and the Foundation for Harmony Presents. We will be mounting beautiful banners bedecked with the images of original artwork displayed on poles along Main Avenue and side streets in Hawley, creating a dazzling art trail. The banners will be installed in May, 2024 in time to celebrate with the Hawley Memorial Day Parade. **Paint the Town** logo designed by Brittany Chadderdon. More information is at

[waynecountyartsalliance.org](http://waynecountyartsalliance.org)



# As Cuts To Child Care Plague NYC, Senator Gillibrand Fights To Expand Child Tax Credit For New York Families

***Credit Could Benefit Nearly 500,000 Kids in New York City, 887,000 Kids In New York State; The Average Family Would Save \$680 Annually***

As cuts to critical social services like child care continue to plague NYC, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a press conference on her fight to put dollars in the hands of working families by calling for the passage of the expanded Child Tax Credit in the bipartisan Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act. The passage of the expanded Child Tax Credit through this bill could benefit the families of 887,000 kids in New York State. The expansion would be a lifesaver for low-income families, helping them to qualify for a larger credit, adjusting the credit for inflation, and helping to lift an estimated 400,000 children across the nation out of poverty. Senator Gillibrand was joined by Traci Donnelly, Chief Executive Officer of The Child Center of NY; Deshi Singh, Co-Founder and Board Chair of Chamber of Mothers; Robert Ramos, President of Local 205 Day Care Employees; and Linda McPherson, President of Local 95 Head Start Employees.

“The Child Tax Credit is a lifeline for working families and one of the best tools we have for fighting child poverty. New York families have experienced the squeeze firsthand and understand that we need this source of federal funding,” said Senator Gillibrand. “The Child Tax Credit expansion expired at the end of 2021, and since then, child poverty has more than doubled nationwide. It’s truly unacceptable. This expanded credit would benefit nearly 900,000 New York kids and save the average family nearly 700 dollars per year. I am calling on my colleagues to pass the expanded CTC to provide additional support to kids most in need.”

“The financial, physical, mental, and social challenges mothers across the U.S. face feel insurmountable at times. From the rising cost of child care, stagnant wages, lack of paid family and medical leave policies, and limited access to quality maternal health care, we are in need of some relief. The Chamber of Mothers has heard from more than 1,200 of our advocates from 49 states, saying that Child Tax Credit is one simple, yet impactful way to lend support to mothers and families. When mothers have money in their pockets, they spend it on their kids, putting it right back into the economy and building a healthy next generation of workers, too. We strongly urge the Senate to support the Child Tax Credit expansion included in the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act.” -Deshi Singh, Co-Founder & Board Chair, Chamber of Mothers

The expanded Child Tax Credit would:

1. Provide a larger CTC for low-income families with two or more children: The original CTC is calculated by multiplying a family's income above \$2,500 by 15%. The expanded CTC multiplies the family's income above \$2,500 by 15% and also by the family's number of children.
2. Allow taxpayers to use their income from either the current or prior year in calculations. Since the original CTC requires a parent to have at least \$2,500 in annual income to qualify, this change would ensure that families whose income suddenly drops can still qualify.

3. Adjust the maximum CTC annually for inflation in 2024 and 2025.

4. Modify the overall limit on refundable Child Tax Credit: Under current law, the maximum refundable Child Tax Credit is limited to \$1,600 per child for 2023. This expansion increases the maximum refundable amount per child to \$1,800 in tax year 2023, \$1,900 in tax year 2024, and \$2,000 in tax year 2025.

In New York, an estimated 887,000 children would benefit from the expanded Child Tax Credit, including:

1. 484,704 in NYC
2. 97,998 in the Hudson Valley
3. 48,903 on Long Island

More information about the Child Tax Credit is available here. <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/child-tax-credit>

Families can calculate how much they would gain from the expanded Child Tax Credit here. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/interactive/2024/how-much-is-child-tax-credit/>

## Gillibrand Announces Legislation to Boost Social Security Benefits for Seniors

***Legislation Would Help Ensure that Social Security Benefits Keep Pace With The Rising Cost Of Health Care***

***• Under This Bill, Social Security Cost-Of-Living Adjustment For 2024 Would Have Been 25% Higher***

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a virtual press conference to announce the Boosting Benefits and COLAs for Seniors Act, legislation to expand Social Security benefits for seniors. Social Security benefits are adjusted for inflation each year, but adjustments in recent years have not adequately taken into account the rising cost of health care - a major expense for older Americans. Gillibrand's legislation would correct this issue with the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) calculation, resulting in higher benefits that better reflect older adults' true cost of living.

