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## Route 42 Playground Project Update: Phase I scheduled for Completion!

It really does take a village! For the past two years, dedicated members of our Tri-Valley community have joined together to meet the needs of some of our youngest citizens.

Initial planning began in the spring of 2021, and one year ago, the Playground Committee was formed by volunteers to plan, fundraise, and build a community playground at the Route 42 Community Park in Grahamsville. In collaboration with Tri-Valley Little League, Tri-Valley PTO, the Town of Neversink, and countless local organizations, businesses, and individuals, the committee successfully raised funds to nearly complete Phase I of the project!

The committee foresees the project will be completed in two phases: Phase I involves the installation of the primary play structure, shown here, which will be suitable for children ages 2-12. The initial, primary structure is scheduled for installation by early May.

Efforts are currently underway for Phase II, which will include installation of additional components which will be ADA compliant. The committee would like to issue a heartfelt word of gratitude to the businesses, organizations, and individuals who have contributed to the project to date. The committee has also applied for grant funding to offset costs for Phase II, and hope to obtain a decision in regard to whether the grant has been approved by July.

Adele Barnard, retired kindergarten educator, early childhood advocate, and chairwoman of the Playground Committee shares, "On behalf of the playground committee, I want to thank everyone who supported this initiative. Our community has always been known to step up for our local children! You go to baseball or soccer games and you always see young siblings of players running about playing around the sidelines. To date, Grahamsville did not yet have a playground accessible to kids during the daytime hours, nor is there a safe structure for toddlers. How wonderful it is that the new playground will offer moms, dads, grandparents and caregivers someplace safe for children to play, get physical exercise, and experience the joy of social interaction face to face! This is so important, now more than ever, as we come out of the pandemic."

For additional information about the project, please follow their Facebook page, "Route 42 Community Playground Project," or contact the chairperson at [ambarnard57@gmail.com](mailto:ambarnard57@gmail.com).



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**On the Front Burner:** Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.  
Proverbs 4:23

## OBITUARY



**Bunny Hubert Woloszczak** passed away suddenly on Monday, March 20, 2023.

For anyone who didn't know her and those who did would agree, Bunny was a funny and cheerful soul. She took no nonsense, cracked jokes with the best of them, loved her community, and loved the theater. Bunny was Vice President, Director and Stage Manager at the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop since 2002.

Most of all, her family was her pride and joy.

There will be a memorial service at Bunny's favorite place, the Rivoli Theater in South Fallsburg on Saturday, April 1st at 2pm. Bring a picture or good memory of Bunny that you'd like to share. We know not everyone can handle the spotlight but we would love the stories or photos.

Bunny is already greatly missed.

a Wave overcame a seaman - or both. Anyway, he was married to Mary Ellen Lancaster of Dallas, Texas who was serving in the Waves. They expect to make their home here in the near future.

**April 10, 1963**

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buley of Grahamsville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Louise May, to Frederic Eugene Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clark of Curry. Miss Buley attended Onteora Central School and Tri Valley Central School. Her fiancé was graduated from Tri Valley Central School and is a foreman for the Dairymen's League in Liberty. No date has been set for the wedding.

**April 11, 1973**

Sorry to report that the entire issue of this paper was devoted to page-long legal notices and ads. Hopefully, next week will be better.

**April 14, 1983**

Betsy Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grace of Grahamsville, took first place in all-around honors at the Class IV Sectional meet of the United States Gymnastic Federation held recently at Monticello High School.

Thomas Miller Jr., Eagle Scout candidate, has successfully completed his Eagle Scout project. The Reformed Churches of Grahamsville and Woodbourne now have a Food Shelter with over 1,100 cans of goods (which is over half a ton).

**March 27, 2003**

Congratulations to Tri-Valley student, Cecilia Pompeii who placed 2nd in Basic Decision Making at the Spring District competition of the FBLA. Cecilia will go on to compete in for our district at the State Leadership Conference in Rochester in April. Christina Poulos placed 3rd in Impromptu Speaking; Tom McCaffrey placed 3rd in Job Interview; Kevin Hornbeck placed 3rd in Public Speaking and Alice Cook placed 4th in Public Speaking II. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## Days of Yore... Today's History

**April 15, 1953**

Old Man Winter parked himself on the Greenville Hill on last Monday. It snowed all afternoon and by night the ground was white and the budding hills covered with a crown of white frost.

