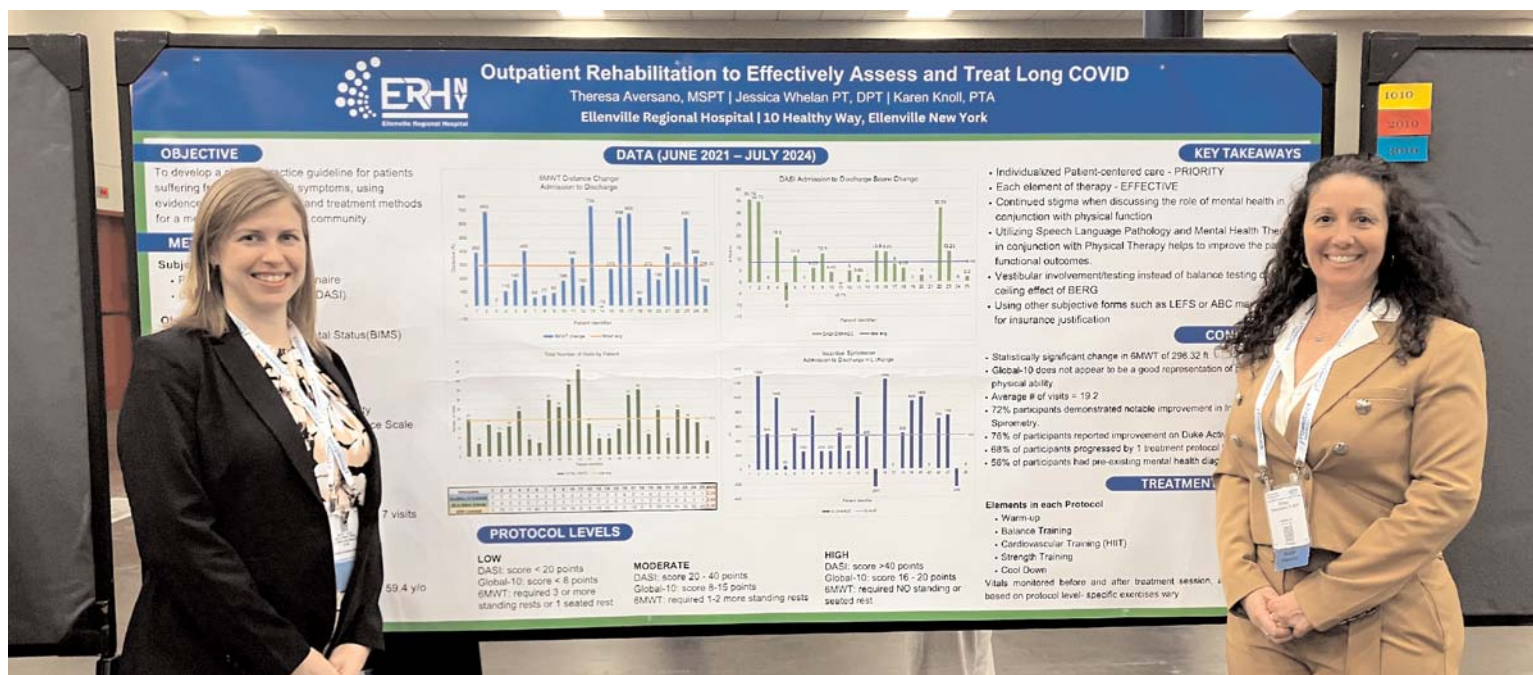


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Ellenville Regional Hospital Presents Innovative Outpatient COVID Program at National Conference

Ellenville, NY - Ellenville Regional Hospital (ERH) proudly represented the community at the Annual American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Combined Sections Meeting, held February 12-15, 2025, in Houston, Texas. With over 16,000 physical therapists and physical therapy assistants attending nationwide, the event marked a significant gathering in the physical therapy profession.



Theresa Aversano, Director, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (right)
Jessica Whelan, Assistant Manager, Rehabilitation Services (left)

During the conference, ERH's team presented their pioneering Outpatient COVID Program and the innovative clinical protocols they've developed specifically to treat patients experiencing Long COVID. These protocols position Ellenville Regional Hospital as a national leader in effectively managing and rehabilitating individuals facing persistent COVID symptoms.

"Our presence at the APTA conference underscores our commitment to advancing healthcare through research and clinical innovation," said Theresa Aversano, Director, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation representing ERH at the event. "We're dedicated to sharing knowledge that improves patient outcomes nationwide."

ERH team members also participated in several continuing education courses at the conference, including critical sessions on Long COVID, heart failure management, updated clinical practice guidelines, and medical documentation. Looking ahead, Ellenville Regional Hospital is preparing to publish their COVID treatment protocols in the prestigious APTA Rehabilitation Journal, aiming to expand the reach and impact of their groundbreaking work.

For more information about Ellenville Regional Hospital and their innovative healthcare programs, visit ERHNY.org.

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On the Front Burner: Happy is the man that feareth
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Proverbs 28:14

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

March 30, 1955

The Merriman Dam is full for the first time and water started going over the waste weir Tuesday morning.

Eight Tri-Valley School boys journeyed to Cornell University last week to attend the Annual Farm and Home Week at that school. Richard Strangeway, Vo-Ag teacher at TVS, led this group over hazardous roads to attend this well-known conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Morgan of Liberty are the parents of a daughter, Rhonda Catherine, born March 15th at Maimonides Hospital, Liberty. Mrs. Morgan is the former Miss Marjory Cole of Claryville. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cole of Claryville/ Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cole of Branch are the great-grandparents.

March 24, 1965

John Hartman, 70, died on March 16, 1965 at Castle Point Veterans Hospital after a long illness. He was born on September 10, 1894 at Woodbourne, the son of Henry and Mary Miller Hartman. He had been a resident of Bradley for twenty-five years and was a retired house mover. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church of

Woodbourne, the Neversink Valley American Legion Post and a charter member of the Woodbourne Fire Co. Surviving are two sons, Charles and John of Roscoe; two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

Anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Muthig, 12 years on the 29th; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huntsberger, 36 years on the 31st; and to Mr. and Mrs. Oland Erath, 20 years on the 2nd of April.

April 2, 1975

At the March meeting of the Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Millie Velie was presented with an honorary membership pin for her outstanding service over the years. Mrs. Velie is also "honorary mother" of the Auxiliary.

March 28, 1985

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

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published April 4, 1996

Spring once again. As I open my bedroom window and listen to the murmur of the brook as it flows over the rocks behind our house, my memory goes back to the creek in Grooville so many years ago. And then my thoughts turn from the brook to the little school house where we learned the true meaning of Easier. I recall little discussions my sisters, brother and I had as we wondered what the Easter bunny and colored eggs had to do with Easter, but I can't recall discussing this with our parents.

On Saturday before Easter we always made Easter baskets, lined them with moss and leaves, and hid them in the woods for the Easter bunny to find. On Easter morning we hopped out of bed early and ran to our Easter basket and always found a colored egg all our own. I recall our menu on Easter consisted of rolls, ham, and eggs. We could have as many eggs as we wished, and prepared any way we wanted them. And as customers came and went in Daddy's store all of Easter Sunday we would hear them asking, "How many eggs did you eat today?"

Easter Sunday marked the day we wore our new summer hat to church and we felt so cozy sitting there on Easter morning among our friends and neighbors listening to the Easter story being told once again by our pastor.

To me the tempo of life picks up its pace around Easter time. Sun shines, song birds sing, friends greet you with a smile. Even our clocks spring ahead an hour as Spring returns to warm and awaken our part of the world once again.

Household Hint:

No-Pinch Trampoline Springs

With nice weather on its way, the kids will soon be jumping on their trampolines. Here's a simple way to cover trampoline springs to guard against pinched fingers. Cut a pool noodle into short sections, slice lengthwise and slide them over the springs.

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

Pussy Willows and Their Furry Coats

Keep your eyes open. On the way to Kingston, along Route 28 we saw several bushes with those furry little catkins - Pussy Willows. They are telling the other flora, trees and bushes, "It's time to wake up!"



Until this week all the Pussy Willows (*Salix discolor*, a member of the willow family, the Salicaceae) that I have seen still have their hard exterior, the bud scale. This is the protective covering for the young leaves and flowers inside the bud. The leaves are oval shaped and come after the catkins have bloomed.

A pussy willow is a catkin - a tightly bunched arrangement of stamens or carpels.

The catkin is the "fur coat", that is a tightly bunched arrangement of stamens or carpels that helps keep the developing reproductive parts of the Pussy Willow warm through winter and early spring. When the sun shines, the temperature of the center of the catkin can rise above air temperatures by trapping the heat from the sun with its insulating hairs. This additional warming aids in the development of the pollen within the anthers and of the ovules within the carpels. The willow flowers are fully "open" when the yellow pollen-bearing anthers are protruding and the stigmas are visible.

Pussy Willows are dioecious, meaning they have both male and female reproductive organs in separate individual plants. They are protandrous, having the male reproductive organs come to maturity before the female, that means the buds, or "catkins," on the male pussy willow shrubs usually appear earlier than those on the female plants. Chances are, if you encounter a stand of pussy willows in late winter or very early spring, it's the male catkins that you are seeing.

Pussy willow is highly variable in its identifying characteristics. Typically it grows as a shrub or small tree that may reach heights up to 30 feet. Willows, in general, grow rapidly and produce extensive root systems. Pussy willow trunks may be single or clustered with stout ascending branches and branchlets. Bark is slightly fissured and ridged. First-year pussy willow twigs are hairy but become glabrous or smooth with age. Pussy willow leaves are deciduous meaning they shed their leaves annually. The leaves are simple, and alternate. Leaf shape varies from oblong to elliptic, and blades are typically 2 to 5 times as long as they are wide.

Pussy willow trees are native to wetlands in the Catskills. They regenerate asexually by sprouting and sexually through seed production and germination. Pussy willow flowers are insect and wind pollinated. The small willow seeds are easily dispersed by wind.

How many of us remember seeing a large vase overflowing with pussy willow branches sitting on the dining room table - a sure sign of spring. In fact, even to this day, picking a bunch of Pussy Willows is certainly a rite of spring even though, we too have still been wearing our 'winter coats'!



The Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association (aka NRAMA) has several irons in the fire as we move into 2025. Our scholarship committee has begun its endeavors to find our 2025 scholarship recipient(s). NRAMA scholarships aid the Sullivan County high school senior students who want to pursue a secondary education in any field related to heavy equipment, automotive mechanics or agriculture. Our scholarship committee: John McHugh (chair), Eloise McKeon, Craig Turner and Eric Ackerly are providing the secondary schools in Sullivan County with the scholarship information, requesting that it be distributed to all interested and qualified students. While NRAMA focuses on antique machinery, we realize the importance of assisting with the education of students who are looking towards careers in the heavy machinery, automotive mechanics, and agriculture fields. Having students work in these areas not only ensures that we provide resources in much needed fields but helps with the preservation of the old and new machinery. This is the core of NRAMA, to preserve and educate on the antique machinery used years ago by our farmers. It is our hope that our scholarship recipient(s) will keep this goal alive for years to come. For more information on the NRAMA scholarship please contact John McHugh (chair) at 845-985-0499 or Eloise McKeon at 845-701-0030. Also, look for our scholarship form in this issue of the Townsman.

As we have said previously, NRAMA is a non-profit 502-c3 organization. Our proceeds from our show and from our fundraising are used to fund our scholarships. This year we are having a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are one for \$5, three for \$10 and seven for \$20. Tickets will be available for sale very soon with the drawing to be held at the show. So you can only imagine what the prize may end up being, with us selling tickets from now thru September 20th! If you win half of the funds raised it will be a nice prize for a very small investment. So once the tickets are available, pick some up. It benefits our kids and their education. You can contact Walt Zeitschel at 845-985-2401.

Our Silver Anniversary 2025 Tractor Show is coming together nicely. We are excited to have the Ulster Heights Rod and Gun Club joining us this year. They are planning to have vendors selling various sportsmen outdoor items and are looking into providing demonstrations on sportsmen activities. We also are very excited to have the Catskill Region AACA Car Club joining us and we welcome any antique, classic or custom vehicle to participate. More information on our plans will be provided in future Townsman articles.

We've received inquiries about how to become a member of the Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association, who can join, what is the cost, what's involved, etc. NRAMA was created in February 1999, with its first tractor show held on September 23rd, 2000. NRAMA always welcomes new members. Anyone can join; you do not need to own an antique tractor. Membership is \$15 dollars annually for single membership and \$20 dollars annually for family membership which includes the spouse and any children under the age of 18. The association meets once a month, beginning in April, on the third Wednesday of the month. Meeting schedule, including place and time, is always posted in the Townsman. Being a member provides several benefits. You can participate in the various shows, tractor runs and parades. As a member, if you participate in any show or event either sponsored by our association or mentioned at our meeting and documented in our meeting minutes, you are covered by the NRAMA insurance. NRAMA meetings are a great means for networking and information sharing with folks that know about tractors and other antique machinery, know how to go about fixing the machinery, know what resources are available to assist with any issue/problems, etc. At the meetings, information is shared on upcoming shows in New York and Pennsylvania. You can learn about items for sale and share items you want to sell with the members who may be able to point you to buyers. You can participate in the various poker runs which we have throughout the year, which are always fun and scenic events. You can help with the planning of these events; help identify new events and help us with our goal to continually improve on our annual tractor show. And, most importantly, you will be helping to preserve and educate on the machinery, old and new, used in farming and tending the land. Don't know if you want to join? Come to one of our meetings and check it out. We welcome new members, young and old, to help us carry out our mission as the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association.

For more information on our association, please contact Paul Kelly @ 845-985-0081. If you want further information on the 2025 Tractor Show contact either Paul at the number above or Cher Woehl @ 845-985-2401 or email cherwoehl@gmail.com. If you are calling please leave a message so that we can return the call. And check us out on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/399517618394690> (please use the complete URL to get to the correct Facebook page). We are continually posting information about the club; other club shows and our show on Facebook.

Keep checking your Townsman for more information from your Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association and our Silver Anniversary Tractor

Sullivan County PK-12 Art Show to be Held at Bethel Woods

Bethel: The Sullivan County PK-12 Art Show will take place at the Event Gallery at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts from March 28 to March 30, 2025. The exhibition will showcase student artwork across the county's eight school districts and Sullivan BOCES.

A Public Opening and Reception will be held on Friday, March 28, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. For those unable to attend the opening, the show will remain on display on March 29 and 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This event is a wonderful opportunity to explore student artwork across ten media categories, including:

Ceramics & Glass
Digital Art
Design
Black & White Drawing
Color Drawing
Mixed Media
Painting
Black & White Photography
Color Photography
Film & Animation
Sculpture

The Sullivan County PK-12 Art Show is part of the Arts in Education (AIE) Program at Sullivan BOCES. The AIE program is committed to enhancing visual and aesthetic literacy while supporting learning across all subject areas. Fostering arts-integrated experiences for K-12 students and teachers, the Program plays a vital role in enriching education through the arts.

Redemption Date for 2023 Tax-Foreclosed Properties Is April 30, 2025, Says Sullivan County Treasurer

Monticello, NY - Properties in Sullivan County subject to this year's 2023 tax foreclosure proceeding can be redeemed through April 30, 2025.

"It's important for taxpayers to know this date, because we want everyone to remain in their homes and keep their properties for as long as they are able," said County Treasurer Nancy Buck. "The very last resort is foreclosure - which we undertake reluctantly and carefully, according to State law."

Payments must be made directly to the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office via mail at P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701, or in person on the first floor of the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello.

If full payment is not made by April 30, 2025, the property will be scheduled for public auction on September 17, 2025. A repurchase option will be available, however, and details will be forwarded directly to the former owners at the last known address by the Treasurer's Office after April 30, 2025.

To view a list of parcels included in the foreclosure, visit <https://sullivanny.gov/Departments/Treasurer>.

For more information, contact the Treasurer's Office at 845-807-0200.

SLAC Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County Monthly Meeting

10 AM, Friday, March 28, 2025 in the Legislative Meeting Room, at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 north street, Monticello NY

Agenda

Call to Order

Secretary's report

Treasurer's report

Discussion items:

1. Sullivan County is rapidly becoming a medical desert. Garnet Health has greatly added to this situation by gutting their campus in Harris, formerly known as Community General Hospital. This is creating hardships for patients and families within Sullivan County. The ripple effect, or tsunami, creates hardships for patients who use the Middletown campus in Orange County with the excessive demand. We must develop a battle plan to force Garnet Health to bring back the Harris campus, so it serves the people of Sullivan County. That'll be one discussion item. Action Plan?

2. Update on the latest developments at the adult care center. For your information what ACC is going from his 2 star back to a 1 star rating. There is movement within the legislature to hire their own care center administrator. We need to keep the pressure on the legislature

3. Social Security and Medicaid
Any other Business

Adjourn

DUES: \$10.00 per year. 2025, 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

Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 125

Light It Up

Mysterious Book Report No. 325

Published March 29, 2018

by John Dwaine McKenna



As a fifty-plus year resident here in Colorado, the question I'm most often asked by out-of-state friends is: *How has the legalization of marijuana affected things there?* The short answer . . . stoners love it and are flocking here in large numbers, as are criminals; government is ecstatic over the windfall from tax revenues; cops, school administrators and the armed forces are apoplectic about it. But, if you'd like to learn more about this controversial subject, while at the same time having an enjoyable, legal experience . . . and keep all of your clothes on . . .