“Social Security is a lifeline for older adults. For many, it's their main source of income,” said Senator Gillibrand. “But benefits aren't keeping pace with rising costs, leaving many older Americans struggling to afford the basics - particularly health care. The Boosting Benefits and COLAs for Seniors Act would factor the high cost of health care into Social Security benefit calculations and help make sure recipients aren't forced to choose between paying for their medication and buying other necessities. Older adults have already spent a lifetime working, saving, and contributing to Social Security. They deserve to retire comfortably, and I'm determined to pass this bill to help ensure they get to.”

The Social Security COLA is currently calculated using the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). The Boosting Benefits and COLAs for Seniors Act would calculate COLAs using a modified consumer price index, the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E), instead. The CPI-E weighs the cost of health care more highly in its measure of inflation, and is thus generally more reflective of the actual costs incurred by older adults. For example, in January 2024, the CPI-W increased Social Security benefits by 3.2%. The same COLA using the CPI-E formula would have increased benefits by 4%, putting an extra \$180 a year in the average Social Security recipient's pocket.

The Boosting Benefits and COLAs for Seniors Act is cosponsored by Senators Bob Casey (D-PA), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Peter Welch (D-VT), John Fetterman (D-PA), and Bernie Sanders (I-VT).



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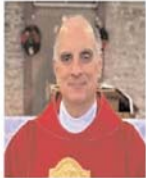
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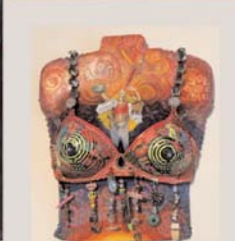
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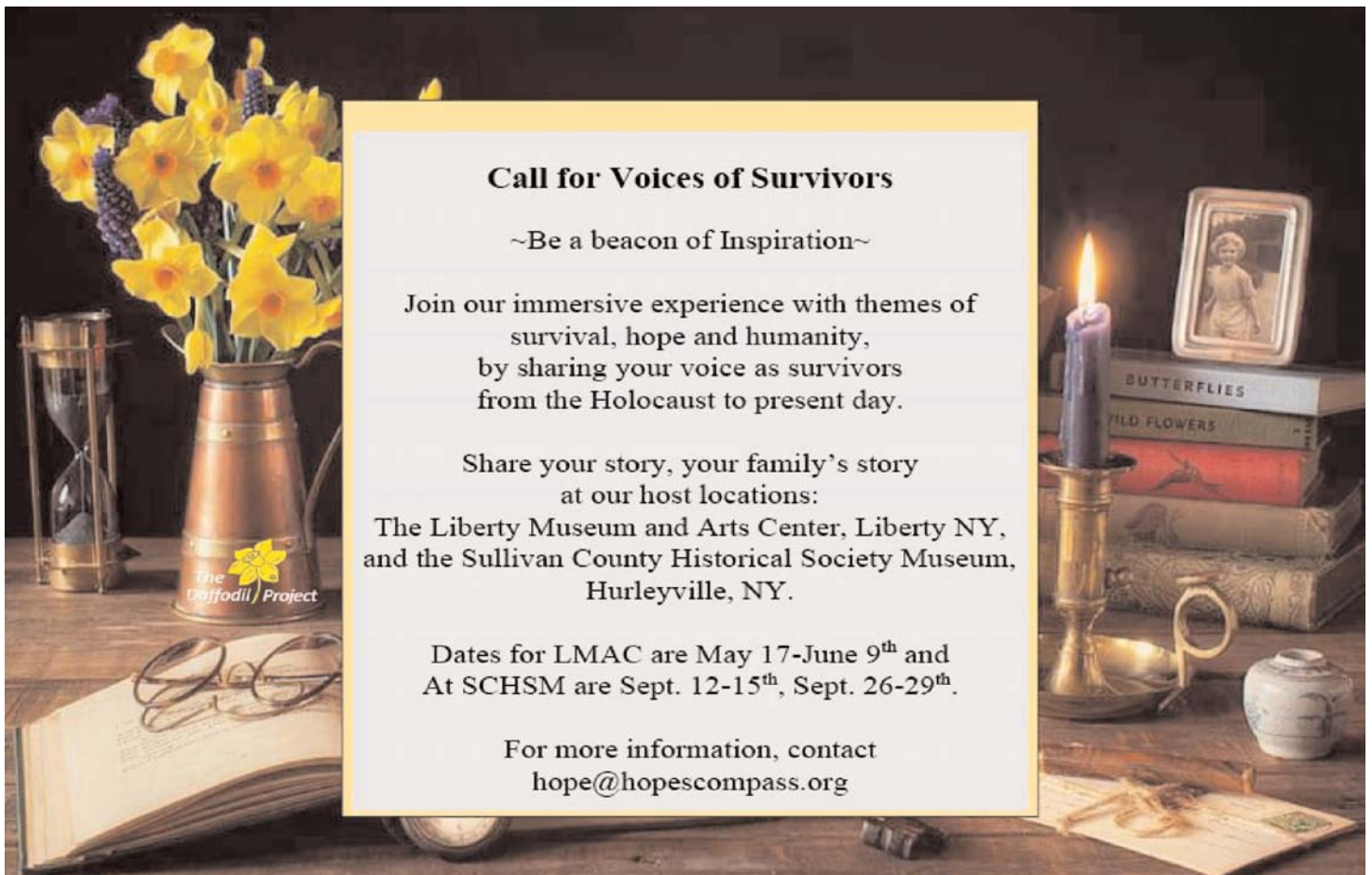
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For more information, contact [hope@hopescompass.org](mailto:hope@hopescompass.org)