Arnold Robinson, a First Class Seaman, arrived home Tuesday, April 7th. The seaman overcame a Wave or

## Days of Yore... Today's History

(From Pg. 2) Congratulations to Tri-Valley student, Heather Iaturo who won the 1000m and 1500m runs at the Section IX Qualifying meet at West Point and to Adam Wilson on placing 4th in the pole vault and 7th in the 500m run.

... and congratulations to all the members of FFA who competed at the Sub-District level and placed: Geoff Cabrera, Traci Yapple, Tiffany Wright, Teresa Burger, Patty Bertholf and Frank Smith place 1st in Agricultural Issues Forum; Kasey Rowen, Sean Lewis, Catherine Harth, David Brunjes, Adam Whiteman, Lindsey Nuzzo and Jessica Doyle placed 3rd in the Agricultural Issues Forum; Megan Kaleita place 2nd in Senior Creed Speaking; Jessica Doyle placed 2nd in Junior Cree Speaking; Kristine Lewis placed 3rd in Junior Creed Speaking; Justin Neist place 3rd in Senior Extemporaneous Speaking, and Amber Wynkoop placed 1st in the People for Agriculture Poster Contest.

### From the Poet's Corner -

March 27, 2003

## Fairness

by Caroline Bertholf  
*Tri-Valley Student*

Being fair shouldn't be rare.  
When you share  
it shows that you care  
About being fair.

When you share it should be equal.  
Think about other people.  
Being fair means that you care  
About other people's feelings.

## Household Hint:

### Stop reds from running

I haven't tried this yet, but was recently told...

"Unless you have a fondness for pink-tinted clothing, take one simple precaution to prevent red - or other brightly dyed - washable clothes from ruining your wash loads. Soak your new garments in a few cups of undiluted white vinegar for 10-15 minutes before their first washing. You'll never have to worry about running colors again!"

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

## Return of Redwing Blackbirds

According to Peggy DeWire, as she wrote many years back, "I saw a robin but it wasn't spring. I found peepers but it still wasn't spring. Then I heard a Redwing blackbird singing O-ka-lee down by the pond and it was spring!" Well, I heard the O-ka-lee, but still haven't seen any Red Wing Blackbirds in Sundown

You will recognize the calls of the Red-winged Blackbird. The male's song, accompanied by a display of his red shoulder patches, is a scratchy o-ka-lee. The female also sings, typically a scolding chatter chit chit chit chit cheer with a high slurred whistle, teer-teerr-eeee.

These stocky, broad-shouldered red-winged blackbirds have a slender, conical bill and a medium-length tail. They are often defined by their hump-backed silhouette while perched.

The common name for the Redwing Blackbird comes from the black adult male's distinctive red shoulder patches that are visible when the male bird is flying. Male Red-winged Blackbirds do everything they can to get noticed as they sit on high perches and sing all day long. The females are more subdued and have a muted coloring, with brown streaks overall, that are paler on the breast and often have whitish eyebrows. Females stay low as they lurk through vegetation for food. The female solely constructs a cup-shaped basket of grasses -the nest-made of sedge and mosses, lined with mud, then bound to surrounding grasses or branches in loose colonies in cattails, rushes, grasses, sedge, alder or willow bushes.

Red-winged Blackbirds are polygynous, with territorial males defending up to 10 females. However, females frequently copulate with males other than their social mate and often lay clutches of mixed paternity. Pairs raise two or three clutches per season, in a new nest for each clutch. A clutch consists of three or four, and rarely five, eggs that are oval, smooth, slightly glossy, and measure about 1 3/4 in. They are pale bluish green, marked with brown, purple, and/or black, with most markings around the larger end of the egg. The eggs are incubated by the female and hatch in 11 to 12 days. Redwing Blackbirds are blind and without feathers when hatched, but are ready to leave the nest 11-14 days after hatching. The young birds resemble the female, but are paler below and have buff feather fringes.

Redwing Blackbirds aggressively defend their territory from other animals and frequently attack much larger birds. Males have been known to swoop at humans who encroach upon their nesting territory during breeding season.

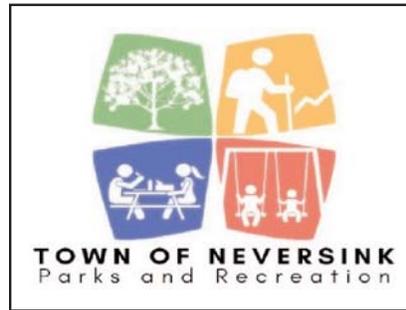
Nest predation is common. Several adaptations have evolved including group nesting that reduces the risk of individual attacks from preying enemies by increasing the number of alert parents. Nesting over water also reduces the likelihood of predation, along with alarm calls. Their nests offer a strategic advantage over predators in that they are often well concealed in thick, waterside reeds. Males often act as sentinels, employing a variety of calls to denote the kind and severity of danger. Mobbing, especially by males, is also used to scare off unwanted predators.