Light It Up, (Putnam, \$26.00, 384 pages, ISBN 978-0-399-57563-1) by Nick Petrie, will introduce you to Peter Ash, an ex-marine warrior who raises bad-assery to such a high-level that even Lee Child –who rose to international fame on the back of Jack Reacher –sat up, took notice and wrote a book blurb.

In this, the third Peter Ash novel, (after *Burning Bright* and *The Drifter*,) finds him in Denver, “*Just for a few days, doing a favor for a friend*,” named Henry Nygaard, a man he met while repairing hiking trails up in Oregon's remote Willamette National Forest. Ash was supposed to hook up with girlfriend Juna Cassidy back in eastern Oregon, but puts the rendezvous on hold because trouble is brewing in Denver. That's where Henry's daughter, Elle runs a company called Heavy Metal Protection, which performs armed escort duties for the cannabis industry. Because Federal law prohibits the use and sale of pot, weed, ganja, or whatever else it's called, banks refuse to deal with the entire industry. They're federally chartered and insured, so, all transactions with the cannabis crowd take place in cash. Cash only. Cash on the barrelhead. No checks, Visa, Mastercard, Diners Club, American Express, I.O.U's or promises of any kind. Cash means cash . . . and cash means trouble. Elle's husband Randy, her operations manager Leonard and three hundred thousand dollars in cash have gone missing. And by the end of his first day on the job, three of Peter Ash's friends, including Henry Nygaard, are dead, and Ash himself has killed four armed hijackers. And that, dear readers, is only the first few chapters in this explosive thriller that features one of the most compelling and deadly characters to come along since Clint played *Dirty Harry*. If you crave action, adventure and high drama that just never quits, Peter Ash is your go-to guy!

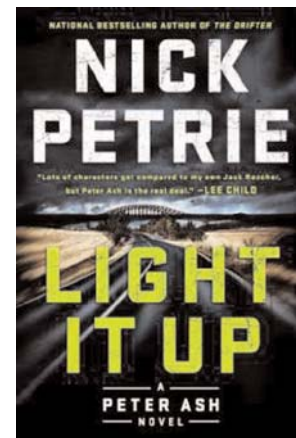
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Spring Cleaning

My house is cozily cluttered and comfortable just like my mind most of the time. When I get frustrated, angry, or upset, I put all my energy into a furious cleaning frenzy.

If you stop by and I have a vacuum and dust mop in my hands, just beware because all of that emotion is channeled and about to be let loose.

Today I unleashed my pent up negative emotions on my bathroom. I had ordered a set of very expensive, on sale, towels that match my coral walls and shower curtain. It started as retail therapy that led to a regular cleaning, but ended up as a purge.

Not only did the sink, shower, and bowl get sterilized, I dared empty the cabinets with eleven interior shelves and four drawers.

What started as an organizational project became a PURGE with capital letters and bottled up emotional release.

After collecting like items with related items, I discovered that I probably

won't have to buy toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo, and lotion for the rest of my life.

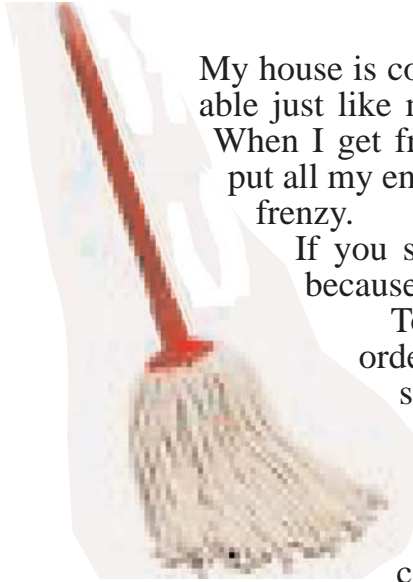
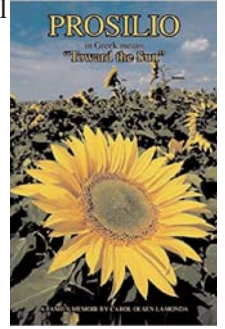
I also discovered that I no longer needed the following:

1. Nineteen expired Covid tests.
2. Seventeen little (hotel size) hand lotions.
3. Four combs (Does anyone use a comb anymore?)
4. Medicine dated 2019 or earlier.
5. Seven tweezers that no longer "tweeze."
6. Eight almost-empty dental floss containers.
7. Umpteen lip moisturizers.
8. A dozen mismatched washcloths.
9. A bunch of rusty razors and an electric shaver I once used to shave a "pilly" sweater.
10. A bag of curlers, hair ties, barrettes and bobby pins. If anyone knows me, my hair is so short that I can finger-comb it

I just mailed my income taxes with check, listened to the news, and checked the stock market results, so tomorrow I may use my renewed angst to organize the garage. Stay tuned.

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



Enjoy the Great Outdoors, Well-Informed!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Spring is here! The birds are singing, the sun is shining and we can finally go outside without 18 layers. There's so much good about spring: the flowers, the grill, enjoying a nice cold beverage on the deck; but, there are also some pretty serious downsides to the higher temperatures too...like ticks.

That's right, it's tick season again. Ticks are most active in upstate NY from March to mid-May and again from mid-August to November, which makes attendance of our program, Tick & Lyme Disease Prevention Presentation, by Sullivan County Department of Public Health on Saturday, April 5, a really good idea. During the program, which advanced registration is required through our website, participants will learn how to protect themselves from ticks and Lyme disease. Facilitator Patricia Pelletier M.Ed will be on hand from 12:30-1:30PM in our adult reading room to discuss important preventative measures.

And this tick program couldn't have come at a better time as the Daniel Pierce Library has officially joined the O & W Rail Trail Alliance, Sullivan Public Library Alliance and Sullivan County's Division of Planning "Tracks and Trails Daypacks Program." We are one of 26 locations to have been equipped with hiking day bags for our patrons to check out. This initiative, funded in part by a Community Development Grant from Sullivan 180, is "designed to inspire adventure while promoting safety and awareness of the county's scenic parks and trails." Each daypack has everything you may need to safely enjoy our local parks and trails including, but not limited to: a first aid kit, binoculars, sunscreen, bug repellent, a journal, flashlight, rain ponchos and a bivy sack (an emergency sleeping bag.) Also in the bags are informational resources describing Sullivan County's parks and trails, maps and guidelines, clothing tips and fun activities for the kids. But it gets even better, the Tracks and Trails Daypack Program has issued a special challenge for those ready to hit the trails (with a borrowed daypack), the Daypack Adventure Hashtag Challenge. To complete the challenge, visit three O & W trails (a designated one and two of your choice) snap photos of your adventure with your daypack, post them to social media using the hashtags #ExploreSullivanOW and #SullivanCatskills and submit a completed challenge form to enter a chance to win your very own daypack. For the form or more information, please click the link on our website and to borrow the daypack, visit the adult circulation desk.

In other news,

We'd like to extend a great, big thank you to Stewarts Shops, of who generously granted us \$300 through their Stewarts Holiday Match program. We are so grateful to have such a charitable organization nearby. Not only have they gifted us this grant in the past, but they also donate their merchandise for many of our programs. We are super excited!

We've set the date for our very popular spring time "Boujee" Bingo. It will be on Friday, May 2nd with doors opening at 6:30PM and calling starting at 7PM. Just like in years past, there are really cool prizes including: a 65" Smart TV, a LEGOLAND Family Day Pass, a Kartrite Family Pass & Night Stay, meat packages, a spa package, a Weekend at Frost Valley and much more. In addition,



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there will be a variety of tricky tray prizes to take a chance on during the games. Tickets are \$40, payable by cash or check (made out to Daniel Pierce Library with bingo in memo) and players must be 18 or older to play. Tickets sell out quickly, so if you are interested in participating please visit the adult circulation desk as soon as possible to secure your spot.

Also, there are Lion's Chocolate Bunnies for sale for \$5.00 (also at the adult circulation desk) while supplies last. All monies go to the Lion's Foundation.

There are still a few seats left for the 5-Hour Pre-licensing Class for Permit Holders on Saturday, April 5 from 10AM to 3PM. This class is DMV approved and mandatory for unlicensed children 16 and up looking to get their driver's license. Cost is \$45.00 per student, photo permit is required day of the class and please bring your lunch.

On April 10 from 6PM to 7PM we will be hosting a women's health program with Rachel Brazell, PT, DPT, CNPT discussing topics related to menopause and perimenopause. Some discussion items include the physiology behind perimeno- and menopause, common symptoms, health considerations and lifestyle tips for management. Please join us in a supportive, open environment.

Also health related we will have representatives here from Ellenville Regional Hospital on April 23-25, from 9AM to 12PM to discuss services they provide to the community. Topics will include: men and women's health, sports medicine, physical therapy, patient care planning, digital imaging, cardiac rehab and specialty services. Please come and ask any relevant questions!



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Town of Fallsburg Welcomes Hudson Valley Rivermen as Their Permanent Home

Fallsburg, NY - [March 19, 2025] - The Town of Fallsburg is proud to welcome the Hudson Valley Rivermen, a professional men's basketball team in the American Basketball Association (ABA), as they make Fallsburg their permanent home for games and practices. The team will train and compete at the Fallsburg Central School District gym, bringing exciting basketball action to the community.

Founded in 2020, the Hudson Valley Rivermen are dedicated to developing top basketball talent while fostering strong community connections.

Under the leadership of Team Administrator, Naomi Mombrun and Head Coach, Curtis Brock, the team looks forward to becoming an integral part of Fallsburg's sports culture.

"We are excited to call the Town of Fallsburg, our home," said Naomi Mombrun. "This community has a rich appreciation for sports, and we look forward to bringing high-quality basketball entertainment while inspiring young athletes in the area."

HV Rivermen Administration added, "Having a stable home in Fallsburg allows us to build a stronger program, deepen our local engagement, and create more opportunities for players and fans alike."

As the team prepares for the upcoming 2025/2026 season, open tryouts will be held in late April for players looking to compete at the professional level. Head Coach, Curtis Brock enthusiastically scouted new talent: "We're looking for hard-working, passionate players ready to take their game to the next level. Fallsburg is the perfect place to build something special, and we can't wait to start."

With this new home base, the Hudson Valley Rivermen plan to host exciting games, youth development programs, and community engagement initiatives, further strengthening the bond between the team and the Town of Fallsburg.

For more information on tryouts, game schedules, and community involvement, please visit the teams website at - www.hvrivemenbb.com

Paint the Town

Paint the Town, Hawley wants you to help us choose the image for our 12th new Art Banner for 2025. Vote for your favorite online. Our art-loving jury selected 11 stunning art images from an amazing assortment of 80 submitted images by 31 talented regional artists. Now we want you to choose from three finalists to decide on the image for our 12th new banner. Place your vote online at <https://waynecountyartsalliance.org/paint-the-town-hawley-2025/> Voting begins March 20 and ends at midnight on April 2.

Paint the Town, Hawley is an exciting 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. In 2024 we printed and mounted 22 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. These banners plus our 12 new art banners will be installed in May, 2025 in time to celebrate with the Hawley Memorial Day Parade. More information is at waynecountyartsalliance.org

Arlene Shechet at Catskill Art Space July 5 - August 23, 2025

Livingston Manor, NY - Each summer Catskill Art Space (CAS) invites a prominent artist local to the region to overtake the ground floor galleries facing Livingston Manor's Main Street. For this year's exhibition, Arlene Shechet, the Kingston and Woodstock-based sculptor, will exhibit new and recent sculptures, works on paper, and tapestries. Arlene Shechet opens July 5, 2025, with an artist talk from 3-4pm and a reception from 4-5pm. The exhibition continues through August 23, 2025.

Shechet, born and raised in New York City, worked for years in a basement studio in Tribeca. Nearly 20 years ago, she began to shift her studio to the Hudson Valley where she now maintains two separate studios. Last summer, for the first time, Shechet was able not only make work in the Hudson Valley, but also was able to create an ambitious 6-month exhibition at Storm King Art Center. On the heels of this wide-sweeping presentation, Shechet's forthcoming exhibition at Catskill Art Space celebrates her more intimate sculptures along with her ambitions and curiosities.

Shechet's pioneering sculptures fuse seemingly disparate parts-clay, steel, wood-to sublime effect. She explores the capacity of clay, both fixed and dynamic, with her experiments in glaze, texture and organic forms. Shechet's ceramic surfaces produce mesmerizing tactile effects evocative of moss and other elements of the natural world specific to the Catskills. At the same time, her work is decidedly otherworldly, juxtaposing polymorphous and geometric forms that capture the complexity and incongruity of the human experience. In her exploration of the materiality of clay, she includes works on paper produced with imprints of clay-specters of the fixed forms seen elsewhere. These wall works will be joined by rarely seen textiles that capture Shechet's sensitivity to color, form, mark making and scale.

For her presentation at CAS, Shechet will recreate a wall of her studio that the artist thinks of as her "library." A plywood backed wall with reductive shelving houses the visual vernacular that represents both a history and an ongoing and changing resource for the artist. Shechet utilizes these accumulated wood and ceramic pieces in her improvisational and intuitive method of sketching in three-dimension. This never-before-seen glimpse into the studio provides a privileged and intimate glance into Shechet's practice and commitment to making her "process visible."

Initially developed for Storm King Art Center, Shechet will debut a new series of Pleat Seats, an artist-designed seating from sumptuous carved Italian marble that continue her practice of material exploration, laying bare her process. The works invite deeper contemplation of the work on view, as well as shared conversation between viewers.

The exhibition will be complemented by an eponymous catalogue including works from the exhibition. Art historian Nancy Princenthal is contributing a new critical essay on the presentation at CAS.

About the Artist

Arlene Shechet has been the subject of many solo exhibitions, including All at Once (2015), a major, critically acclaimed survey of her work at The Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston that The New York Times called, "some of the most imaginative American sculpture of the past 20 years, and some of the most radically personal," and Full Steam Ahead (2018), an ambitious, large-scale public project installed in Madison Square Park in New York. (Contd. Pg. 12)

Arlene Shechet at Catskill Art Space July 5 - August 23, 2025

(From Pg. 11) Her curatorial vision has been shown in the exhibitions Porcelain, No Simple Matter at The Frick Collection (2016-17), From Here On Now at The Phillips Collection (2016), Making Knowing at The Drawing Center (2021), STUFF at Pace Gallery NY (2022), and Disrupt the View at the Harvard Art Museums (2022-25), which is currently on view. Shechet's approach to installation and curation is intuitive and playful, responding to the architecture of space and creating dialogue between works, sites, and spectators, inviting them into a space and ushering them through its choreography.

In 2023, Shechet was elected as a lifetime member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. This follows many other awards and honors including the CAA Artist Award for a Distinguished Body of Work, the Guggenheim Fellowship, the Joan Mitchell Foundation Painters & Sculptors Grant, and the National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship. In 2024, one of the monumental sculptures from her much lauded exhibition, *Girl Group*, was acquired by Storm King Art Center for their permanent collection. Shechet's work is in over fifty public collections worldwide, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Centre Pompidou, National Gallery of Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Hirshhorn Museum, Nasher Sculpture Center, Walker Art Center, and Whitney Museum of American Art. She currently lives and works in New York City and Upstate New York.

Long-term Installations

Following a major renovation and expansion, Catskill Art Space reopened in October 2022 with a long-term presentation of James Turrell's *Avaar* (1982) in a custom-built gallery on the building's second floor. A room-sized installation, *Avaar* is an important example of the artist's early, wall-based "aperture" works, which function by creating two areas within a room. There is a "viewing space," where one stands to see and experience the work, and a "sensing space," which is an ambiguously defined area of diffused light. *Avaar* is one of the rare examples of Turrell's aperture works to make use of white lighting only; no colors will be present in the installation. This work is in the collection of the Seattle Art Museum, which has granted CAS a special long-term loan to exhibit the work. The presentation at CAS marks the first time the work has been shown since the 1970s, giving audiences from the Catskills and beyond the rare opportunity to experience a major Turrell work that has not been seen in nearly five decades.



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DEC Invites Public Comment About Draft Plan to Investigate Contamination at Brownfield Site on High St., Monticello

This link opens a fact sheet that invites public comment about a draft work plan to investigate contamination at the Monticello Manor Lofts site #C353018 (Monticello, Sullivan County) within New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program:

View Fact Sheet (PDF)

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/der/factsheet/c353018/riwp.pdf>

DEC is accepting public comments about the draft work plan through April 18, 2025. Please see fact sheet for details about the draft plan and how to comment.

The fact sheet is in PDF format. You can save, open, and read the fact sheet by using Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can go to the DEC website to download the program.

If you have questions about the contaminated site identified above, please use the contact information provided in the fact sheet.