# *Woodbourne Fire Department*

## *French Toast Breakfast*



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

7am – 12 Noon

Location: Woodbourne Fire House

**Adults \$12.00**

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



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**Tuesdays &  
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4:00-5:00 pm**

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



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**Register:**



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

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

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

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- **All pet owners must clean up after their pets.**
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- **All pets must be in a carrier or on a leash.**
- **Aggressive dogs should be muzzled to prevent any biting incidents.**
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**Sullivan County Residents Only!**

- **Please bring photo ID as proof of Sullivan County Residency.**
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**Sullivan County**  
**Department of Public Health**  
**at : 845-292-5910, Ext. 0.**

# Governor Hochul Builds on Statewide Preparations for Once-in-a-Generation Celestial Event

Governor Kathy Hochul launched a statewide effort to protect New Yorkers ahead of the Total Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8. The effort includes statewide distribution of limited-edition I LOVE NY eclipse glasses at 30 locations throughout the state - including New York State Welcome Centers and select service areas along the NYS Thruway - as well as a reminder for stargazers to be wary of scams, fake merchandise and phony accommodation listings. In addition, the Governor expanded an I LOVE NY campaign to urge New Yorkers to take proper safety precautions during the eclipse. Today's announcement builds on previous actions to prepare the state, as well as New York stargazers, for the once-in-a-generation celestial event.

"The total solar eclipse will be a once-in-a-generation experience for our state, and it's critical that New Yorkers have the tools and information to enjoy it safely," Governor Hochul said. "From heightening awareness of scams to providing thousands of New Yorkers with eclipse glasses, I'm focused on giving everyone the resources they need to safely experience this extraordinary event."

On April 8, a total solar eclipse will encompass the western and northern parts of New York State with the roughly 100-mile wide path of totality entering in the southwestern part of the state at just after 3:15 p.m. and departing northern New York just before 3:30 p.m. Cities and towns within this path include Jamestown, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Watertown, Old Forge, Lake Placid and Plattsburgh. The entire event will last for up to 2 \_ hours, marking the time the sun is first obstructed to the last moments when the moon's shadow is cast.