Redwing Blackbirds are prey to barn owls and hawks, crows, ravens, magpies and herons. Additional predators of blackbirds of all ages and their eggs include raccoons, mink, foxes and snakes.

The Redwing Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) is a passerine bird of the family Icteridae found in most of North America. They are omnivorous meaning they feed primarily on plant materials, including seeds from weeds and waste grain such as corn and rice, but about a quarter of their diet consists of insects and other small animals, especially during breeding season. They prefer insects such as dragonflies, damselflies, butterflies, moths, and flies, but also will eat snails, frogs, eggs, carrion, worms, spiders and mollusks. During the summer Redwinged Blackbirds enjoy a feast of blueberries and blackberries.

Even with a winter chill and a splash of snow, it is Spring. It is time to look and listen for the birds in your back yard. Maybe you will be lucky to see a handsome Redwing Blackbird, singing a song filled with hope that warm sunny weather will soon return to the Catskills.





## News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

Well they say spring is here but I'm still looking for it! Crazy weather we've been having!! My poor crocuses are trying to pop thru the icy ground and I'm starting to see buds on some of my flowering bushes. I wish I could tell them to stay put and don't come out yet because I'm told this cold and snowy sleet is not over!!!

What is over is our Community Ice Rink. It has closed for the season! And what an incredible season we had. There were well over 1000 skaters that enjoyed the rink this year! And our Disco Nite and Super Bowl Sunday Party were a great success. A BIG thank you to all the patrons that helped make this the best year ever for the Ice Rink. And a very special thank you to Stu Alexander, Joan Mingo, Walt Zeitschel and Ric Coombe. They are the folks that made this rink possible this year. THANK YOU. And see everyone next year at the rink!

Parks & Rec started their annual planning for this year's events and activities. Some of our favorites that we are bringing back this year are **Movies at the Fairgrounds** and the **Scavenger Hunt**. This year we will be showing movies on **FRIDAY NIGHTS starting June 30th**. We are still deciding on what movies to show so if you have any suggestions send them to [cwparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:cwparksandrec@gmail.com). Our Scavenger Hunt will once again take place during the Grahamsville Little World's Fair (August 18-20) and we plan on having our drawing for the kids bikes as we have done in the past.

Another incredible event happening again this year that Parks & Rec is so proud to be part of is the **2nd ANNUAL VETFEST!** Mark your calendars on **August 5th** for this very special and worthy event focusing on helping our Vets. This year they will have many new things planned for a full day of fun!

New events we are looking at having this year include a **KARAOKE NIGHT** and a **STARGAZING NIGHT** both to be held at the Fairgrounds. We are also looking into several workshops, including **BARN QUILTS 101; BEES-How to Raise and Reap their Rewards;** and a **PAINT & SIP Day**. Any suggestions on workshops you would like us to hold, please let me know at [cwparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:cwparksandrec@gmail.com). And we are looking into **GUIDED HIKES** that will be geared towards our Seniors, but everyone can participate. This activity will help us all reach our Be Healthy in 2023 goals!

Finally, Parks & Rec will again be actively supporting this year's **Antique Tractor Show**. We will be looking for yard sale participants and crafters. The Antique Tractor Club is in the planning phases, and are looking at several new activities to help make this year fun for the entire family. The Club will still have all of the events and displays that they have had in the past but are looking for more things to make this year's show an event you won't want to miss. If you have any suggestions let me know at [cwparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:cwparksandrec@gmail.com).

And one final note, we have sadly said goodbye to our Board Member Melanie Schwartz. She was a great asset to our Parks & Rec team and will be sorely missed. We welcome our new Board Member Valerie Brown and look forward to working with her as we move forward.

Keep reading your *Townsmen* and checking our Facebook page as we will be sharing more details on these events and activities. Until our next update, everyone be safe, stay healthy and most of all be happy. And as always if you any suggestions or questions for Parks and Rec. send them to me at [cwparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:cwparksandrec@gmail.com).