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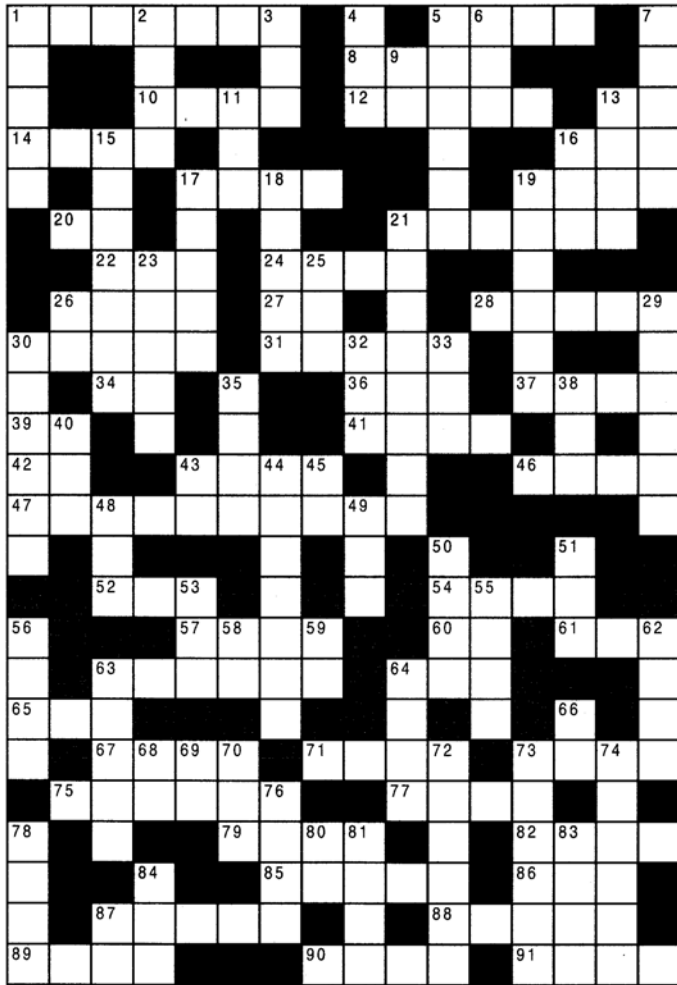
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- 32 Slender curved bone
- 33 Allow
- 35 One thousandth of a kilogram
- 38 Fuss about something unimportant
- 40 Single unit
- 43 Used to express surprise
- 44 Learning institution
- 45 Knock Out
- 48 Young lamb
- 49 Used to cut wood
- 50 Destroy by friction
- 51 Domestic animal
- 53 Pertaining to three
- 55 Newly received information
- 56 Imprudent person
- 58 Part of the human psyche
- 59 Language
- 62 Pleasant
- 63 Fast-growing thin-barked tree
- 64 Froth
- 66 Roman
- eleven
- 68 Alternating Current
- 69 General Electric
- 70 Environmental Protection Agency
- 72 Small three-masted Mediterranean sailing ship
- 73 A person who is tricked
- 74 What we can expect to have in April
- 76 Metal containers
- 78 Tears
- 80 Egyptian sun god
- 81 Dishonest scheme
- 83 Abode
- 84 An evergreen
- 87 Chem. element iron

- ACROSS**
- 1 Where one of the local trout streams flows thru
 - 5 April Fool's symbol that anglers desire
 - 8 Short for Aerodynamic
 - 10 Not fake
 - 12 Practice joke
 - 13 Junior
 - 14 Ax-like tool
 - 16 Receive
 - 17 A form of play
 - 19 Tasty bake treat
 - 20 Proceed
 - 21 Fail to perform a required action
 - 22 Meadow
 - 24 20th Century artist
 - 26 Hindu Spring
 - 27 Exist
 - 28 Begin
 - 30 Fit for a monarch
 - 31 Second month of spring
 - 34 Yukon Territory
 - 36 Frozen water
 - 37 Painter, printmaker, and key figure of the German Expressionist movement
 - 39 Colorado
 - 41 Bump
 - 42 Not out
 - 43 Chop
 - 46 Fare
 - 47 Where the famous Blue Hole is located
 - 52 Eastern Standard
 - Time
 - 54 On one occasion
 - 57 Monetary unit of Cambodia
 - 60 Regarding
 - 61 Two-thousand pounds
 - 63 Connection
 - 64 Not many
 - 65 Broad Japanese sash
 - 67 Uncontrollable anger
 - 71 Humorous deception
 - 73 A tool used to hold things firmly
 - 75 Consent to receive
 - 77 Owner of the local Grahamsville Deli
 - 79 Condescending manner
 - 82 Food
 - 85 Mother of pearl
 - 86 Pull along with a rope or chain
 - 87 Discovers
 - 88 Toll
 - 89 Sooth-sayer
 - 90 Belonging to a German grandmother
 - 91 Very small

- DOWN**
- 1 Type of car
 - 2 Defy
 - 3 Naught
 - 4 Knock
 - 5 Where they call April Fool's Day, "Poisson d'Avril"
 - 6 Electrically charged atom
 - 7 A sweet cake
 - 9 Emergency Room
 - 11 Film speed specification
 - 13 Short story with a funny punch line
 - 15 Scientific study of animals
 - 16 Petrol
 - 17 The 'cup' in Arthurian legends
 - 18 Main means of mass communication
 - 19 A tradition
 - 21 Subject to mockery
 - 23 Make ecstatically happy
 - 25 Viper
 - 26 Referring to that boy
 - 29 What all good fishermen will find at Sundown Bait Shop
 - 30 Cooking instructions

Pork and Beans Cake

An April Fool's Fun Dessert

This cake can be made in loaf pans or in 16 ounce cans.

- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 (15 oz) can baked beans with pork
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup raisins (optional)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease and flour five 16 ounce cans OR two 8 x 4 inch loaf pans.

In a large bowl, mix sugar, oil, eggs, and beans until smooth.

In a separate bowl combine flour, cinnamon, baking powder, and soda. Add to bean mixture, stirring just until combined. Stir in raisins and vanilla.

Fill prepared cans 2/3 full with batter, or divide batter into prepared loaf pans.

Place cans or pans on a baking sheet. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes, or until a tester inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean. Cool completely on wire racks before removing bread from cans or pans.

Serve with whipped cream.

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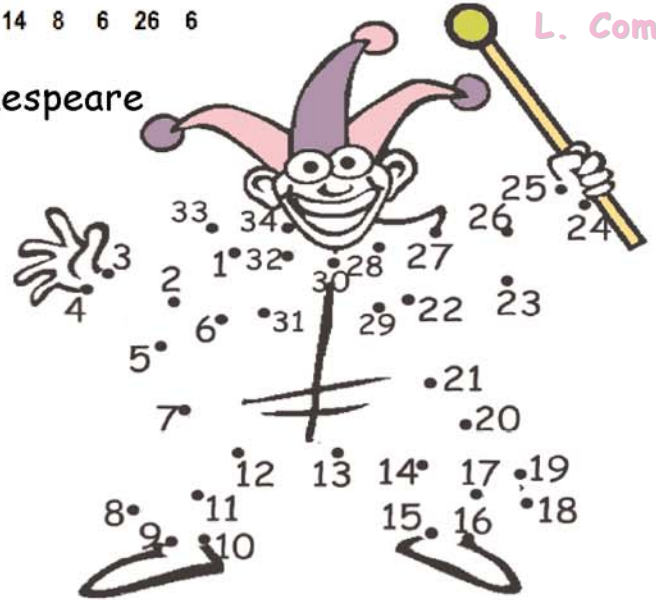
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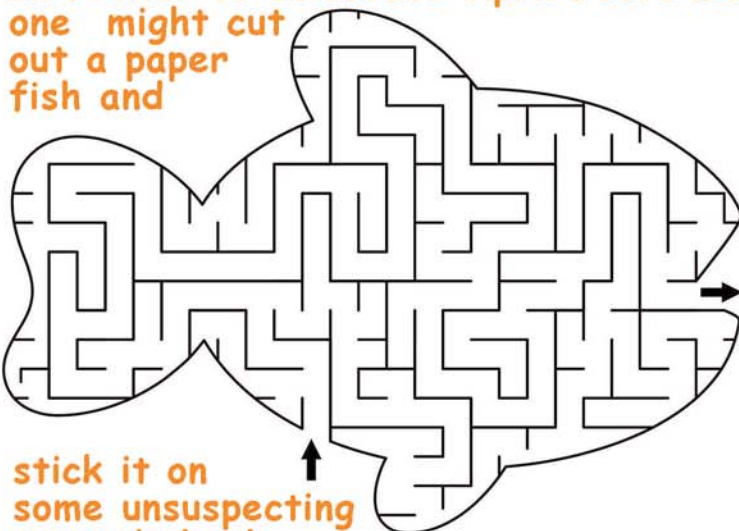


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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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Redemption Date for 2023 Tax-Foreclosed Properties Is April 30, 2025, Says Sullivan County Treasurer

Monticello, NY - Properties in Sullivan County subject to this year's 2023 tax foreclosure proceeding can be redeemed through April 30, 2025.

"It's important for taxpayers to know this date, because we want everyone to remain in their homes and keep their properties for as long as they are able," said County Treasurer Nancy Buck. "The very last resort is foreclosure - which we undertake reluctantly and carefully, according to State law."

Payments must be made directly to the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office via mail at P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701, or in person on the first floor of the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello.

If full payment is not made by April 30, 2025, the property will be scheduled for public auction on September 17, 2025. A repurchase option will be available, however, and details will be forwarded directly to the former owners at the last known address by the Treasurer's Office after April 30, 2025.

To view a list of parcels included in the foreclosure, visit <https://sullivanny.gov/Departments/Treasurer>.

For more information, contact the Treasurer's Office at 845-807-0200.

New Study Finds Rising Salinity Levels in NYC Croton System Reservoirs

- *Croton System Chloride Levels Have Tripled in the Last 30 Years and Could Exceed Maximum Salinity Levels By 2108; Road Salt and Human Activities are Key Contributors*
- *Minor Salinity Impacts in City's Larger Reservoirs Throughout the More Sparsely Populated Upstate Catskills Region*

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today released a new, comprehensive study on rising salinity levels in the City's water supply, which show salinity levels in the Croton System reservoirs - one of the City's primary water sources - have been steadily rising due to road salt runoff and other human activities. If the trend continues, the New Croton

Reservoir could exceed the State's maximum allowable chloride levels at the turn of the century. Salinity levels in the system's main New Croton Reservoir have tripled in just a 30-year time frame.

The study also found that the City's main reservoirs in the rural Catskills region further upstate have low levels of salinity; those salinity levels are also increasing, but at a much slower rate.

DEP's "Salinity Management Assessment" study reviewed nearly 33 years of data and found steadily increasing salinity levels in all 12 reservoirs and three controlled lakes in the water supply's Croton System, the oldest and smallest of the reservoir systems which typically provides about 10 percent of the City's water supply. All of the Croton System's reservoirs and lakes throughout Westchester and Putnam counties feed into the New Croton Reservoir about 22 miles north of the city line. The study found that at the current rate of increase the New Croton Reservoir would reach the state's maximum contaminant level for chloride, a main component of salt, by the year 2108.

High levels of salinity in fresh water supplies can impact human health by contributing to high blood pressure and hypertension and can also significantly impact watershed biodiversity and ecosystems with potentially detrimental impacts on water quality.

"Our study found a clear and troubling trend of increasing salinity in and around the Croton water supply region," said DEP Commissioner Rohit T. Aggarwala. "As the nation's largest municipal water supply system serving half of the state's population with the gold standard in water quality, we must do everything possible to protect this most precious resource. It is imperative that we work closely with state and local governments, and our environmental partners, to develop and implement policies to slow and hopefully stop this trend."

"We thank DEP for their partnership in taking action to safeguard the health of our ecosystem and our communities," said Riverkeeper President and Hudson Riverkeeper Tracy Brown. "The problems identified in the Croton watershed are unfortunately common statewide, and we must use the stark findings in this report to address the issue statewide. Now is the time for smarter use of road salt and the equipment upgrades that will protect our friends, family, and neighbors with high blood pressure, and those on low sodium diets, throughout New York. This is also critical for ecosystem and human health as salt changes water chemistry, leading to increased risk of lead leaching from pipes that carry drinking water, other heavy metals being mobilized from source waters, and the formation of Harmful Algal Blooms."

"Millions of New Yorkers, including many of my constituents in Northern Westchester and Putnam County, are impacted by rapidly rising salinity in the East of Hudson Watershed, which affects their source of clean water," said New York State Senator Pete Harckham, Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Environment. "In less than 30 years, the Amawalk Reservoir will exceed the maximum allowable levels for salt. Once contaminated, it could take decades for the reservoir to return to acceptable levels. All levels of government must work collaboratively and with all deliberate speed to protect our precious drinking water." (Contd. Pg. 18)

New Study Finds Rising Salinity Levels in NYC Croton System Reservoirs

(From Pg. 17) "DEP's findings should be a wake-up call to anyone who thinks our water supply is immune to environmental degradation," said New York State Assembly Member MaryJane Shimsky. "Looking at the increase in salinity over the past 40 years, we know that the New Croton Reservoir's water will no longer be safe to drink by 2108 unless changes are made. We must take the corrective steps needed to protect this resource, and we must do it right away. If we don't, the damage to our residents, agriculture, and wildlife will be irreversible; and the cost of replacing our water infrastructure far more expensive."

By analyzing data from 1987 through 2019, DEP found a sustained increase in chloride concentrations in all of reservoirs serving the water supply system, though the City's largest reservoirs in the Catskills showed only negligible increases and contain relatively low levels of chloride. This is not unexpected given the lower population, pavement and property parcel densities in that region, though the study includes recommendations to help protect those reservoirs in the future.

The study found winter de-icing of roadways and parking lots, wastewater treatment plant discharges and private water softening systems as likely main contributors to increased salinization. Water filtration plants cannot remove salt from water. Instead, salinity can only be reduced through a costly and heavily energy dependent desalinization process.

Recommendations to reduce salinity included supporting stakeholder efforts to develop best practices for reducing man-made salinity contributions throughout the water supply region, expanding studies on specific sources, and building public and stakeholder awareness to the trends and impacts of salinity infiltration of fresh water supplies.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of high-quality drinking water each day to nearly 10 million residents, including 8.8 million in New York City and 1 million more in counties north of the City. The water is delivered from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles from the City, comprising 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes. Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and aqueducts bring water to homes and businesses throughout the five boroughs, and 7,500 miles of sewer lines and 96 pump stations take wastewater to 14 in-city treatment plants. DEP also protects the health and safety of New Yorkers by enforcing the Air and Noise Codes and asbestos rules. DEP has a robust capital program, with a planned \$37 billion in investments over the next 10 years. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook, or follow us on X, formerly known as Twitter.

As Measles Cases Spread, Governor Hochul Launches New Web Portal to Support Access to Vaccines and Public Health Information

- *Four Cases Statewide in 2025; Three in NYC and One Rest of State*
- *All New Yorkers Urged To Ensure They Are Current With All Recommended Immunizations, Especially Measles-Mumps-Rubella*
- *Launches ny.gov/measles To Support Vaccination, Education and Provider Engagement*

Governor Kathy Hochul today launched a new web portal <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/measles/> to support access to vaccines and public health information in the wake of measles cases in New York State. The Governor joined State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald to update New Yorkers on the cases and encouraged everyone to ensure they are current on all recommended immunizations. There have been four total cases of measles in New York State so far this year, three in New York City and one in Suffolk County. None of the cases this year are related to each other or connected to the outbreaks in Texas and New Mexico. The risk of measles to New Yorkers from these outbreaks is low.

"Measles doesn't belong in the 21st century, and it certainly doesn't belong in the State of New York," Governor Hochul said. "As measles outbreaks occur at home and around the globe, it's critical that New Yorkers take the necessary steps to get vaccinated, get educated and stave off the spread of this preventable disease - the safety of our communities depends on it."

The New York State Department of Health and local health departments work together to monitor cases and alert the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All New Yorkers are urged to protect themselves by making sure they're up to date on important, lifesaving immunizations.

New York State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "The single way to prevent measles is to be immunized, and this is an irrefutable fact. Measles is much more than just a rash. In the current outbreak in the United States, one in five people are being admitted to a hospital. I urge all New Yorkers to ensure they are current on their measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) immunizations and immediately get vaccinated if they are not."

Based on immunization registry data, the current statewide vaccination rate for babies up to two years old, excluding New York City, is 81.4 percent. This is the percent of children who have received at least one dose of the Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccines. However, actual vaccination coverage among school-age children is higher, typically around 90 percent.

Individuals should receive two doses of the MMR vaccine to be protected. Those who aren't sure about their immunization status should call their local health department or health care provider. Those who were born before 1957 have likely already been exposed to the virus and are immune. Those born between 1957 and 1971 should check with a doctor to ensure they've been properly immunized as vaccines administered during that time may not have been reliable.

Those who travel abroad should make sure they are vaccinated for measles. Babies as young as 6 months can get an MMR if they are travelling abroad. The babies should get their MMRs on schedule and need a total of three MMRs.

As Measles Cases Spread, Governor Hochul Launches New Web Portal to Support Access to Vaccines and Public Health Information

(From Pg. 18) The State Health Department is monitoring the situation very carefully, along with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Local health departments in each county are prepared to investigate cases and distribute vaccines or other protective measures as needed.

State Senator Gustavo Rivera said, “The four reported cases of measles in New York State this year are not only concerning but also, a stern reminder that we must keep our recommended immunizations up to date. I want to thank Governor Hochul and Commissioner McDonald for launching a portal to provide support to health care providers who are our first line of defense when it comes to public health. Measles could pose serious health risks for those who contract it and are not protected so it is critical that we follow the science and don't fall behind on immunizations.”