## I LOVE NY Eclipse Glasses

During the eclipse, it is especially unsafe to look directly at the sun without specialized eye protection and can result in serious injury. The partial phases of the solar eclipse can only be safely observed directly with specialized eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer - regular sunglasses are not a safe replacement.

A limited quantity of I LOVE NY eclipse glasses will be available beginning today at locations throughout the state, including New York State Welcome Centers and select service areas along the New York State Thruway (at the Applegreen C-Stores). Glasses will be limited to two pairs per person, while supplies last, with a limited amount distributed daily. The glasses were approved by the New York State Department of Health and carry an ISO certification.

A digital marketing campaign was launched in January to promote general awareness of the eclipse and viewing options across New York State. Messaging of the campaign has expanded to include safety and preparedness information as well as information on eclipse glasses distribution. The campaign will continue to run up until the eclipse on April 8.

## Protecting Stargazers From Scams

The New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection is providing tips for the hundreds of thousands of consumers planning to travel to New York State to witness the solar eclipse over New York. Consumers need to be informed of their rights, shop smartly to safeguard their hard-earned money and

stay vigilant to protect themselves from scams.

According to the Better Business Bureau, scams associated with the 2024 solar eclipse may include:

- o Travel Scams: Scammers may advertise discounted travel packages or transportation services for viewing the eclipse, only to disappear with customers' money or provide subpar services.
- o Fake Merchandise: Unscrupulous vendors might sell counterfeit or overpriced eclipse-themed merchandise.
- o Phony Accommodation Listings: Scammers could create false hotel or rental listings claiming to have optimal views of the eclipse while these listings may not exist or properties may not be as described, or the lister is not really the owner.

To safeguard against these scams, consumer should:

- o Try to pay with a credit card. Credit cards often offer more protection than paying by cash, check or debit card. Some credit card companies also offer perks like trip insurance or concierge service while traveling and may offer additional protections if the trip is cancelled. Check with your credit card company on the conditions of travel expenditure reimbursement.
- o Purchasing Merchandise. Purchase eclipse viewing glasses and other related products only from reputable vendors or verified sources. Look to see if the glasses include the ISO stamp and message. When seeking eclipse glasses or handheld solar viewers, your best bet is to start with the AAS list of suppliers so you can be sure your viewers are safe.
- o Personal Information. Exercise caution when providing personal or financial information online. This advice is good all year round, not just for the eclipse.
- o Do Your Research. Verify the legitimacy of accommodation listings by researching the property and reading reviews from trusted sources.

Any consumer who encounters a marketplace problem while enjoying the eclipse in New York can file a complaint with the Division of Consumer Protection at <https://dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection>.

## Additional Preparations for Total Solar Eclipse

New York State is committed to providing a safe and fun eclipse experience, recognizing the convergence of public safety and tourism promotion. Travelers are encouraged to plan an extended getaway for a more enjoyable event, including avoiding post-eclipse traffic like the massive backups following the Great Eclipse of 2017, which bisected the United States from Oregon to South Carolina.

## Educational Information and Viewing

Earlier this month, Governor Hochul announced the eclipse events and activities scheduled at New York's State Parks, in coordination with NASA. I LOVE NY has launched the multi-platform "Come for the Eclipse, Stay for New York" campaign to present New York as THE place to be to witness this event. The campaign and a special eclipse website highlight viewing location information in the five regions that will experience the path of totality, a variety of attractions and special eclipse-related events happening across the state across its digital platforms including Instagram, Facebook, TikTok and Twitter/X. A downloadable special edition eclipse poster is also available, created through I LOVE NY's partnership with acclaimed artist and professional astronomer Dr. Tyler Nordgren. Visit [iloveny.com/eclipse](http://iloveny.com/eclipse) for viewing locations and additional safety tips.



# Time and the Valleys Museum

## Grahamsville, NY

### Are you interested in local history?

Did you know that Museum membership is only \$25 a YEAR?  
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Thank you for supporting local history and the Museum.