Cher (your Parks & Rec Director)



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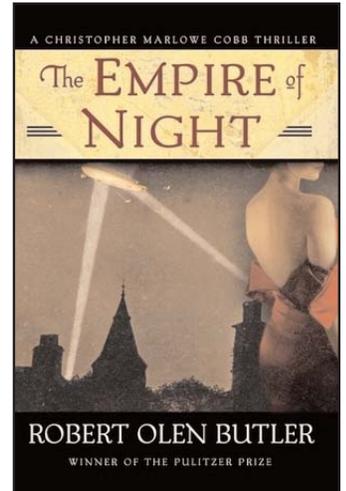
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### The Empire of Night

## Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 196

by John Dwaine McKenna



One hundred years ago, all of Europe was in the midst of what was then called the Great War, or World War I as we now know it. It was the first fully mechanized war and the battlefield casualties were so great that they're almost incomprehensible by today's standards, due to the invention of new war machines like the belt-fed water-cooled machine gun; armor plated mobile gun platforms called tanks; gigantic artillery pieces mounted on railroad cars and moved by locomotives, that could hurl twenty-four inch shells for fifteen to twenty miles; submarines that prowled the oceans in groups known as wolf packs, which devastated and terrorized shipping; motorized heavier-than-air machines called aero planes, which battled for supremacy in the sky; and most disturbing of all perhaps, the invention and use of poison gasses based on chlorine and phosgene, capable of killing by the thousands. As all of those developments were happening on the battlefields, another newly-developed weapon was terrorizing the civilian citizens of London. They were giant airships called Zeppelins which came calling in the night without warning, bringing indiscriminate death to men, women and children as they dropped high explosive and incendiary bombs on the helpless and innocent victims in the streets below.

**The Empire of Night**, (Mysterious Press, \$26.00, 401 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2323-7) by Robert Olen Butler is the third installment of his delightful Christopher Marlowe Cobb series of novels which began with *The Hot Country*, which was about German involvement in the Mexican Civil War, circa 1915; then continues with *The Star of Istanbul*, about the sinking of the passenger liner *Lusitania* and German activity in the Middle East during World War I; and now, his newest, *The Empire of Night*, about the bombing of London during the early to middle parts of the war. All feature the intrepid and fearless newspaper reporter and citizen-spy, whom we know simply as Kit.

*The Empire of Night* is character-driven historical fiction at its best, with all the action, intrigue, treachery, danger and drama of any contemporary spy novel, while also featuring a tender, but ultimately tragic love affair at its core. With the ground campaign stalemated in France and Belgium, the German high command is desperate to find a way to gain the upper hand. Their plan is to turn the Zeppelins into unstoppable killing machines that rain death from the skies . . . unless they can be stopped by Kit Cobb . . . who may lose his life in the process. History comes alive in the hands of Pulitzer-Prize-winning author Robert Olen Butler, and he's created one of his most memorable and endearing protagonists in contemporary fiction –making him one of my absolute favorites! Do yourself a favor and read this great series and you, like me, will be eagerly looking forward to the next book.

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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda



## Idle Guests

I am great at giving things away; however, I find it painful to THROW a perfectly good item away. If you come to my house and admire something, beware, it will be yours.

As I look around my house, I have some perfectly good items that I like or love that just live here with me collecting dust. Here is an impartial list of my guests in my house.

A melon baller. I have never balled a melon in years, but someday I might.



A VCR cassette of "The Da Vinci Code" even though I do not own a VCR. My mom's ceramic teapot shaped like a fat, happy gardener. I drink coffee.

Numerous canvas luggage sets that are now replaced by new carry-on and checked bag, gifts from hubby.

A set of darling opera gloves although I have never seen a real opera.

A milk glass luncheon plate set of twenty-four just incase a few friends stop by for a tuna sandwich. No one has yet, but they just might.

A dozen of matching glass pigs.

Two wooden easels that collapse at will but can hold a painting if no one comes close to them or sneezes.

A refrigerator magnet from Maui even though I have only been to Oahu and the Big Island.



A box of probably three dozen plastic colored glasses. I was thinking of using them at some picnic, but who wants to wash 36 plastic glasses when I can use paper cups?

As I write this, I think I could take a number of these things, not my mom's kettle or anything milk glass, but others to our Olive "Home Redecorator Center" as my friend Donna Bryan dubbed the "Give-away/Take-away" pile at the Transfer (AKA Dump) Station. Or, we have started a similar table at the American Legion Hall with a coffee can that miraculously fills with coins and bills and gets donated to the Food Pantry.

What do you have taking up space in your house? Do you have any un-wanted, wanted "guests" at your house you have trouble "evicting?"