Assemblymember Amy Paulin said, “The science is clear - the measles vaccine works. I encourage everyone to get vaccinated, and I appreciate Governor Hochul and State Health Commissioner McDonald's efforts to provide New Yorkers and healthcare providers with the support, education, and resources for this lifesaving immunization.”

Misinformation around vaccines has in recent years contributed to a rise in vaccine hesitancy, declining vaccination rates and a black market for fraudulent vaccination records. The Department takes an active role in combating vaccination fraud. This includes work by the Department's Bureau of Investigations identifying, investigating, and seeking impactful enforcement actions against those who falsify vaccine records, as evidenced by several recent cases announced by the Department.

Combating vaccine fraud is a collective effort that includes various stakeholders responsible for community health and safety. The Department works with schools to help them fulfill their responsibility of reviewing vaccination records for fraud. Additionally, the Department partners with the New York State Education Department, local health departments and school-nurse professional organizations around this critical effort. Moreover, the Department's Bureau of Investigations, in particular, works to educate, engage and support police and prosecutors statewide regarding vaccination fraud, which under New York law is a felony-level criminal offense.

Measles is a highly contagious, serious respiratory disease that causes rash and fever. In some cases, measles can reduce the immune system's ability to fight other infections like pneumonia.

Serious complications of measles include hospitaliza-

tion, pneumonia, brain swelling and death. Long-term serious complications can also include subacute sclerosing panencephalitis, a brain disease resulting from an earlier measles infection that can lead to permanent brain damage.

People who are infected with measles often get “measles immune amnesia,” which causes their immune system to lose memory to fight other infections like pneumonia. In places like Africa, where measles is more common, this is the largest driver of mortality.

Measles during pregnancy increases the risk of early labor, miscarriage and low birth weight infants.

Measles is caused by a virus that is spread by coughing or sneezing into the air. Individuals can catch the disease by breathing in the virus or by touching a contaminated surface, then touching the eyes, nose, or mouth. Complications may include pneumonia, encephalitis, miscarriage, preterm birth, hospitalization and death.

The incubation period for measles is up to 21 days. People who are exposed to measles should quarantine 21 days after exposure and those who test positive should isolate until four days after the rash appears.

Symptoms for measles can include the following:
7-14 days, and up to 21 days after a measles infection

- o High fever
- o Cough
- o Runny nose
- o Red, watery eyes

3-5 days after symptoms begin, a rash occurs

- o The rash usually begins as flat red spots that appear on the face at the hairline and spread downward to the neck, trunk, arms, legs and feet.
- o Small, raised bumps may also appear on top of the flat red spots.
- o The spots may become joined together as they spread from the head to the rest of the body.
- o When the rash appears, a person's fever may spike to more than 104° Fahrenheit.

A person with measles can pass it to others as soon as four days before a rash appears and as late as four days after the rash appears.

Health care providers should report suspected measles cases to their local health department.

Visit the State Health Department's dedicated measles website here for information about the measles, immunization data and information for providers.

The State Health Department has also launched a new Global Health Update Report webpage <https://global-healthreports.health.ny.gov/> to keep New Yorkers informed of ongoing and emerging infectious disease outbreaks. The report is updated every Friday.

More information about the measles vaccine can be found here. https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/by-disease/index.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2Fvfpd%2Fmeasles%2Findex.html

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Saturday, May 3, 2025

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4/8/25	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
4/14/25	Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
4/16/25	Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association 1st meeting of the year-Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm
4/17/25	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
4/17/25	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

Weekly Update For The Week of March 24 - 28, 2025

Monday, March 24

- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Audit Committee**, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston
- o **6:30 PM - Climate Smart Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 812 5415 3072

Tuesday, March 25

- o **No Meetings**

Wednesday, March 26

- o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Audit Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **9:15 AM - (or immediately following UC IDA Audit Committee) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Audit Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **9:30 AM - (or immediately following UC CRC Audit Committee) Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Finance Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **9:45 AM - (or immediately following UC IDA 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 UC CRC 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 UC IDA Regular Board Meeting) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Regular Board Meeting**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **3:00 PM - Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board**, in the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill
- o **6:30 PM - Ulster County Environmental Management Council**, in the SUNY Ulster Kingston Center, Room 104, 94 Mary's Avenue, Kingston & Via Zoom Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615, Passcode: 278571
- o **7:30 PM - Ulster County Fire Advisory Board**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, March 27

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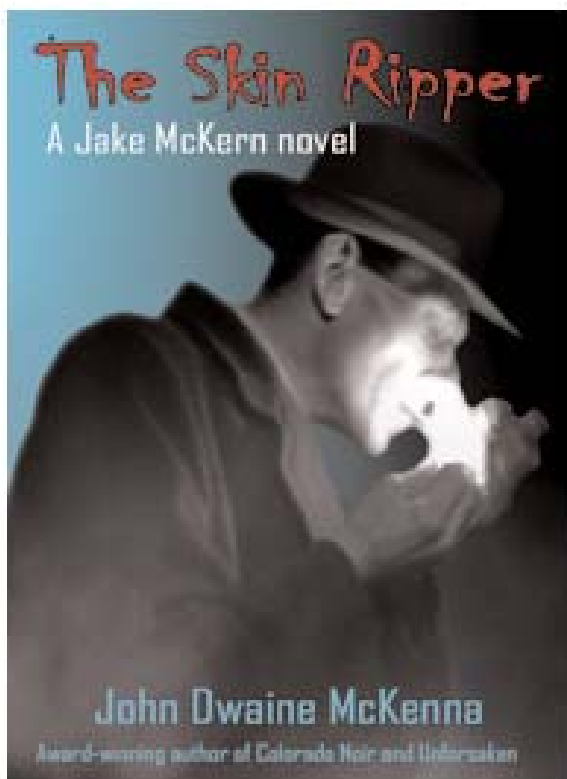
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Maple Month: Governor Hochul Issues Proclamation Declaring 2025 Maple Weekends in New York State

- *Encourages New Yorkers To Support Local Producers by Visiting Local Sugarhouses, Boosting the Industry and Local Agri-Tourism*
- *Governor's FY 2026 Executive Budget Includes Initiatives To Grow the Maple Industry and Help New York Become the Leading Maple Innovator*

Governor Kathy Hochul today issued a proclamation declaring March 22-23 and March 29-30 as New York State's 2025 Maple Weekends. The Governor also highlighted that New York State continues to rank second in the nation in maple production, and in 2024, maple production increased to 846,000 gallons, up nearly 100,000 gallons of maple syrup from the 2023 season. Earlier today, Governor Hochul participated in New York State Maple Weekend by visiting Twin Leaf Farms in Greenfield Center, NY.

"New York State's maple industry is not just a tradition - it's a thriving community of dedicated producers creating world-class maple products," Governor Hochul said. "As we celebrate Maple Month, I encourage every New Yorker to experience the rich flavors and support the hardworking individuals behind this beloved crop."

Recognizing the importance of the maple industry to New York's agricultural economy, Governor Hochul proposed additional funding in her FY26 Executive Budget to further grow the industry and help New York become the leading maple innovator. The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets supports the maple industry through the New York State Budget - which includes funding for promotion and educational programs - as well as through investments in research projects, such as Cornell University's Maple Program's Arnot Teaching Forest, and through its NYS Grown & Certified and Taste NY marketing programs.

Maple Weekends and Maple Month

Throughout the month of March each year and the last two weekends of the month in particular, maple farms across the state open their doors to the public to provide a chance to taste pure maple syrup, right from the source, and experience the unique family tradition of making maple syrup in New York State. Producers offer tours and pancake breakfasts, sell maple products, and demonstrate the syrup-making process, which includes the traditional system of hanging buckets on trees or more modern methods of production using vacuum systems to increase the yield of sap per tree. A searchable list of Maple Weekend events is available at

t mapleweekend.nysmaple.com.

Maple Promotions

New York's Taste NY Markets across the state are highlighting unique local maple products and producers during the month of March, with product specials, giveaways, and more. The Western NY Welcome Center is offering a maple gift basket giveaway and a maple product scavenger hunt, with visitors getting 10 percent off the maple products they find in store. The Capital Region Welcome Center will have a sampling event on March 28, featuring pancakes by Phoenicia Diner and Jourdin's Maple Syrup. Additionally, the Mohawk Valley Welcome Center is doing a gift basket giveaway, and the Adirondacks Welcome Center will feature educational displays from the Upper Hudson Valley Maple Association with information about the history of maple produc-

tion and modern production techniques. Visit your local Taste NY Market to take part in their Maple Month celebrations! Find a market in your region.

Agri-tourism In New York State

Agri-tourism events like Maple Weekends and Maple Month are an important part of tourism in New York State. Governor Hochul recently announced that New York State welcomed a record 291.5 million visitors in 2022, the largest number of visitors in New York State's history, generating more than \$78.6 billion in direct spending and \$123 billion in total economic impact. The Governor has continued to support state tourism through I LOVE NY marketing efforts to encourage travel throughout New York and tens of millions of dollars in direct support to tourism organizations and venues for tourism-related marketing efforts and capital projects.

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "Maple syrup is not only our sweetest crop, but it's also the first crop of the new year. New York's maple producers continue to do an outstanding job keeping our state at the forefront of the industry, and Maple Weekends give all of us an opportunity to visit a farm and see how they turn tree sap into syrup, candy, and so much more. I encourage everyone to visit a farm near you this year to see this work in action and learn more about this important part of our state's agricultural economy."

Nurse Practitioner Association Endorses Governor Hochul's Plan to Fix New York's Involuntary Commitment Laws

- *Nurse Practitioner Association of New York State: "This Reform is Not Just a Matter of Efficiency - It's a Matter of Equity"*
- *Comes in Light of Poll That Confirms 90 Percent of New Yorkers Support the Governor's Proposal*
- *Nurse Practitioner Association Joins a Broad Coalition of Supporters; Includes Clinicians, Mental Health Advocates, and Civic and Business Organizations*

Read the Full Letter Here

https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.thenpa.org/resource/resmgr/government_relations/govletters/Psych_NP_letter.pdf

The Nurse Practitioner Association of New York State today endorsed the Governor's FY26 Budget proposal to amend New York's mental hygiene laws to grant psychiatric nurse practitioners (PNPs) the authority to initiate an involuntary commitment. Under the Governor's proposal, psychiatrists and other qualified clinicians, such as PNPs, will be able to admit someone to inpatient psychiatric care involuntarily, if appropriate. "New Yorkers struggling with severe mental health challenges need compassionate and humane care, and that's what we are dedicated to delivering this year," said Governor Kathy Hochul. "Our psychiatric nurse practitioners are qualified to provide this compassionate care, and we must expedite the implementation of this approach."

The Nurse Practitioner Association of New York State President Gregory Rys said, "This reform is not just a matter of efficiency - it's a matter of equity. Communities with limited access to physicians - rural areas, economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, and underserved populations - are disproportionately affected by the current law. (Contd. Pg. 28)

Nurse Practitioner Association Endorses Governor Hochul's Plan to Fix New York's Involuntary Commitment Laws

(From Pg. 27) PNPs often serve as trusted, front-line mental health providers in these areas, but are hamstrung in caring for these vulnerable patients. Modernizing this standard would remove barriers to allow for patients in behavioral health crises to receive greater attention."

The proposal would further clarify that individuals could be involuntarily admitted if they are at significant risk of physical harm when their mental illness prevents them from being able to meet their basic needs such as food, shelter, and medical care. These changes will align New York with 43 other states, help vulnerable New Yorkers access the care they need, and further strengthen the continuity of mental healthcare statewide. It will also allow psychiatric nurse practitioners to participate in the commitment process in some instances.

The Governor's budget proposal also includes amendments to Kendra's Law, which governs Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) - an intervention that has demonstrated success reducing negative outcomes like criminal justice involvement and homelessness. The Governor's Budget proposal also increases funding and enhances oversight over the program.

The Governor is also proposing to increase funding for Enhanced Service Packages, which allow individuals to access AOT services without a court order and provide a transition option for those whose AOT orders have expired. Standardizing these packages across counties will ensure more individuals receive the support they need and deserve.

DEC Announces Summer Camp Employment Opportunities Qualifications Updated to Help Grow Workforce

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced several positions are available for DEC's upcoming Summer Camps Program

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Working at a DEC environmental education camp is a fun opportunity to gain practical outdoor, naturalist, teaching, leadership, and many other transferrable skills while living in a beautiful setting.

DEC hires approximately 60 seasonal employees each summer to provide week-long adventures in conservation education for children ages 11-17. Now in its 78th year, DEC operates four residential camps for children: Camp Colby in Saranac Lake, Franklin County; Camp DeBruce in Livingston Manor, Sullivan County; Camp Pack Forest in Warrensburg, Warren County; and Camp Rushford in Caneadea, Allegany County.

Available positions: Counselors; Cooks; and Camp Aides 1 and 2.

Depending on the position, qualified candidates may earn between \$6,300 to \$10,300 for the season. Employment at camp begins in June and ends mid-August, and all positions include room and board. To increase workforce opportunities and reach more eligible candidates, DEC recently changed some qualifications and is now accepting applications from candidates that do not have prior DEC summer camper experience.

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Founder of Hope Alive 845 Calls on Governor Hochul to Address Failing Systems for New York's Most Vulnerable Children

Monticello, NY - Despite repeated outreach and calls for action, Governor Kathy Hochul has refused to meet with representatives from Hope Alive 845 to discuss the Hope Alive Act, a critical legislative proposal aimed at enhancing child safety in New York State. This act would grant law enforcement and law enforcement-adjacent agencies access to school records to aid in the search for missing and exploited children. Additionally, Hope Alive 845 is calling for a comprehensive statewide review of New York's Child Protective Services (CPS), which continues to fail underrepresented children across the state.

Domingo Ramos, founder of Hope Alive 845, expressed frustration over the Governor's refusal to engage in discussions that could save lives.

"The crisis of missing and exploited children in New York is not an issue we can ignore, yet Governor Hochul refuses to sit down and discuss real solutions. The Hope Alive Act is designed to provide law enforcement with the necessary tools to locate children faster, and the Governor's refusal to engage is a disservice to the very communities she claims to protect," said Mr Ramos.

Under the current system, bureaucratic red tape significantly delays investigations when children go missing. The Hope Alive Act seeks to cut through these barriers by allowing law enforcement timely access to school records, ensuring critical information is available in the earliest and most crucial hours of a child's disappearance.

Additionally, the widespread failures of New York's CPS system disproportionately affect underrepresented children, leaving them trapped in cycles of abuse, neglect, and systemic abandonment. Hope Alive 845 is calling for a statewide review of CPS policies and procedures to expose systemic failures and implement reforms that prioritize children's safety and well-being.

"We see case after case where CPS fails to protect children from dangerous environments, yet there is no accountability. Without reform, we are sentencing these children to a future of suffering. The Governor's silence on this issue is unacceptable," added Mr. Ramos.

Hope Alive 845 is urging state lawmakers, advocates, and concerned citizens to demand action from Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature to ensure that child protection is a priority, not an afterthought.

For more information or to support the Hope Alive Act, please contact Hope Alive 845 at **About Hope Alive 845**

Hope Alive 845 is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting vulnerable children in New York State through advocacy, intervention, and legislative action. The organization works closely with law enforcement, community leaders, and policymakers to create meaningful change for at-risk youth.

UC Launches 2nd Round of AED Grants for Youth Camps and Sports Programs Now Open to Municipal Summer Camps; Grant applications due by April 18

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County announces the availability of a second round of grants to support the purchase of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for youth sports programs and summer camps that are in Ulster County. Building on last year's initiative, this program, funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act, has been expanded to include municipal youth sports programs.

New York State Public Health Law now requires that all summer camps and youth sports programs have at least one AED and at least one individual present in activities who is certified in its use. To help organizations comply with these requirements, the County will provide up to \$5,000 per organization for both equipment and training, upon submission of a state-mandated Cardiac Emergency Implementation Plan and other required documents.

The grant is available to municipal and non-profit (501c3) camps, as well as youth games and sports programs that will be in operation during their scheduled season in 2025. If a youth program received reimbursement or an AED last year, they are not eligible to apply again.

Grant applications are due by April 18, 2025. A copy of the application can be found at bit.ly/3SvNcTf. For more information, email AEDGrant@co.ulster.ny.us.

"We are pleased to be able to offer another round of grants to help ensure that every sports program and summer camp in Ulster County is equipped with a life-saving AED and the training to use it," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "I want to thank the Ulster County Legislature for this investment to protect the health and safety of our youth."

"The availability of AEDs at youth sporting events represents our commitment to creating the safest possible environment for our children," said Everett Erichsen, Ulster County Department of Emergency Services Director. "As someone who serves both in emergency services and as a youth sports coach, I understand firsthand how crucial those first minutes are in a cardiac emergency. This initiative equips our community with the tools to respond effectively when every second counts. By prioritizing this program, Ulster County is investing in our most precious resource - our children - and empowering coaches, parents, and bystanders to become potential lifesavers. The peace of mind this brings to families cannot be overstated, knowing their children are playing in environments prepared for even the most serious medical emergencies."