## BONUS - Free Art Catalogue!

# Craft Fair, Yard Sale, Vendors & Food Vendors

Sponsored by: Woodbourne Fire Department

Location: 355 Fire House Road

Woodbourne NY, 12788

Time: 10am - 4pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

Indoor spots are a First come First serve basis (ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT)  
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For more information please contact Amanda at (845)-798-8648 or James at (845)-423-3910 or

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# 2024 Caregiver Resource Center Virtual Support Groups



Wednesdays | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

January 17th

January 31st

February 14th

February 28th

March 13th

March 27th

Via Zoom or Phone

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

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

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

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



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

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

In 2023, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 370 search and rescue missions, extinguished 146 wildfires covering nearly 1,400 acres, participated in 52 prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate more than 1,000 acres of land, and worked on cases that resulted in hundreds of tickets and arrests.

### Hamlet of Narrowsburg -Sullivan County

**Wilderness Recovery:** On March 12 at 2:45 p.m., ECO Parker called Forest Ranger Schweider about an ongoing search for a missing subject. The 57-year-old from Maspeth had last been seen two nights earlier by his wife, leaving a note saying he was driving to New Jersey to get a part for their furnace. On March 12 at 1 a.m., the subject's family pinged his phone to Crawford Road in Narrowsburg. After finding the subject's car on the Tusten Mountain Trail, New York State Police (NYSP) and the National Park Service (NPS) requested Forest Ranger assistance. Rangers joined NYSP, NPS, and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office in the search. At 5 p.m., a NYSP Aviation unit found the subject deceased in the woods. Search crews carried the subject up the steep slope using a rope system and turned him over to the County Coroner. Resources were clear at 8:28 p.m.

If you or someone you know needs mental health assistance, help is available. 988 is a free 24-hour hotline to call or text anywhere in New York. You can also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK.

### Village of Goshen Orange County

**Wildland Fire:** On March 14 at 3:35 p.m., Orange County 911 requested Forest Ranger assistance with a wildfire that had been seen from Owens Road in Goshen. At 4:25 p.m., Forest Ranger Jahn determined the fire was 9.5 acres in size. By 5:30 p.m., five Rangers and other firefighters had the fire contained. Rangers declared the fire out at 7:15 p.m. The suspected cause of the fire was logging machinery that struck rocks, resulting in a spark.



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### Town of Hurley Ulster County

**Training:** On March 16, Forest Rangers Franceschina, Martin, and Quinones held a Basic Wildland Search Skills course for 20 students at the Hurley Fire Department. Local volunteer firefighters and search and rescue members attended a classroom presentation focused on preparedness and search techniques. The students practiced these techniques during a mock search at a nearby park. Search volunteers often assist Rangers in search and rescue missions, and training helps ensure everyone is on the same page in the event of an actual mission.

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hike Smart NY, Adirondack Backcountry

Information, and Catskill Backcountry Information webpages for more information.

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

## NYS DEC Commissioner Basil Segos Reminds New Yorkers the Annual Burn Ban is in Effect

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

"Last month, DEC encouraged everyone to be extra vigilant when burning brush because of the risk for wildfires caused by early dry conditions, but starting this Saturday, March 16, it will be illegal to burn brush for the next two months," Commissioner Seggos said. "Due to the drier and warmer winter, New York State is at a greater risk for wildfires this spring. This ban is essential to protecting communities and natural resources, as well as the Rangers and other firefighters called to extinguish the wildfires."

Even though some areas of the state remain blanketed in snow, warming temperatures can quickly cause wildfire conditions to arise. Open burning of debris is the single-largest cause of spring wildfires in New York State. When temperatures warm and the past fall's debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily, further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation. Each year, DEC Forest Rangers extinguish dozens of wildfires that burn hundreds of acres. In addition, local fire departments, many of which are staffed by volunteers, all too often have to leave their jobs and families to respond to wildfires caused by illegal debris fires. DEC's Fire Danger Map for the 2024 fire season displays each region's potential fire risk.

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, go to DEC's FIREWISE New York webpage.

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

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

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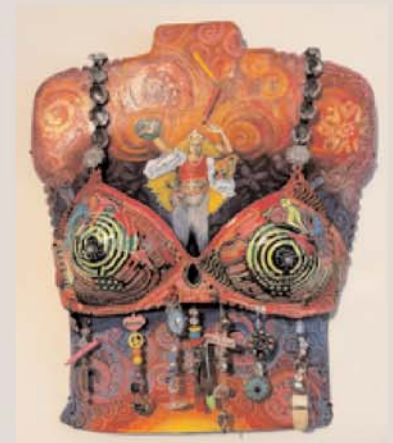
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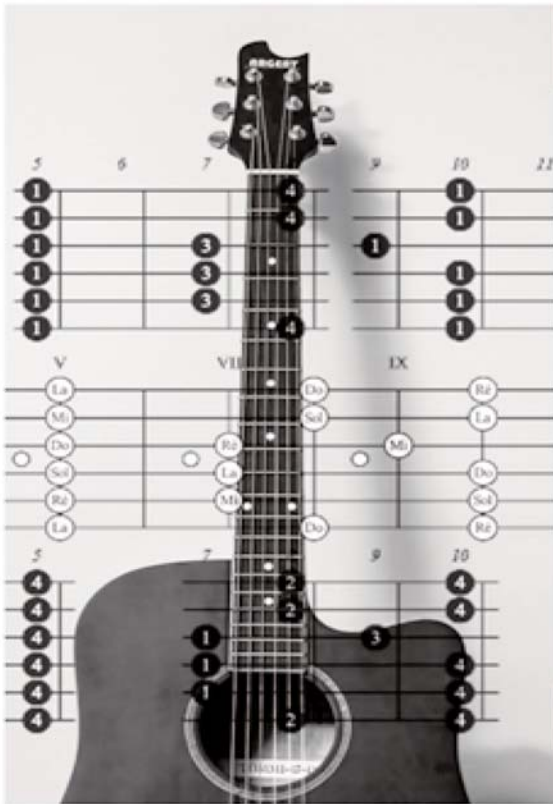
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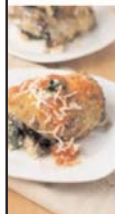
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## Spring Vibes in New York's Sullivan Catskills

Hooray! It's spring in our Sullivan Catskills! The daffodils and tulips are pushing up through the ground and our hoteliers, restaurateurs, makers and proprietors can't wait to see you! So how about you book a stay and come welcome spring? You pick the place-full-service resort, boutique inn, B&B, hotel, wellness center, or vacation rental- and we'll provide the spring vibes.

How soon can you get here? There are a handful of evening fun, spring activities on Wednesday. What's your pleasure? At Pelky's Tavern you can unveil hidden mysteries with a Psychic Reading from 6-8 pm. Also, at 6 pm, HPAC invites you to a Botanical Demonstration Workshop where you can learn the basics of botanical drawing. Or celebrate this first full day of spring and get creative with Fabric Seed Starter Pots at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. On Thursday, enjoy a night of laughs with some great comics from NYC at Catskill Brewery in Livingston Manor at 8 pm.

Let the good times roll on Friday. It's Cabernet Frank's birthday this month, and tonight they're celebrating with the Jack Grace Band country rock show at 8 pm. Go back on Saturday to hear Grammy-nominated Mike Brown at 8 pm. Check out Happy Hour Friday at Seminary Hill Orchard and Cidery from 3-6 pm with music by Shane Rennison from 5 to 8 pm. It's Open Mic Night in Hurleyville at Forage and Gather Market from 5 - 8 pm and at Hector's Inn in Bethel at 7 pm, or sing some karaoke at 9 pm at The Dale in Mountain Dale. At 6 pm, enjoy live music at Santorini Grill in Kauneonga Lake with The Avenue.