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

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

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

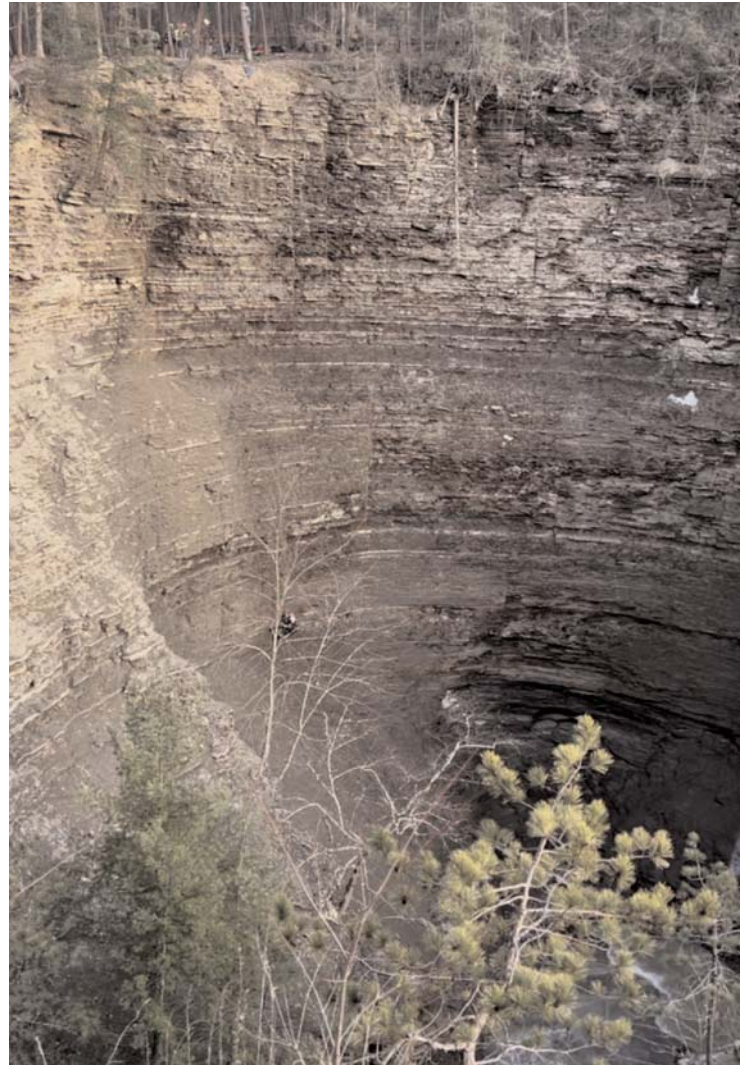
“DEC's Forest Rangers bravely protect our state owned and managed lands, as well as the people who use them. Whether it is a search and rescue call or a wildfire burning out of control, they are always ready when emergencies strike,” DEC Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. “Every day and in all conditions,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

Town of Italy Yates County Wilderness Rescue:

On March 11 at 5:45 p.m., Forest Ranger Dormer responded to a report of two stranded hikers at Conklin Gully in Hi Tor Wildlife Management Area. Mud, erosion, and high-water flows made it difficult for the pair from Manchester and Farmington to return the way they had



Rope rescue at Conklin Gully



hiked in. The Ontario County High Angle Rope Team and the Yates County Rope Team worked with Ranger Dormer and fire departments from Benton, Bristol, Canandaigua, Cheshire, Dundee, Farmington, Honeoye, Middlesex, and Naples to set up a high angle rope system to extract the hikers. Rescuers rappelled down, secured the subjects, and brought them up 200 feet before the temperature dropped and darkness set in. Neither subject was injured, but both were evaluated by Naples Ambulance. Resources were clear at 8:30 p.m. Video of the rescue is available to download (video, 207 MB).

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/fs/programs/press/ForestRangers/ConklinGullyRopeRescue.mp4>

Broome, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Steuben, Suffolk, Ulster, and Washington Counties

Wildland Fires: Between March 8 and 17, Forest Rangers responded to 25 fires in eight counties. The fires burned more than 558 acres of land. The largest fire was in Westhampton, Suffolk County measuring 424 acres. It started on March 8. By March 10, firefighters contained 100 percent of the fire. The fire was declared out on March 13. At least eight of the 25 fires were caused by debris burning. DEC reminds New Yorkers that the statewide brush burning ban is in effect until May 14.



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DEC Announces April 1 Start of Spring Trout Fishing Season

Abundant Angling Opportunities for New Yorkers to 'Get Offline, Get Outside'

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced the April 1 start of the spring trout fishing season, which provides excellent angling opportunities thanks to DEC's annual stocking program and wild trout fisheries. DEC's extensive spring stocking includes nearly 1.9 million trout in waters statewide, enhancing the diversity of fishing opportunities available to anglers across New York State.

"While anglers willing to brave the cold can enjoy catch-and-release fishing for inland trout all year, the April 1 opener of the harvest season is still a much-anticipated date in New York," said Acting Commissioner Lefton. "This is the true beginning of a long-awaited spring and a perfect time to get outside and enjoy time along a waterway near you."

Spring Trout Stocking

DEC trout stocking is in full swing with 1,873,980 catchable-size brook, brown, and rainbow trout stocked in ponds and streams across the state from mid-March through early June. 'Stocked-Extended' streams, specified in the Inland Trout Streams Regulations section of the Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide, will receive fish every other week for two months to provide season-long opportunities for angler success. Most stream stockings will include larger stocked trout (12 inches or greater) as 10 percent of the total number. Spring trout stocking lists, including the scheduled week of stocking for trout streams, can be found at DEC's website.

Hatcheries met the production target for rainbow and brown trout, but drought conditions in 2024 caused water supply constraints at some hatcheries, inhibiting brown trout growth. Therefore, many stocked brown trout will be less than the desired nine inches in length at the time of stocking.

Brook trout production was affected by an outbreak of whirling disease at the Randolph hatchery and related DEC actions at the Bath hatchery earlier this month. Many streams will receive fewer brook trout this season. To offset this loss, some ponds will receive surplus brown trout and rainbow trout. Brook trout reared for Adirondack ponds were not exposed to whirling disease so these fingerlings will be stocked as planned.

March 2025 Whirling Disease Response

Whirling disease is a parasite that affects trout and salmon, causing the fish to swim in circles, develop blackened tails, or have spinal deformities. It was likely introduced from wild fish in a pond that feeds Randolph hatchery. Whirling disease is not harmful to humans or other mammals but there is no known cure for whirling disease in fish.

Brook trout at Randolph hatchery were euthanized to control the disease. Brook trout at Bath hatchery that were transferred from Randolph earlier this year were also euthanized to further prevent the spread. Whirling disease is controlled through depopulation, so the impacts should be limited to this season. DEC controlled this disease at Randolph Hatchery through depopulation when it was detected at the facility about 30 years ago.

DEC Fisheries staff are developing strategies to mitigate potential outbreaks of the disease at hatcheries in the future. Anglers and boaters can do their part on waterways by following recommended guidelines, such as properly cleaning, draining, and drying their boats and gear to lessen the likelihood of spreading whirling disease and other invasive plants, animals, and diseases. Learn more about how to protect waters from invasive species on DEC's webpage.

Trout Fishing Resources

The popular Trout Stream Fishing Map on DECinfo Locator allows anglers to view trout stream reaches, color-coded by management category, as well as fishing access associated with those reaches. Links to the Trout Stream Fishing Map and a User Guide are available on DEC's website.

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Anglers can also use smart phones to find trout fishing opportunities around the state by accessing the Tackle Box feature in DEC's HuntFishNY app. The Tackle Box provides one-stop-shopping for information on access sites, stocking, regulations and more. Information on how to download the app can be found on DEC's website. Anglers are encouraged to check out these valuable resources when planning their next fishing trip.

2025 Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide

A digital version of the new guide is available to download on DEC's website. Hard copies of the guide are available wherever sporting licenses are sold. For locations visit DEC's website.

To help make fishing more affordable and help inspire the next generation of anglers, DEC partners with many libraries across the state to provide a free fishing rod lending program. In addition to borrowing a book, library patrons can sign out a fishing rod. This affordable opportunity for people to try fishing before purchasing their own gear supports Governor Hochul's "Get Offline, Get Outside" initiative, to promote physical and mental health by helping New York's kids and families to put down their phones and computers, take a break from social media, and enjoy recreation and outdoor social gatherings. For more information and a list of participating libraries, visit the DEC's website.

DEC offers a host of resources for those interested in getting started in fishing. The I FISH NY Beginners' Guide to Freshwater Fishing provides information on everything from rigging up a fishing rod, to identifying catch, and understanding fishing regulations. There's also a video series on the DEC's YouTube channel that complements the Beginners' Guide. Information about 'learn to fish' clinics and other mentoring opportunities are also available on DEC's website.

Safe Fish Consumption

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) offers health advice on eating fish caught across New York's waterways. More information on New York State Fish Consumption Advisories and advice by specific waterbody location can be found on DOH's website.



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BLUE MOUNTAINS TROUT NEWS

MARCH 2025

By Ed Ostapczuk



The 113-year-old Five Arches Bridge, above, is soon to be replaced. Photo by Ed Ostapczuk.

Next Chapter Meeting is March 27, 2025

Our March chapter meeting will be held 7:00 PM Thursday March 27 at the Boiceville Inn on NY 28 in Boiceville. Following a short business meeting, Town of Olive Supervisor Jim Sofranko will update members and guests on ongoing town projects associated with NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)



and water resources, like Esopus Creek.

A sea of mud. Turbidity in the Esopus Creek during November, last year. Photo by Ed Ostapczuk.

Updates on the Shandaken Tunnel SPDES Permit

NYC DEP held its semi-annual review of their SPDES (State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit for the Shandaken

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Tunnel on February 25 via Zoom. Tony Coccozza and I participated on behalf of our chapter. Other participants included representatives of NYS DEC Fisheries and their Division of Water, Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program, several NYC DEP employees, and others.

Tony and I asked DEP many questions regarding the drawdown of Schoharie Reservoir to under 5% capacity in mid-to-late November last year, as well as the extremely turbid conditions the drawdown caused in the Esopus Creek. Look for more on this issue in future chapter newsletters.

The following represents some of the notes I took, in no particular order.

The High Level Outlet (HLI) for the Shandaken Tunnel (ST) can withdraw water between reservoir elevations 1125 to 1080 feet. It is a mechanism that can help with water turbidity and temperature diversions to Esopus Creek via DEP's ST, however, withdrawal flows are not adjustable and must conform to existing water release regulations, Part 670 - available on DEC's website.

The High Level Outlet (HLO, CAT-475), to be placed in Gilboa Dam at elevation 1130 feet, which will allow for water releases downstream of NYC's Schoharie Reservoir (at an additional cost of roughly \$31 million), will not be available before February 2029, per current plans. (Contd. Pg. 41)

Blue Mountains Trout News (From Pg. 40)

Work on the Shandaken Tunnel (ST) Intake (CAT-212D), at a cost of \$48 million, will continue through 2027 and will require three additional tunnel shutdowns, at times not yet determined. Two of the eight ST intake gates are currently inoperative. I believe it's reasonable to assume this work is closely related to the shutdown of the Delaware Aqueduct

That was NOT a topic of conversation, but DEP did suggest they would like to resume repair of the Delaware Aqueduct this year, depending on reservoir levels and rainfall conditions. Overall, NYC DEP has invested an excess of \$400 million - probably closer to \$500 million - on Schoharie Reservoir renovations. The HLO was a project addition brought about by our chapter's prodding on how DEP would meet coldwater requirements, per their SPDES permit, should they divert water downstream of Gilboa Dam using their new Low Level Outlet (LLO), a flood control mechanism.

News from the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP)



Ed Rolle ties a Parachute Adams during the last class.
Photo by Russel Martin.

On March 11, AWSMP conducted a Stream Ecosystem Working Group and Grant Review Committee meeting to review possible funding of an Esopus Creek USGS temperature study upstream of the Ashokan Reservoir. Committee members included representatives of NYC DEP, NYS DEC, USGS, AWSMP, others, plus Tony Coccozza for our chapter. I'm not sure a final determination of this proposal was made yet.

AWSMP distributed a press release regarding the third Catskill Heritage Brook Trout study jointly undertaken by AWSMP, NYS DEC, and our chapter - which was reported upon in the February chapter newsletter. The press release was picked up by the Kingston Daily Freeman, which ran a story on the study and the results.

<https://ashokanstreams.org/study-uncovers-genetically-distinct-brook-trout-populations/>

Winter Fly-Tying Classes Wrap Up in Early March

Our 2025 fly-tying classes, at Olive Free Library, completed on March 8. Once again, these were well attended and received. Thanks to Tony Coccozza and Mark Loete for chairing this engaging event, as well Jody Hoyt, Forrest Hutchinson, Victoria Lawrence, Russell Martin, Lenny Millen, Joe Soltis, and myself, who assisted, plus the many chapter members who participated as learners.

The photo above depicts Ed Rolle demonstrating how to tie a Parachute Adams, a favorite dry fly of this young, very good, fly-fisher. Thanks, one and all, for making this another successful year.

Happenings Around the Region

On March 6, Open Space Institute announced the acquisition of 3,100 acres formerly known as the Keriland property in the Town of Neversink. The land parcel is adjacent to the 14,800-acre Willowemoc Wild Forest, which is bordered to the northeast by the 33,500-acre Big Indian Wilderness area of the Catskill Forest Preserve. This puts an end to the development of this wilderness property in the Willowemoc Wild Forest. Clearly a major environmental victory. Thank you OSI! Read the details on the Open Space Institute website.

On March 29, the Catskill Fly Tyers' Guild is hosting its 2025 Fly Tyers Rendezvous from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Wulff Gallery in the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. Everyone is invited to observe demonstrations and shared knowledge.

On March 30, the Jerry Bartlett Angling Collection at the Phoenicia Library is hosting its 14th program on "Sporting Legends of the Catskills" from 1 to 3 PM. I will present a PowerPoint on "The Quest for Ed Sens, the Forgotten Catskill Fly Tyer." More information is available on the event flyer. https://mcusercontent.com/b3acc3a6508472558d9661d59/files/55a768fe-c85b-c0c7-9da0-714bbcd29d93/JBAC_2025_The_Quest_for_Ed_Sens.pdf

On April 5 the Catskill Mountains Chapter is hosting its Family Day with Catskill Mountains Trout Unlimited at Arrowood Farms from 1 PM to 5 PM. All are invited, and there will be various foods, demonstrations, and prizes to be won. Tickets are available here: <https://tu.myeventscenter.com/event/Family-Day-With-Catskill-Mountains-Trout-Unlimited-105726>

The New York State Council of Trout Unlimited has announced applications for their Trout Waters Youth Camp, held July 6-11, are available now for ages 14 to 17 years. Interested parties must apply before May 15. More information can be found on the New York State TU Chapter website, https://newyorkcouncil-tu.org/nysctu_in_action/photo-gallery.html?blm_aid=18494 where you can also download an application.

https://bloomerang-bee.s3.amazonaws.com/images/clapton_cysx6cjdvalm_us_west_2_rds_awsmp_newyorkstatecounciloftroutunlimited/Camp%20Brochure%202025.pdf?blm_aid=18494

Supporting Survivors: Governor Hochul Meets with Survivors of Domestic Violence, Calling for Record-Level State Investments and Changes in Discovery Law

*Governor's Fiscal Year '26 Executive Budget
Includes Funding To Expand Access to Programs
for Survivors and Improve Law Enforcement
Response*

*Current Discovery Law Results in Delays and
Automatic Dismissals That Adversely Affect
Survivors of Domestic Violence*

*Following Enactment of Discovery Reform, There
as Been a 94.3 Percent Increase in Dismissal of
Cases Involving Domestic Violence in New York
City and 49.1 Percent in Rest of State*

Governor Kathy Hochul today convened a roundtable of survivors of domestic violence, advocates and local district attorneys to discuss New York State's commitment and investments in combating domestic violence and supporting survivors. Governor Hochul proposed record-level funding in her Fiscal Year 2026 Executive Budget that will expand access to domestic violence prevention and sexual assault prevention programs, improve the medical and law enforcement response to intimate partner abuse and sexual violence, and better support survivors of domestic violence. To further support survivors - and deliver the justice they rightfully deserve - the Governor is pushing for essential changes to the state's discovery process that will ensure their abusers are held accountable to the fullest extent of the law.

"Combating domestic violence is personal to me - and for the entirety of my career in public service, I've prioritized policies that protect survivors and improve law enforcement response to these crimes," Governor Hochul said. "While crime is going down across New York, crimes related to domestic violence remain stagnant. To address this issue and ensure the safety of all New Yorkers, we need to continue funding the programs that protect victims and survivors, and streamline discovery laws to hold individuals who cause harm accountable for their actions."

Proposed Changes to the State's Discovery Law

The state's current discovery statute details specific timelines for pretrial disclosure of information and evidence by prosecutors to the defense. Discovery reforms enacted January 1, 2020 made essential changes that allowed individuals accused of crimes to receive information and evidence earlier in the pretrial process to ensure a better understanding of the charges. The reforms, however, had unintended consequences resulting in procedural delays and dismissals that adversely affected victims and survivors of domestic



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violence and other crimes.