On Saturday, The Friends of MEEC will hold a talk on everything you need to know about the upcoming solar eclipse at 1 pm: Sun, Moon, and Totality: The 2024 Eclipse. Or bring the kiddos for Wild about Cottontails, where they'll learn all about cottontail rabbits, at 1 pm. Art lovers: Spring is in the air, and DVAA unveils two new Spring Metamorphosis exhibitions exploring themes of growth, natural forms, and transformation. The opening reception from 4 - 6 pm will feature artists Candace Giersbach and Warren Pardi. In Lake Huntington, see Pedro Boregaard in concert at the Arts Nest from 5 - 8 pm. Or head over to Long Eddy, where Pelky's Tavern is having a Prix Fixe Ramen Pop-Up from 6 - 9 pm.

It's Sunday Funday! After a hearty brunch at your favorite Sullivan Catskills spot, head to the light-filled Tasting Room at Seminary Hill where the Yarnslingers, a group of talented local writers will present their true tales while you enjoy an appetizer or lunch and a glass of Seminary Hill Cider at 11 am. Then at 2 pm Callicoon Hills holds its Monthly Craft Class. Design custom-stamped bandanas with Kayleen Berry, also known as "Kayleendaa," a local Puerto Rican artist! Kayleen is a former print designer for Levi's. How about a Sunday Matinee? Callicoon Movie Theater is showing The Taste of Things at 2 pm. Over at HPAC in Hurleyville, the 2 pm Matinee features Ghost Busters: Frozen Empire.

Sunday is a great day to spend wandering our charming small towns for the perfect gift for loved ones or yourself! Our makers and proprietors would love to chat with you about their goods and their work. Now, if it's the great outdoors you seek, we have plenty of wide-open spaces perfect for hiking and biking. And with Opening Day of fishing just around the corner, you can stake out a great spot to cast your line. Ready for a quick nosh or beverage? Visit our Catskill-icious restaurants for dinner before you head home, and be sure to sample some award-winning,

hand-crafted beer, wine, ciders, and spirits from the Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail.

Take note of our upcoming big summer experiences: At Forestburgh Playhouse it's a terrific lineup including Forbidden Broadway, How I Learned to Drive, The Prom, Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, Hand to God, Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville, and Rock of Ages. Over at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, you can see Hootie and the Blowfish, James Taylor, Hozier, Phish, Tedeschi Trucks Band, and many more.

### SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

Rivers Edge: Noon - 4pm

The Heron: Saturday Noon - 3pm & Sunday 11-3

The Arnold House: Noon - 3pm

Western Inn: Sat 11am - 3pm & Sun 11am to 4pm

Conover Club at Callicoon Hills: 10am - 1pm

The Spotted Cow: Sat 9am until closing & Sunday 10am until closing

### SUNDAYS

**Russian Mule: Noon - 3pm**

Sullivan House: 11am - 3pm

Creek House Grill: 11am - 3pm

Brew: 11am - 3pm

The Dale: 11am - 3pm

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## Pedro Boregaard in Concert at ARTS NEST Saturday March 23, 2024 from 6-8pm

Pedro Boregaard, well-known in the area for his magnificent jewelry creations, but not known for his secret talent as a singer/songwriter.

Find your way to the new intimate performance space ARTS NEST for an entertaining evening of original music. Our Winter Concert Series features the incredible talents of local musicians in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere where the music can really reach you. Come out and find out what we mean.

Arts Nest offers a large variety of entertainment year-round in a comfortable, friendly setting - a fun place for serious artists. Come with your friends, take a table, have a few drinks and small plates, while enjoying the performances.

## Sara Hulse & Jesse Mower with Clown Daddy ARTS NEST Saturday April 6, 2024 from 7-9pm

Sara Hulse & Jesse Mower are a multi-instrumental acoustic duo based out of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Both contribute their original songs, each written with their own personal style, and combine them into a captivating musical experience that weaves folk, jazz, ska, indie, and blues into a one of a kind experience. Their music, expressed with powerful dynamics and stage chemistry, is thought provoking and leaves an audience charmed.

The duo has performed alongside outstanding national acts including Billy Strings, Sam Bush, Melvin Seals & JGB, Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper, and The Allman Bettes Band to name a few, and work together playing their hearts out and sharing their love for art and music with all they encounter.