Since reforms were enacted in 2020, dismissed cases involving domestic violence rose nearly 15 percent in New York City. In 2023, 94.3 percent of cases were dismissed in New York City, and 49.1 percent were dismissed outside of New York City.

As a result, Governor Hochul proposed essential changes to New York State's Discovery Law in the Budget. The tweaks would ensure procedural fairness, shorten case processing times, reduce the length of pretrial incarceration, and safeguard sensitive and personal information belonging to witnesses. These changes include:

- o Expanding the scope of automatic redaction to include sensitive details, such as witnesses' physical addresses and personal data unrelated to the case, eliminating the need to engage in lengthy litigation to redact such material.
- o Removing the incentive to delay bringing a challenge in a manner that can result in technical dismissals unrelated to the merits of the case or the legality of the investigation.
- o Ensuring that cases are not dismissed if discovery compliance falls short of perfection.
- o Clarifying that prosecutors are not required to track down information that is by definition irrelevant. (Contd. {g 43})



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The proposals align with Governor Hochul's sustained investments in programs and initiatives that have allowed law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations address the causes and consequences of crime, and drive gun violence to record lows.

Resources for Public Safety in the Budget

In addition to reductions in gun violence, the number of homicides decreased 15 percent statewide from 2022 to 2023 - 791 down to 670 - which is shown through the latest data available. Domestic homicides, however, increased by 7 percent (126 vs. 135), and the 135 homicides in 2023 represented 20 percent of all homicides. In 2020 and 2021, domestic homicides represented 14 percent of total homicides reported statewide. Police departments and sheriffs' offices outside of New York City collectively reported a 7 percent increase in the number of victims of intimate partner violence in 2023 compared to 2022 - from 33,684 to 35,947. New York City also saw a 7 percent increase in the number of victims of intimate partner violence - 29,372 compared to 27,527 - during the same time.

Governor Hochul's proposed Budget also includes record-level funding to improve services and increase access to programs that support victims and survivors, including:

- o \$379.5 million over three years to support crime victim services statewide: Victim assistance programs provide counseling, support groups, criminal justice advocacy, civil legal services, and assistance with filing for crime victim compensation, among other help. That amount includes \$100 million in state funding annually for the next three years, allocated by Governor Hochul to offset any reductions in federal funds.
- o Nearly \$41 million to improve the public safety response to intimate partner abuse and domestic violence, and better address the needs of victims and survivors: \$5 million divided among the five New York City District Attorneys' Offices; \$23 million for law enforcement and services providers in 20 counties outside of the five boroughs; up to \$7 million for the State to provide training and technical assistance, risk assessment tools, and investigative support to participating agencies and improve the domestic violence reduction efforts of state agencies; and an additional \$5 million in the Budget to help police agencies and prosecutor's offices adopt evidence-based enforcement, investigation, and prosecution strategies.
- o \$12.8 million - double the current funding - for the New York State Department of Health's certified rape crisis programs that ensure advocates are available by phone or in-person to provide information, emotional support and other services: The Budget also would require all hospitals to provide access to medical professionals specifically trained to perform forensic sexual assault exams; increase reimbursements to medical providers for those exams; and provide a full course of preventive treatment for HIV exposure to all survivors of sexual assault, not just those younger than 18.

HAVE A QUESTION?

Daniel Pierce Library

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

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Spring Children's Programs 2025

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

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

Mother Goose Time (12-23 months)

Beginning Wednesday, April 23rd

Toddler Time (24-35 months)

Beginning Thursday, April 24th

Story Hour (3 and 4 year-olds)

Beginning Friday, April 25th

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour

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

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From President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James

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

Program/Speaker: Learn Rotary - A review of the Rotary International Website specific to the Learning Center Tools and other resources was reviewed for those in attendance. There are numerous online learning opportunities in a multitude of areas concerning Rotary that are available as mini-sessions of 10-15 minutes, or a series over a period of time. Members are encouraged to explore this section of the website to learn more of what Rotary has to offer.

Guest Speaker: Jen Jensen, President of the Sullivan County Chamber Foundation Leadership Sullivan Class 2025

Agenda for March 11, 2025

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

Link for Zoom Meeting Sign-on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88506100931?pwd=MUNmWnZanR6M21CSy9McjNQSTBudz09>

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar: Taste of Sullivan - April 22, 2025, SUNY Sullivan, 6pm - 8pm

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

With Rotary Pride,

Lori Orestano-James

President Monticello Rotary 2024-2025

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Humpback Friday Started the Weekend Off Right at Starter's

A fantastic evening of fabulous food, drink, company, and conversation at the this month's Monticello Rotary

Humpback Friday enjoyed at Starters American Eatery on Broadway in Monticello.

And best yet, Monticello Rotary is excited to announce that Starters American Eatery will be one of the 20+ Food Vendors donating their culinary talents at the Monticello Rotary Taste of Sullivan to Benefit Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 from 6pm - 8pm at the Paul Gerry Field House at SUNY Sullivan

Special shout out to Monticello Rotarian Barbara Carr who arranged the entire evening.

For tickets to the Monticello Rotary Taste of Sullivan to Benefit the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/PGFWGZAT853LN>

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



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

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

Students from the SUNY Sullivan Culinary Department,



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

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

Tickets are priced at \$40 per person and are available online:

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/PGFWGZAT853LN> or through Monticello Rotary members, contacting us at RotaryMonti@gmail.com, or by Facebook Messenger PM to our Facebook Page.

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

Earth Day Symposium: Creatives Respond to the Climate Crisis

Livingston Manor, NY - Catskill Art Space (CAS) will host an Earth Day Symposium: Creatives Respond to the Climate Crisis on April 26, 3-5pm in the second-floor, River Galleries at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. Artists Lauren Daccache, Paul D. Miller aka DJ Spooky, Elizabeth Orr, Eleanor White and architect Mitchell Joachim of Terreform ONE (Open Network Ecology) for an Earth Day-inspired discussion moderated by artist and writer Hovey Brock, where they will be addressing how their practices engage with the climate crisis.

Joachim and Miller will begin the discussion with a presentation on their 2025 Venice Biennale collaboration incorporating music and architecture on the theme of kelp, a macroalgae whose forests are foundational to ocean ecology. They will engage in a dialogue about the theoretical and applied dimensions of living architecture, biomorphic urbanism, and the implications of synthetic ecologies, speculating on how these frameworks might inform the future of climate-responsive cities and planetary stewardship.

Concurrently exhibiting at Catskill Art Space, Daccache, Orr, and White, will follow with presentations on their respective practices and the narratives they pursue in their work that address the climate crisis. The many themes explored through their artworks will include international waste management, the destructive side of the move to the "green" technology of lithium batteries, and the impact of supply chains on the planet. The presentations will be followed by a Q&A session with the audience. After the session, all are invited to join Daccache, Orr, and White in the first-floor galleries to answer questions about their art on the closing day of their exhibitions.

About the Artists

Lauren Daccache (b. Dallas, TX) is a Lebanese-American visual artist raised in the United States and Beirut, Lebanon. She primarily focuses on long-term, image-based projects that explore the impact of time and age on people and places and the tension it creates between personal and collective memory. Her work has been exhibited nationally and internationally and featured in publications such as *Vice Magazine*, *National Geographic*, and *Der Greif*.

Mitchell Joachim is the Co-Founder of Terreform ONE and Professor of Practice at NYU. Formerly, he worked as an architect at the professional offices of Frank Gehry, Moshe Safdie, and I.M. Pei. He has won many awards including: Fulbright Scholarship, NEA Grant for Arts Projects, *Fast Company* Design of the Year, and *Time Magazine* Best Invention. His design work has been exhibited in MoMA, MASS MoCA, Seoul Biennale, Venice Biennale, among others. Previously, he was the Frank Gehry Chair at the University of Toronto and faculty at Pratt, Columbia, Syracuse, Rensselaer, Washington (St. Louis), Cornell, Parsons, and EGS. He earned a Ph.D. at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MAUD at Harvard University, M.Arch at Columbia University, and University at Buffalo with honors.

Paul D. Miller, aka DJ Spooky, is currently Artist in Residence at Yale University Center for Collaborative Arts and Media (2023-2024, extended). He is a composer, multimedia artist, and writer whose work engages audiences in a blend of genres, global culture, and environmental and social issues. Miller has collaborated with an array of recording artists, including Ryuichi Sakamoto, Metallica, Chuck D from Public Enemy, Steve Reich, and Yoko Ono amongst many others. His 2018 album, *DJ Spooky Presents: Phantom Dancehall*, debuted at #3 on *Billboard* Reggae. Miller currently lives and works in Roscoe, NY.

Elizabeth Orr lives and works in New York and Livingston Manor. Recent and forthcoming solo exhibitions include *VIN VIN*, Vienna (2023, 2021); 1708 Gallery, Richmond, VA (2022); Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center (EMPAC), Troy, New York (2016); and *Bodega* (Derosia), New York (2017, 2015). Group presentations, screenings, and lectures include *Kunsthal* NORD, Aalborg, Denmark (forthcoming, 2023); *Sharp Projects*, Copenhagen (2022, 2021); Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA (2019); CAC Brétigny, Brétigny-sur-Orge, France (2018); The Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam (2017); Artists Space, New York (2015); Anthology Film

Archives, New York (2018, 2016); and The Swiss Institute, New York (2016). In 2018, she received a Public Affairs Grant Program from the US Embassy, and in 2016, she won the MAAF NYC award for her video *MT RUSH* (2016). She has taken part in various residency programs, including EMPAC at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, NY), Shandaken (New York), Bemis Center (Omaha, Nebraska), Real-Time & Space (Oakland, CA), and Recess (NY, NY). Orr manages the estate of her late father, artist Eric Orr (1939-1998), and is on the board of KAJE, Brooklyn, NY. She lives and works in Brooklyn, NY, and graduated with Honors from the Bard MFA program in 2015.

Eleanor White is based in the Hudson Valley, NY. Her work has been included in exhibitions such as *Prima Materia: The Periodic Table* in Contemporary Art, Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, CT; *Mountain High, Valley Low: LabSpace*, NY; *Artists Draw Their Studios*, Hewitt Gallery of Art, Marymount Manhattan College, NY; *Another World*, charity postcard sale, Frieze London; *Cross-Pollination*, Boscobel House Gallery NY; *Tick, Tock, Time in Contemporary Art*, Lehman College; *Case Studies*, Gallery Aferro, NJ; *Materiality*, Westchester Community College, NY; and numerous exhibitions at Kenise Barnes Fine Art. Her work is included in The Montefiore Fine Art Program, The Deutsche Bank Art Collection, and many private collections. Eleanor received her MFA from the Maryland Institute, College of Art, Baltimore, MD, on a full Jacob K. Javits Foundation scholarship. She earned her BFA, from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. She has participated in several artist residencies, including the Bemis Center in Omaha, Nebraska, and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts in Sweet Briar, Virginia.

Long-term Installations

Following a major renovation and expansion, Catskill Art Space reopened in October 2022 with a long-term presentation of James Turrell's *Avaar* (1982) in a custom-built gallery on the building's second floor. A room-sized installation, *Avaar* is an important example of the artist's early, wall-based "aperture" works, which function by creating two areas within a room. There is a "viewing space," where one stands to see and experience the work, and a "sensing space," which is an ambiguously defined area of diffused light. *Avaar* is one of the rare examples of Turrell's aperture works to make use of white lighting only; no colors will be present in the installation. This work is in the collection of the Seattle Art Museum, which has granted CAS a special long-term loan to exhibit the work. The presentation at CAS marks the first time the work has been shown since the 1970s, giving audiences from the Catskills and beyond the rare opportunity to experience a major Turrell work that has not been seen in nearly five decades.

On the second floor's central landing, Sol LeWitt's vibrant *Wall Drawing #992* unfolds in three sections, each consisting of 10,000 straight lines drawn in color marker, to create a mesmerizing arrangement of primary colors. On the fourth wall, presenting LeWitt's *Wall Drawing #991*, straight, arced, and organic lines will encompass the wall in black marker and pencil. The conceptual, minimalist artist conceived guidelines for his two-dimensional works to be drawn directly on the wall. Much like Turrell's *Avaar*, the LeWitt works were realized for CAS's space; in this instance, they are generously loaned by the artist's estate. This work was overseen by a draftsman, who determines the length and placement of the lines, and executed by five artists local to the area over nearly two weeks.

The newly realized performance space on CAS's second floor hosts British sculptor Francis Cape's *A Gathering of Utopian Benches*—an installation of meticulous copies of benches built and used by communal societies. Cape's installations have always argued that design and craft express belief. *Utopian Benches*, which has toured extensively throughout the US, was built from poplar grown near Cape's studio in Narrowsburg, NY. To be considered both as contemporary sculpture as well as furniture that visitors can actively use, the benches reference the societies who first used them, inviting visitors to utilize them for exchange, discourse, and community. The installation, which is meant to be used by visitors both for contemplation and may be used for performance seating, overlooks an expansive wall of windows onto the Willowemoc Creek.

Ellen Brooks inaugurates an intimate gallery space, framed by a partially open staircase, with *Hang* (2022), an installation suspending over 30 feet of scrolls of film negatives from the ceiling. The artist hangs transparencies and negatives in all formats and from clips attached to the ceiling, mimicking the practice of film photography. Hanging negatives reference the surrounding natural landscaping, evoking a cascading waterfall with coils of film collecting on the ground floor gallery.

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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!

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37th Annual Shamrock Run

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Boston Blackthorne St. Patrick's Day Bash

7pm to 10pm on March 16th

22 Rock City Rd, Woodstock

\$15-\$20

Ulster County Fiber & Cider Tour

10am to 3pm on March 22nd

Various locations around Ulster County

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New Beginnings Farmstead Maple Weekend

Open House 2025

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

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MARCH

Color Our World

with **LEGO** at the

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Up in the AIR Program Spring 2025

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

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

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

Treehouse (Grades 2-3) Wednesday, April 30

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

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

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

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

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

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

Register here: DPL Color our World

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Championing the Right to Life

The right to life is among the most basic and fundamental rights of our self-governing Constitutional Republic, and I am committed to working to ensure it is upheld and respected across our nation.

Earlier this year, I was awarded an A+ on Susan B. Anthony's Pro-Life America's Scorecard. This recognizes my legislative initiatives to protect the sanctity of life. In addition, I have introduced the Pregnancy Resource Center Defense Act to help protect pro-life pregnancy centers from attacks by radical activists and ensure attackers are held accountable for their violent actions. I also introduced the Unborn Child Support Act in support of mothers-to-be and their children to allow pregnant women to receive retroactive child support payments during pregnancy.

Just this week, I introduced the Let Pregnancy Centers Serve Act, which protects access to the crucial prenatal services provided by pregnancy care centers. This legislation ensures pregnancy resource centers and pro-life centers are not discriminated against and are able to carry out their mission, including providing emotional support, access to prenatal and pregnancy care, and supplies to expecting mothers. We must ensure women have access to the resources pregnancy centers provide, empowering them to choose life.

I will continue to be a steadfast voice in defending the right to life at every opportunity!

Protecting Access to Emergency Care in NY-24

Access to emergency services is critical in rural areas across the country, including NY-24; however, lifesaving ambulance transports are often costly, placing a burden on patients and providers alike. This week, I introduced the Protecting Access to Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act to help reduce these costs while ensuring that emergency care providers can continue delivering vital medical services to rural communities nationwide. This legislation aims to provide adequate Medicare reimbursement for emergency service providers, helping them hire and retain EMT staff and modernize their equipment to continue delivering lifesaving care. I am working to ensure that rural and remote communities maintain access to critical emergency services.

Supporting Local Racetracks & Motorsports Facilities

NY-24 is home to many racetracks and is just miles away from Watkins Glen International, one of the most historic and famous road racing tracks in the United States in Schuyler County. The Watkins Glen International raceway provides jobs for hundreds of New Yorkers across the state. These racetracks are important for our region, which is why I have reintroduced the Motorsports Fairness and Permanency Act to support our NY-24 racetracks and incentivize more investments in motorsports facilities.

Specifically, this legislation makes the seven-year cost recovery period for investments in motorsports entertainment complexes permanent to promote certainty in the industry so these complexes can continue to operate, generate jobs, and provide family-friendly fun for local communities. By supporting investments in racetracks across the country, we can ensure this American pastime continues to create opportunity and boost our economy.

Reintroducing the PAW Act

Pets and service animals are valued members of our families and lives, with many benefits, including increasing our lifespan, reducing stress, and promoting physical activity. It is important we ensure pet owners can afford quality care. The People and Animals Well-being (PAW) Act would allow pet owners to use their HSA or FSA accounts to pay for up to \$1,000 for veterinary care or a pet health insurance plan while enabling an unlimited amount of these funds for service animals. In addition, this legislation will support individuals, including veterans, with disabilities by ensuring the IRS relies on an up-to-date definition of "service animal," which includes animals trained to assist with both physical and mental disabilities. This bill maintains current HSA and FSA contribution limits, ensuring that there will be little to no impact on federal expenditure. It was a privilege to reintroduce the PAW Act to ensure all pet owners can afford to keep their beloved pets and service animals healthy.

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

The Revitalizing Downtowns and Main Streets Act: This bill would provide a federal tax credit to convert vacant or underutilized commercial buildings into affordable housing. This bill would benefit small towns by revitalizing empty spaces, creating affordable housing, and stimulating local economies through job creation and increased vibrancy for New York's communities.

GUARD VA Benefits Act: This bill reimposes penalties for predatory companies that illegally charge fees for helping veterans file benefits claims. Our veterans have put so much on the line to defend our great Nation and safeguard our freedoms, they should never be exploited. If you are or know a veteran who needs help filing your VA benefits claim, the VA provides a list of reputable, accredited VSOs that can assist. Additionally, you can always call my office if you need help with an existing VA claim at 315-236-7088!

Celebrating New York State's Annual Maple Weekend

This weekend marks the start of New York State's annual Maple Weekend, a celebration of our local farms and the rich traditions of the maple industry. As a member of the House Maple Caucus, I am inspired by the dedication of our maple producers and the vital role they play in NY-24's agricultural economy.

I always look forward to Maple Weekend, not just for the delicious products but for the opportunity to connect with the hardworking producers who make it all possible. Thank you to the maple farmers across our district and the country for sharing your expertise and keeping this sweet tradition alive!



It was another great week in the Hudson Valley, connecting with all of you and fighting to make our communities more affordable, more safe, and more free.

I wanted to extend a huge thank you to everyone who came out to my events this week, and give everyone an update on the work my team and I are doing for YOUR families.

CONNECTING WITH YOU: POUGHKEEPSIE TOWN HALL

Every single day I hear from people across our community who need help. They're frustrated - for good reason - because they feel like Washington just isn't working.

More than 800 people showed up to my town hall last Wednesday, and thousands more watched the livestream.

Don't ever let anyone say your voice and your story does not matter.

I hear you loud and clear - and I will keep fighting with everything I've got for our Hudson Valley community.

You can watch the whole town hall here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1Eahh1TTTw/>

UPCOMING C.A.R.E.S. VAN EVENTS!

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

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

Please join us this week for TWO C.A.R.E.S. Van events, one on Thursday, 3/27 in Wappingers Falls, and one on Friday, 3/28 in Kingston! Details below ??

THURSDAY, MARCH 27:

10:30AM - 1:00PM

Pancakes in the Park (in partnership with Dutchess County Office for the Aging)

Bowdoin Park

85 Sheafe Road

Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

**As space is limited, please call Dutchess County Office for the Aging at 845-486-2555 to register.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28:

10:00AM - 1:00PM

Senior Hub (in partnership with Ulster County Office for Aging)

5 Development Court

Kingston, NY 12401

You can learn more about the C.A.R.E.S. Van and view the full schedule of upcoming events here: [https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/amidst-harmful-cuts-closures-and-uncertainty-congressman-ryan-s-cares-van](https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/amidst-harmful-cuts-closures-and-uncertainty-congressman-ryan-s-c.a.r.e.s.-van-to-provide-assistance-with-social-security-medicaid-and-medicare)

CONGRATULATING WEST POINT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ON A GREAT SEASON IN THE PATRIOT LEAGUE

I wanted to take a moment to congratulate the West Point Black Knights on a great season in the Patriot League.

Looking forward to watching them continue their season in the NIT!! #GoArmy

FIGHTING TO PROTECT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security represents a sacred promise to our seniors.

Elon Musk and Donald Trump are breaking that promise every day, and Hudson Valley families are paying the price.

We're elevating voices from across the Hudson Valley so they can hear us all the way down in Washington: hands off our Social Security.

You can hear more community voices in our press release: [Congressman Pat Ryan Leads Hudson Valley Seniors in Community Speak Out to Protect Social Security](https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-leads-hudson-valley-seniors-community-speak-out-protect)

<https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-leads-hudson-valley-seniors-community-speak-out-protect>

MAKING THE HUDSON VALLEY MORE AFFORDABLE

The financial pressure folks are feeling right now is intense, and it's across the board.

Last week, I had a powerful "Kitchen Table" conversation with folks from across the Hudson Valley at the Alexis Diner.

Combating the affordability crisis is my absolute top priority - that's why the first thing I did this year was introduce my Affordability Agenda, an in-depth plan to bring down the cost of living for Hudson Valley families. Housing, childcare, groceries, utilities, gas, the list goes on.

We need to protect Social Security, lower grocery prices, make housing more affordable & support our farmers.

Instead, Trump's pushing costs even higher with tariffs & threatening people's health care.

We all pay more while his billionaire cronies pad their profits.

Whether it's fighting back against Big Pharma jacking up your health care costs, Wall Street increasing your housing costs, or corrupt politicians trying to take your Social Security, I will always stand up and fight for Hudson Valley families. (Contd. Pg. 54)

Pat Ryan

(From Pg. 53) Read more: Spectrum News 1: Rep. Pat Ryan hosts candid conversations about affordability

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/news/2025/03/18/congressman-pat-ryan-hosts--kitchen-table--conversations-regarding-affordability>

STARTING THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND IN ULSTER COUNTY



I had a great time at the annual Kingston St. Patrick's Day Parade - nothing better than celebrating with my community!

PROTECTING CLEAN DRINKING WATER FOR HUDSON VALLEY FAMILIES

For decades, General Electric has put their profits ahead of the health and safety of Hudson Valley families.

I'm leading 15 of my colleagues from NY & NJ in urging the EPA to rule that GE must resume further clean-up.

The time for talking is over; the time for action is now.

For our communities, for the over one-hundred thousand of my constituents who rely on the Hudson for drinking water, we need to right this historic wrong.

You can read my letter to EPA Administrator Zeldin, and the full press release here: [Congressman Pat Ryan Leads 15 Members of Congress in Urging EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin to Rule Additional Hudson River PCB Cleanup is Needed](https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-leads-15-members-congress-urging-epa-administrator-lee)

<https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-leads-15-members-congress-urging-epa-administrator-lee>

CELEBRATING NEW CITIZENS IN ULSTER COUNTY



Last week, I was absolutely honored to celebrate several new citizens at the Ulster County naturalization ceremony, including my team member Wendy's own uncle Luis!

Congratulations to each and every one of you.

REMEMBERING NITA LOWEY

Nita Lowey dedicated her life to serving our community, our state, and our country.

She will be missed, but her legacy will live on forever.

Read more about her life and legacy: [News 12 Hudson Valley: Nita Lowey, Hudson Valley congresswoman for 32 years, has died](https://westchester.news12.com/nita-lowey-hudson-valley-congresswoman-for-32-years-has-died)

<https://westchester.news12.com/nita-lowey-hudson-valley-congresswoman-for-32-years-has-died>

DEADLINE TO GET A REAL ID APPROACHING

Have you gotten your REAL ID? The deadline is just a few months away!

Make sure you have yours before May 7th, or you won't be able to fly commercially within the U.S. without a passport! Learn how to get yours by visiting: <https://dmv.ny.gov/driver-license/enhanced-or-real-id>

HEALTH CARE IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

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

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

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

GRANTS CORNER

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant Program (MPR)

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is preparing to launch a new grant program to fund the development and improvement of municipal parks and recreation sites. Funds for the MPR Grant Program are provided by the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022.

MPR funding is available for the construction of recreational facilities and other improvements to municipally owned recreational sites and parks. Examples include playgrounds, courts, playing fields, and facilities for swimming, biking, boating, picnicking, hiking, fishing, camping or other recreational activities.

Applications will be available March 19, 2025, through the on-line Consolidated Funding Application with a deadline of May 2, 2025, at 4 p.m.

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

This funding opportunity seeks to enhance corrections and community supervision systems and community-based providers' capacity to address the substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support needs of people during incarceration and upon reentry. (Contd. Pg. 55)

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The goals of this program are to support the implementation or expansion of evidence-based and trauma-informed SUD treatment programming, as well as to promote the implementation of deflection as part of the treatment and recovery safety net, which helps persons in treatment stay in treatment, and prevents further and unnecessary contact with the criminal justice system.

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

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

FY25 STOP School Violence Program

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

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

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

New York State Community Reforestation (CoRe) Grant Program

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

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

2025 Renew America's Schools Prize

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

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

Digital Equity Program Capacity Grant

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

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

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

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

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

The three resiliency related grant programs are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

1. Fighting for Social Security

The so-called Department of Government Efficiency's plan to cut Social Security phone support service and close nearly 50 SSA offices-including in White Plains, NY-is a disgrace.

This is a full-blown attack on Social Security, and Kirsten is committed to fighting back. New Yorkers are entitled to the Social Security benefits that they've earned, and Kirsten is working to make sure these benefits remain accessible.

Read more.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/03/18/social-security-musk-trump-doge/>

2. Fighting for New York farmers

The Trump administration's decision to cancel funding for local food purchase programs will harm New York farmers and families. This decision jeopardizes more than \$63 million that is used to buy food from local farmers and distribute it to food banks, schools, and child care centers across New York.

Local food purchase programs are a win-win for farmers and families, and Kirsten is vehemently opposed to the decision to cancel these programs. This week, she wrote a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture demanding a reversal of the canceled funding.

Read more

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nc/triad/news/2025/03/17/non-profit-farm-feeling-the-pinch-after-usda-cuts-funding-for-local-food-programs->

3. Working to conserve forests

New York's forests are a crucial environmental and economic resource. Preserving forest land is vital to maintain clean water, air, wildlife habitats, and jobs without interrupting a steady supply of manufacturing materials.

That's why Kirsten reintroduced legislation that would help conserve working forests and give landowners in New York and across the country more options to ensure their land is protected.

Read more.

<https://goldrushcam.com/sierrasuntimes/index.php/news/local-news/65537-u-s-senators-kirsten-gillibrand-and-roger-wicker-introduce-legislation-to-help-protect-working-forests-and-give-landowners-more-options-to-ensure-their-land-is-protected>

4. ATTN: Government and nonprofit leaders!

Every year, Kirsten submits funding requests to the Senate Appropriations Committee for state and local community projects across New York. This money helps fund everything from affordable child care facilities to mental health services to ecosystem restoration - and much more.

Ahead of the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations process, she's soliciting input from New York government and nonprofit leaders seeking funding for their projects.

Appropriations requests can be submitted here using the Congressionally Directed Spending Request Form until Monday, March 31 at 11:59pm ET. Questions? Contact appropriations@gillibrand.senate.gov.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/appropriation/fy26-appropriations-requests/>

5. Helping constituents get their Social Security payments

When a Kings County constituent needed to secure a missing

Social Security disability payment from last year, he contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team inquired about the issue with the Social Security Administration, and he promptly received the missing payment.

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

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/appropriation/fy26-appropriations-requests/>

GILLIBRAND, SCHUMER, MANNION DEMAND ANSWERS ON TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S POTENTIAL PLANS TO CLOSE SYRACUSE USDA OFFICES, LAYOFFS OF USDA STAFF WHO SERVE NEW YORKERS

Gillibrand, Schumer, Mannion Demand Answers on Trump Administration's Potential Plans to Close Syracuse USDA Offices, Layoffs of USDA Staff Who Serve New Yorkers

Closure Of Offices Could Mean End To Programs That Provide Grants And Loans To Farmers, Help Rural Communities Recover From Natural Disasters

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, and Representative John Mannion are demanding answers on the Trump administration's reported plans to potentially close the statewide offices for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), and USDA Rural Development (RD) in Syracuse. President Trump and Elon Musk's so-called "Department of Government Efficiency" is terminating the lease for the building that houses these three agencies, leaving the future of the programs they administer uncertain. The administration has also laid off a number of workers, leaving New Yorkers unable to reach New York-based staff at the USDA over the phone.

"We are writing to express our concern regarding reports of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) plans to close the statewide offices for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), and USDA Rural Development (RD) in Syracuse, New York," wrote the members. "These USDA agencies provide vital services to agricultural producers, scientists, and rural communities across New York. The planned termination of the lease for the Syracuse office space, as well as the recent staffing cuts in New York, could severely hamper rural New Yorkers' ability to access crucial federal resources and assistance from the USDA. We urge you to not only keep the USDA's NRCS, FSA, and RD office space in Syracuse open but to also ensure that the agencies have adequate staffing at their service centers to meet rural New Yorkers' and farmers' needs."

The full text of the representatives' letter to USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins and Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration Stephen Ehikian is available here or below:

Dear Secretary Rollins and Acting Administrator Ehikian,

We are writing to express our concerns regarding reports of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) plans to close the statewide offices for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), and USDA Rural

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Gillibrand, Schumer, Mannion Demand Answers on Trump Administration's Potential Plans to Close Syracuse USDA Offices, Layoffs of USDA Staff Who Serve New Yorker

(From Pg. 55) *Development (RD) in Syracuse, New York. Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has touted \$498,273 in savings by terminating the lease through the General Services Administration (GSA) for the 33,548-square-foot space, which houses three critical USDA agencies for New Yorkers. However, this disastrous course of action imperils all three agencies' ability to assist rural New York communities and our state's farmers.*

It is our understanding that NRCS was the primary lease holder for the Syracuse office space, and by terminating this lease, DOGE has also recklessly harmed the work of FSA and RD throughout New York State. In recent weeks, these agencies have lost staff at the Syracuse offices and statewide to the buyout, layoffs, and paid administrative leave, which wastes taxpayer money and forces valuable employees to sit on the sidelines.

These USDA agencies provide vital services to agricultural producers, scientists, and rural communities across New York. The Farm Service Agency offers financial assistance and loans to farmers and ranchers for conservation needs, post-disaster recovery, and income support. The NRCS manages and provides technical assistance to farmers, ranchers and landowners in New York for key conservation programs that mitigate the impacts of natural disasters, enhance water quality, safeguard wildlife habitats, and reduce soil erosion. USDA RD offers important loans, grants, loan guarantees, and technical assistance to residents, farmers, businesses, non-profits, and municipalities across rural areas in New York. Its programs create jobs, advance economic development, and support essential services, ranging from water, communications infrastructure, health care, and housing. The planned termination of the lease for the Syracuse office space, as well as the recent staffing cuts in New York, could severely hamper rural New Yorkers' ability to access crucial federal resources and assistance from the USDA.

Apart from the impact that this closure could have on those who are serviced by the Syracuse office, we are also concerned about the employees who work for NRCS, FSA, and RD throughout New York. This closure would affect-and recent terminations have affected-the USDA staff who have remained dedicated to providing New Yorkers with valuable information and high-quality services.

Therefore, we urge you to not only keep the USDA's NRCS, FSA, and RD office space in Syracuse open but to also ensure that the agencies have adequate staffing at their service centers to meet rural New Yorkers' and farmers' needs. We request a written response by March 31, 2025, to address the following questions and concerns:

1. Please share why the proposed closure of the USDA's Syracuse office space is under consideration.

a. How would the potential closure of the Syracuse offices impact USDA's capacity to serve New Yorkers?

b. Additionally, how would the closure of the statewide Syracuse offices impact the coordination and collaboration across the USDA and with local service centers?

c. In light of the Trump administration's return-to-work requirements, where would employees at the Syracuse offices be relocated to? Does the administration have plans to close any of the local service centers across the state?

2. We have received multiple reports that constituents have had difficulty reaching New York-based staff at the USDA over the phone. Please share current USDA staffing arrangements for New York. What plans does the administration have to restore staffing capacity in-state and ensure that New Yorkers continue to have access to the essential resources and programs overseen by FSA, NRCS, and USDA RD?

Sincerely, Newsletter from Senator Peter Oberacker



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The 2026 Executive Budget is here and it's staggering-over \$252 billion. Worse yet, the Senate Majority's One-House Budget balloons to \$259 billion-a reckless \$15.5 billion increase from last year. This unsustainable spending will saddle us with nearly \$30 billion in structural deficits. Even more outrageous, the Majority's budget piles on over \$10 billion in new taxes for hardworking families.

Instead of wasting money on the Majority's pet projects, I am fighting for fair and transparent education funding, critical infrastructure investments, and strong support for our rural healthcare network. Upstate schools must receive their fair share and I fully support expanded pre-K services. I stand with our local highway superintendents in demanding the funding needed to repair our crumbling roads and bridges. Most importantly, our hospitals, assisted living facilities, and emergency services must have the resources they need-a top priority of mine this legislative session.

This budget is massive and it's certainly ugly. But I will fight relentlessly for fiscal responsibility, tax relief, stronger schools, improved infrastructure, and safe communities. New York's budget must serve the people-not the Majority's political agenda. I will challenge reckless spending, demand accountability, and ensure every dollar is spent wisely.

As always, your voice matters. If you have concerns, ideas, or issues that need attention, I want to hear from you. Please don't hesitate to reach out at Oberacker@NYSenate.gov or call my office at (518) 455-3131.

Sincerely,
Peter Oberacker

National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Please join Senator Peter Oberacker at the Oneonta Veterans' Club on Saturday, March 29th at 12pm for recognition of National Vietnam War Veterans Day and those who bravely served our Nation. Veterans or surviving relatives of those who served during the Vietnam War (1955-1973) will be presented with a pin in recognition of their service.

This ceremony is open to all Vietnam Veterans, their friends and families, and all members of the public wishing to express gratitude. To RSVP, please click the link below or call our office at 518-455-3132.

RSVP Here

<https://www.nysenate.gov/questionnaires/peter-oberacker/senator-oberackers-national-vietnam-war-veterans-day-pinning>

Congratulations, Jake Dowdall!