Sara Hulse- Vocals, Ukulele, Guitar, Mandolin, Bass - **Facebook**; Jesse Mower- Vocals, Guitar, Banjo - **Facebook**

Clown Daddy, also known as Ellie J, is an actress-turned-clown who has found her home in the wilds of the Catskills. An NYU Tisch honors graduate and a drop-out of the prestigious Lecoq clown school in Paris, her focuses are physicality, slapstick, and joy of the cathartic experience in live performance. "Clown Daddy" evolved somewhere between an accident and years of hard work developing a stage persona. She has happily and humbly become a staple part of the Catskills artist community, bringing fun to as many audiences as she can. You can find what she's up to at clowndaddyresents.com.a


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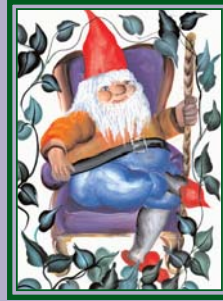
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With Pope Francis as our guide, *FRANCESCO* takes an unsparing look at the most pressing issues of the 21st Century: Economic disparity, race and gender inequality, the climate crisis, COVID-19, immigration, peace and religious tolerance, shining a light on the challenges and consequences that have led us to this moment in time. As we embark on this journey, we discover a leader who demonstrates humility, wisdom and generosity towards all, and whose ideals can help us build a bridge to a better future and thrive as a global community. As a result, the film portrays Pope Francis as a leader who provides hope and inspiration during one of the most unprecedented moments in our lives. Friday, Nov 13, Savor Cinema; Sat, Nov 14, Cinema Paradiso.

Evgeny Afineevsky is an Oscar and Emmy-nominated director, whose documentary, *CRIES FROM SYRIA*, was an Official Selection at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival. Afineevsky won Best Director and earned nomination for Best Documentary from the Critics' Choice Documentary Awards. He and his film earned IPA Satellite Awards nominations for Best Documentary and Best Song in a Documentary for *PRAYERS FOR THIS WORLD*, performed by Cher. The Awards Circuit Community Awards nominated his movie as Best Documentary Feature for 2017. He won International Documentary Association's Courage Under Fire Award, earned a PGA Award nomination, won a Humanitas Prize and Cinema for Peace Awards as Most Valuable Documentary of the Year, won 32nd Fort Lauderdale Film Festival, Documentaries Without Borders Film Festival and 51st Houston WorldFest Film Festival, as well as the Overseas Press Club's Peter Jennings Award. Recently Afineevsky and his movie *CRIES FROM SYRIA* earned 4 Emmy nominations. Evgeny was last at FLIFF in 2017 when his film won Best Documentary. We are thrilled to welcome him back with this magnificent film. co-sponsored by Sharon Kersten & Kersten Communications, and Estelle Fineberg & Estelle Fineberg Counseling

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *The Last Waltz*

**This weeks' Trivia question:** Name the Mel Brooks' 1974 rendition of a western.

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**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S  
ON IMOB, AMAZON, NETFLIX  
JUDGMENT AT NUREMBERG**  
(3h 10m | Drama | TV-14 / (1961))



An aging American judge presides over the trial of Nazi war criminals.

Superb telling of the post WWII trials of crimes against humanity. It seems no one knew of the atrocities against human beings –torture, needless killing based on a mental deficient meaning to exterminate all who disagree with the supposed supermen; evidently not so super, or to be considered as men.



Directed by Stanley Kramer. Starring Spencer Tracy, Marlene Dietrich, and Burt Lancaster.

**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S  
ON IMOB, AMAZON, NETFLIX  
PATHS OF GLORY**  
(1h 26m | Drama | TV-PG / (1958))



A military lawyer comes to question the status quo of three men he defends who accused of cowardliness and treason.



Paths of Glory is a 1957 American anti-war film co-written and directed by Stanley Kubrick, based on the novel of the same name by Humphrey Cobb. Set during World War I, the film stars Kirk Douglas as Colonel Dax, the commanding officer of French soldiers who refuse to continue a suicidal attack, after which Dax attempts to defend them against charges of cowardice in a court-martial.

Directed by Stanley Kubrick. Starring Kirk Douglas, George Macready and Adolphe Menjou

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