Huge congratulations to NYS Archery Champion Jake Dowdall!

One of six talented archers representing Norwich School District, Jake scored an impressive 289 out of 300 points at the 15th Annual New York Archery in the Schools State Tournament. With 558 students from 39 schools statewide competing, this is an outstanding accomplishment!

Jake will head to Louisville in May to compete for the national title. We couldn't be more proud!

Watch - Senator Oberacker Receives Small Business Legislative Champion Award!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvRnu5EPUZE>

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Senator Peter Oberacker Newsletter

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Are you REAL ID Ready?

If your New York State license or ID does not have a star or a flag on it, then you do not have a REAL ID-compliant document.

A REAL ID is a federally compliant DMV-issued driver license, learner permit, or non-driver ID that will be required to board a domestic flight (within the U.S.) or enter certain federal buildings starting in May 2025, unless you have a valid passport.

Apply for REAL ID Here!

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

What's Happening in the 51st District?

NYS Maple Weekend is Here March 22-23 & 29-30

Learn More <https://www.mapleweekend.com/>

Nate Lull's Annual Scholarship is Open

Learn More <https://www.natelull.com/scholarship>

Lifeguard Training Courses Available at the YMCA of NY

Learn More <https://middlesetnymca.org/lifeguard-certification-courses/>

This Week in Albany

St. Joseph's Day Celebration with Italian American Legislators

NYS Maple Advocacy Day & Maple Weekend Kickoff

Senator Oberacker Fights for Affordability Policy

Annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Luncheon

Social Media Spotlights

National Agriculture Day!

On National Ag Day, we honor the dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to feed our Nation. I'm proud to advocate for our family farms-whether it's on the Senate floor, through our Farm Friday initiative, or sharing this vital way of life with my grandchildren.

Support your local farms by purchasing fresh produce, meats, and dairy! Be sure to thank a farmer and show your support at www.AgDay.org.

Schenevus School Career Fair !

It was Career Fair day at Schenevus Central School and I had the pleasure of speaking with groups of 5th through 8th graders about the many roles and responsibilities of a legislator. It was phenomenal to see so many enthusiastic students engaging with local businesses and agencies, eager to learn about the wide range of opportunities!

A big thank you to my alma mater for the invitation!

Congratulations, Village of Schoharie!

I was thrilled to join my Assembly partners Chris Tague and Brian Miller to celebrate an incredible investment in the Village of Schoharie!

This \$10 million from the Downtown Revitalization Initiative isn't just about dollars and cents-it's a bold commitment to our future. It preserves the rich history of this village while opening up exciting new opportunities for the next generation!

Congratulations to the Village of Schoharie!

Senator Oberacker in the News

Oberacker, State Republicans Push for Affordability Bills to be Included in State Budget

Read Here <https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/03/20/oberacker-state-republicans-push-affordability-bills-to-be-included-in-budget/>

NY Senate Republicans Urge Hochul to Rescind Order Barring Former COs from Public Work

Read Here <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/politics/2025/03/18/n-y--senate-gop-to-hochul--rescind-correction-officer-order>

DEC Announces Start of Prescribed Fire Season Prescribed Fires Improve Habitats

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced the agency will be conducting prescribed burns on DEC-managed land in different areas now through early May. Prescribed fire is a tool used to improve habitat for lands and wildlife and is regulated by law and regulation that require technical expertise to ensure burns are safely conducted.

"Prescribed fires are an important tool to keep New York State lands thriving and reduce fire risk," said Acting Commissioner Lefton. "In addition to removing wood and timber litter that fuels wildfires and threatens public safety and structures, prescribed burning helps DEC achieve specific ecological goals, including eliminating invasive species and ensuring growth of fire-dependent ecosystems."

Prescribed fires are planned in DEC's Regions 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8.

Region 1

Otis Pike Pine Barrens State Forest - Suffolk County

Ridge Pine Barrens State Forest - Suffolk County

Rocky Point Pine Barrens State Forest - Suffolk County

David A. Sarnoff Pine Barrens State Forest - Suffolk County

Dwarf Pine Plains Pine Barrens State Forest - Suffolk County

Region 3

Lafayetteville Multiple Use Area - Dutchess County

Region 4

Albany Pine Bush Preserve - Albany County

Louise E. Keir Wildlife Management Area - Albany County

Region 6

Ashland Flats Wildlife Management Area - Jefferson County

Region 7

Cicero Swamp Wildlife Management Area - Onondaga County

Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area - Onondaga County

Long Pond State Forest - Chenango County

Region 8

Cameron State Forest - Steuben County

Canisteo River Basin Unit Management Plan - Steuben County

Helmer Creek Wildlife Management Area - Steuben County

Rush Oak Openings Unique Area - Monroe County

Sonyea State Forest - Livingston County

Coon Hollow State Forest - Schuyler County

West Cameron Wildlife Management Area - Steuben County

West Hill State Forest - Steuben County

Before any prescribed fire is conducted, a burn plan is developed that outlines land management objectives, as well as parameters that must be satisfied before any prescribed fire can take place. Careful consideration is given to environmental factors such as current and expected weather conditions and smoke management considerations in close coordination with the National Weather Service. In addition, burn plans are executed by nationally qualified burn bosses.

Prescribed burns accomplish more than simply using fire to manipulate habitat for a land management objective. The burns serve as an opportunity for DEC Forest Rangers to strengthen partnerships with different DEC divisions. Prescribed fires on DEC-managed lands allow Forest Rangers, working with the DEC Divisions of Lands and Forests, Operations, and Fish and Wildlife to train staff to become wildland firefighters, supporting efforts to implement prescribed burns in the future and in response to wildland fires.

In 2024, DEC and partner agencies burned hundreds of acres of grassland habitat and dozens of acres of forested lands. These treatments included prescribed fires on two of DEC's largest Long Island properties, the Otis Pike Pine Barrens State Forest and Rocky Point Pine Barrens State Forest, as well as other DEC-managed properties in Regions 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8.

Prescribed burns are regulated by law and are exempt from the annual residential brush burning ban in effect from March 16 to May 14. Burn Boss and Forest Ranger Bryan Gallagher explains more about prescribed fires in a video available for download.



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

All Vendors are wanted!

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

When: Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

Rain or Shine

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

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

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

Regulations for Sellers:

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

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

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



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

Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: _____

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

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Description of Merchandise: _____

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

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

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

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

Pavilion: _____ Inside the building: _____

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

Signature of vendor: _____ Date: _____

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

Donation for door prize (item donated by vendor for raffle) Yes ___ No ___

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

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

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

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

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

Make checks payable to Claryville Volunteer Fire Department

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello

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845.343.4284

*Please RSVP
Seats are limited*



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Parents for Parents

Support Group

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

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

All supplies are FREE of charge.

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

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



309 East Broadway Suite A
Monticello, NY 12701

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House

March 19th
5:00 pm



knitting & crochet group
Thursdays 2-3pm

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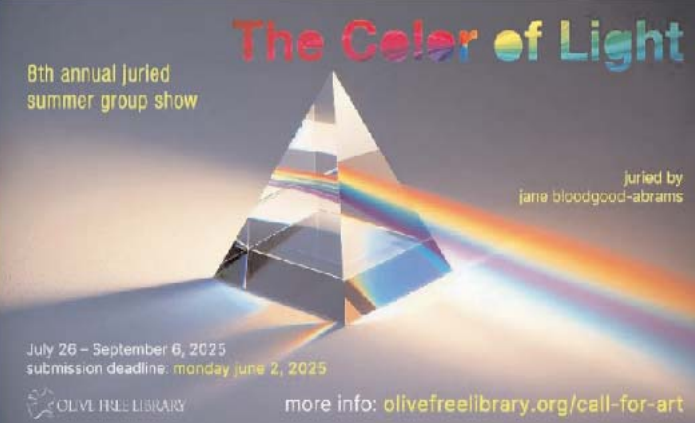
OLIVE FREE LIBRARY
Saturday, March 29 4:00 p.m.

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

The Color of Light

8th annual juried summer group show

juried by jane bloodgood-abrams



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

OLIVE FREE LIBRARY more info: olivefreelibrary.org/call-for-art

Music Café



Every 3rd Thursday
7:00 – 9:00p.m.

NEW

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

Michelle (2024) & Michael (2023) are local and talented fiddlers and Michael Reinholdt, both string players and songwriters. They will take you on a journey without borders, sampling you with a different genre around every bend, including folk, bluegrass, Celtic, Classical, and more! (There is no cover charge guaranteed tickets only)



Thursday, March 20,
7:00–9:00p.m.

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Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County
c/o Sullivan County Legislature
Sullivan County Government Center
P.O. Box 5012
100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Re: SLAC Monthly Meeting
Friday, March 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Legislative Meeting Room

Sirs:

I just got this email from SLAC. The old folks are acting up again. Their main topic of discussion is:

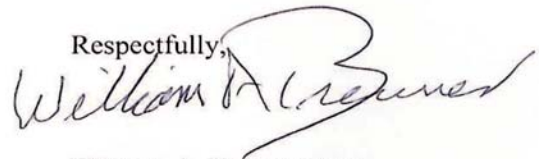
“Sullivan County is rapidly becoming a medical desert. Garnet Health has greatly added to this situation by gutting their campus in Harris, formerly known as Community General hospital. This is creating hardships for patients and families within Sullivan County. The ripple effects, or tsunami, creates hardships for patients who use the Middletown campus in Orange County, with the excessive demand. We must develop a battle plan to force Garnet Health to bring back the Harris campus, so it serves the people of Sullivan County. That’ll be one discussion item. Action Plan?”

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I have a related question that is too often asked to me which is: What is the difference, medical wise, between Crystal Run in Rock Hill, Garnet (Community General Hospital at Harris) and the various Emergency Care facilities opening around the shopping centers?

Also, what about: a list of the various doctors and opticians left in the county. I was told that the eyeglass place in Walmart was closed because they could not get an optician.

I guess us old folks should not get old and not fall.

Respectfully,


William A. Brenner, Esq.

cc: Sullivan County Democrat
Times Herald Record
River Reporter
Townsmen



Friends of the Olive Free Library

Saturday April 26 6-8pm

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

Dolly Forever!

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

Tickets: \$45 each
RSVP by April 20



OLIVE SENIORS

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

* 26-28 Mountain Road, Shokan, NY, handicapped accessible, bathrooms on site
** follows Catskill School District calendar and which cancel due to a weather event

Tech Tuesdays

A program for DPL Patrons

Every Tuesday
9 am - 12 pm

Receive help on a variety of basic tech topics including:

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- ▶ *Tablets*
- ▶ *Laptops*
- ▶ *Website navigation*
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- ▶ *Streaming platforms*
 - ▶ *And more...*

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Middletown Lions Club Spring Craft Fair

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

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

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

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

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

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When you are a dementia caregiver, caring can take various forms: self-care to reduce stress levels; adopting a healthy lifestyle to care for your own brain; and knowing the latest research to help care for your loved one.

We'll explore these different ways of caring during June, Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. Join us for one or all three of our virtual programs presented in partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs. This statewide program series will provide tips and strategies, as well as identify local support services, to help navigate your journey.

Register for one or all of the programs by calling 800.272.3900 or clicking on the link in the program title below.

Self Care 101: You Can't Pour From an Empty Cup

Tues., June 3
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research

Tues., June 10
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Advancing the Science: The Latest in Alzheimer's and Dementia Research

Tues., June 17
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.




VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
VWH & New York-New Jersey Healthcare Network





Homeschooling Group

4th Tuesday of each month

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
at the Daniel Pierce Library

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

Together this group will share lessons, network, set up future field trips, have various guest speakers and programs. You can also... borrow books, check out DVD's, access the internet, research online databases and utilize library space! (If you have a RCLS library card).

Please join in, the possibilities are endless!

**Text or call Dana
for more information:
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**Beginning
September
24th**



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JOIN US!





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

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

WEDNESDAY


@ 6:30 PM

VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!






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

Contact Anne-Marie at afreitas@asfl.org for more information.

EVERY 2ND & 4TH

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM

Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

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

Help is available now!

We are here anytime you need to talk.

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



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

Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

Sullivan County Text For Teens

Monday - Friday
4pm-10pm
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Alyssa Wowk
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awowk@chowc.net

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Join the DPL 2025 Reading Challenge!

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

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

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

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

Challenge yourself and your family.

Expand your horizons with new books.

For ALL ages!

Read adventurously!



GREATER LIBERTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Meet & Greet

Spring Mixer



Meet & Greet

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

Thursday, March 27 • 5:30-7

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19 John Street, Liberty NY

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\$25 per person in advance

\$30 at the door

Buffet* / Cash Bar

**menu subject to change without notice*



PUBLIC NOTICE

March 20, 2025

UCTC Year 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update



The Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) has initiated an update to the Long Range Transportation Plan for year 2050.

To learn more about the plan's schedule, upcoming meetings, and how to participate in our survey, please visit our website at <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/admin/projects/mobility-2050>

Long Range Transportation Plan

The Ulster County Transportation Council's (UCTC) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) looks ahead twenty-five years to establish a framework for the safe and efficient development, management, and operation of surface transportation systems. Updated at least every five years, the plan covers the UCTC's Metropolitan Planning Area, which is all of Ulster County. This long-term perspective is especially valuable, as transportation projects often require significant time to progress from concept to planning, design, and ultimately, construction. The LRTP plays a key role in guiding priorities and decision-making for the region's transportation system.

Take Our Survey!

Take the LRTP 2050 survey here: www.fhstudio-apps.com/arnie/#/workshop/UCTCRTP and have your say!

Written comments or hard copies of the survey may be requested through the Ulster County Transportation Council, c/o Brian Slack, 244 Fair Street, PO Box 1800, Kingston, NY 12402-1800 or emailed to bsla@co.ulster.ny.us The public comment period ends Monday June 30th, 2025, at 5:00pm.

Check back for updates on stakeholder meetings, pop-events, and more!



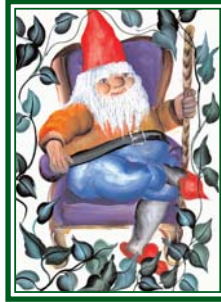
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AUSTRALIA

A 2008 adventure film, directed by Baz Luhrmann and starring Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman. The screenplay was written by Luhrmann and screenwriter Stuart Beattie, with Ronald Harwood and Richard Flanagan



The film's character story is set between 1939 and 1942. In 1939, weeks before the start of World War II, Lady Sarah Ashley of England travels to Australia to force her philandering husband to sell his faltering cattle station, *Faraway Downs*. The huge station straddles thousands of acre's.



Nicole Kidman, as Lady Sarah Ashley, an English aristocrat who inherited the cattle station *Faraway Downs* after the death of her husband, Lord Maitland Ashley.

Hugh Jackman as the Drover who helps Lady Ashley move the cattle across *Faraway Downs*.

David Hirschfelder composed the score to Australia. Interpolated musical numbers include the jazz standards "Begin the Beguine."

Answer to last week's Trivia Question: **Shirley Temple**

This weeks' Trivia question:

Pride and Prejudice is based on the book by author?



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“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II
Pluto TV, YouTube, Apple TV, Amazon Prime

WHAT'S EATING GILBERT GRAPE

(1993 / PG 13 / 1 HR 58MIN / DRAMA)

What's Eating Gilbert Grape is an American com-



ing-of-age drama film directed by Lasse Hallström.

Johnny Depp as Giulbert Grape, a store clerk, living with his dysfunctional family. His mother is morbidly obese. His younger brother is mentally disabled. And there are two sisters, all living in small town in the midwest.

As though Gilbert didn't have enough responsibility his lif becomes more complicated when has an affair with a married woman to whom he delivers groceries. When her husband finds out, there's a horrible scene involving Gilbert, the man's children, and their a small kiddie pool.

Leonardo DiCaprio superbly plays, Arnie



Grape a mentally challenged 17 year old who seeks the thrill of playing on high place such as the 50 ft high town water tower.

Starring Johnny Depp as Gilbert Grape, Leonardo DiCaprio as Arnold "Arnie" Grape, Juliette Lewis as Rebecca "Becky" Darlene Cates as Bonnie Grape and Laura Harrington as Amy Grape

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III
Pluto TV, YouTube, Apple TV, Amazon Prime

COCOON THE RETURN

(Rated-G / 1988 / 1 hr 55 min / Fantasy / Drama)

A fantasy drama science fiction, comedy that teaches us how exhibiting compassion builds courage within each of us.



A sequel to the 1985 film *Cocoon*. All of the starring actors from the first film continue their roles in this film, Five years after they left Earth following a failed rescue mission, the Antareans



return to rescue the cocoons that were left behind.

Directed by Daniel Petrie. Starring Don Ameche as Art Selwyn, Wilford Brimley as Ben Lueckett, Courteney Cox as Sara, Hume Cronyn as Joe Finley, Jack Gilford as Bernie Lefkowitz, Steve Guttenberg as Jack Bonner, Barret Oliveras David, Maureen Stapleton as Mary Lueckett, Elaine Stritch as Ruby, Jessica Tandy as Alma Finley, Gwen Verdon as Bess McCarthy Tahnee Welch as Kitty, Linda Harrison as Susan, Tyrone Power, Jr. as Pillsbury, Mike Nomad as Doc.

Stay Safe,
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