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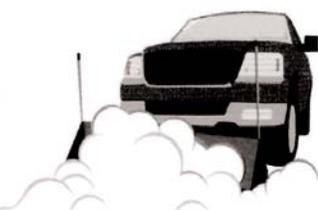
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## Fallsburg Robotics Team to Compete in World Championship



Fallsburg Central School District is proud to announce that they will once again be represented at the VEX Robotics World Championships. Throughout the program's eight years of existence, this will be their seventh appearance at the tournament.

The VEX Robotics World Championship is considered the largest robotics competition in the world. Fallsburg will be one of 800 teams to compete in the VEX IQ division. The team members who earned their spot to participate this year are Kileen Milligan, Kiara Sauer, Luz Torres, and Autumn Rain Atkinson. They will be the school's first all-female robotics team to represent Fallsburg at the World Championship.

The championship will be held in Dallas, Texas from April 30 to May 2.

## The return of the Fresh Air Fund Program

I don't have to tell you it's been a crazy few pandemically-tinged years, but with a sigh of relief, the worst seems to be behind us. One thing I'm looking forward to is re-growing a summer program I've been part of for many years, and hoping to inspire other families to join in. My family welcomed a young NYC girl for summer visits over 9 years through the non-profit group Fresh Air Fund. I'm the volunteer co-chair for Sullivan County, and before the pandemic, more than a dozen families in our beautiful area shared summer vacations with city kids.

In the "before pandemic" days, we eagerly awaited Kailie's arrival each summer. In time, we were seeing each other in between the summer visit -- in the mountains and in New York City. She and our youngest daughter spent endless hours giggling, playing, and growing up together. Kailie has become our "city daughter."

Many low-income city kids have struggled mightily through the pandemic, and missed out on so many things, including the chance to experience summer breaks full of fresh air, swimming every day, playing outside until dark, and stargazing. Local families can open their homes and hearts again through volunteer hosting. It's as simple as doing what you and your family already plan to do - just with one more person.



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Here's what visiting children get: more comfortable, confident, connected and excited about learning, stronger support network, new ideas for their futures. And here's what host families get: deeper understanding of the world and their own community, more comfortable with new people, family togetherness and memories, a cultural exchange.

If your family has room for one more this summer, register at <https://freshair.org/volunteer-to-host/>; or contact me at [Victoria.siciliano@friendlytown.org](mailto:Victoria.siciliano@friendlytown.org).

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## Springtime in the Catskills

The days are longer. The songbirds are back. The snowdrops are blooming. It is Spring! Sounds like the perfect time to celebrate in our Sullivan Catskills. Book your stay now- at a full-service resort, boutique inn, quaint B&B, or vacation rental- and come join the fun.

Bring your appetite because now through April 2, 17 of our best restaurateurs are serving up locally-sourced prix-fixe lunches and dinners from \$29.95-\$44.95 during Restaurant Week in our Sullivan Catskills. Enjoy the Catskill-icious food, drink, and warm hospitality at our participating restaurants: Bernie's Holiday Restaurant, Bixby's Derby at Kartrite Resort, Blue Fox Motel, Catskill Provisions, Callaio at Resorts World Catskills, Conover Club at Callicoon Hills, Kenoza Hall, Lotus at Resorts World Catskills, Piccolo Paese, Seminary Hill Orchard and Cidery, Tavern on Main, The Arnold House, The Cabin, The DeBruce, The Homestead at The Eldred Preserve, The Pickled Owl, and the Western Inn & Supper Club. It's a great way to try a restaurant you haven't been to yet, and you may come away with a new favorite!

Thirsty? The Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail features award-winning, hand-crafted wine, beer, spirits, and cider.

Get your spring on with a walk or a more vigorous hike on our trails. We have over two dozen and the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail - our tribute to the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair. It's a great way to explore. When you pass through Neversink, the **Neversink General Store** is a great place to stop for every thing from gas for the car or the grill, beautiful hand-crafted items created by local crafters, locally made maple syrup, a great selection of groceries and delicious food prepared under our famous Chef Jaime. Try his everything Stromboli! Wow! Should you be heading up to Claryville, the **Russian Mule Brewery** is opened on weekends and offers great food, locally brewed beer and live entertainment.

Thirsty? The Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail features award-winning, hand-crafted wine, beer, spirits, and cider.

Feel like shopping? The shopkeepers throughout our hip, vibrant Main Streets have what you want in home goods, food provisions, games, pottery, pet apparel, and more. And with the opening day of Trout Season, it's a good time to grab your fishing gear.

### Plan Ahead

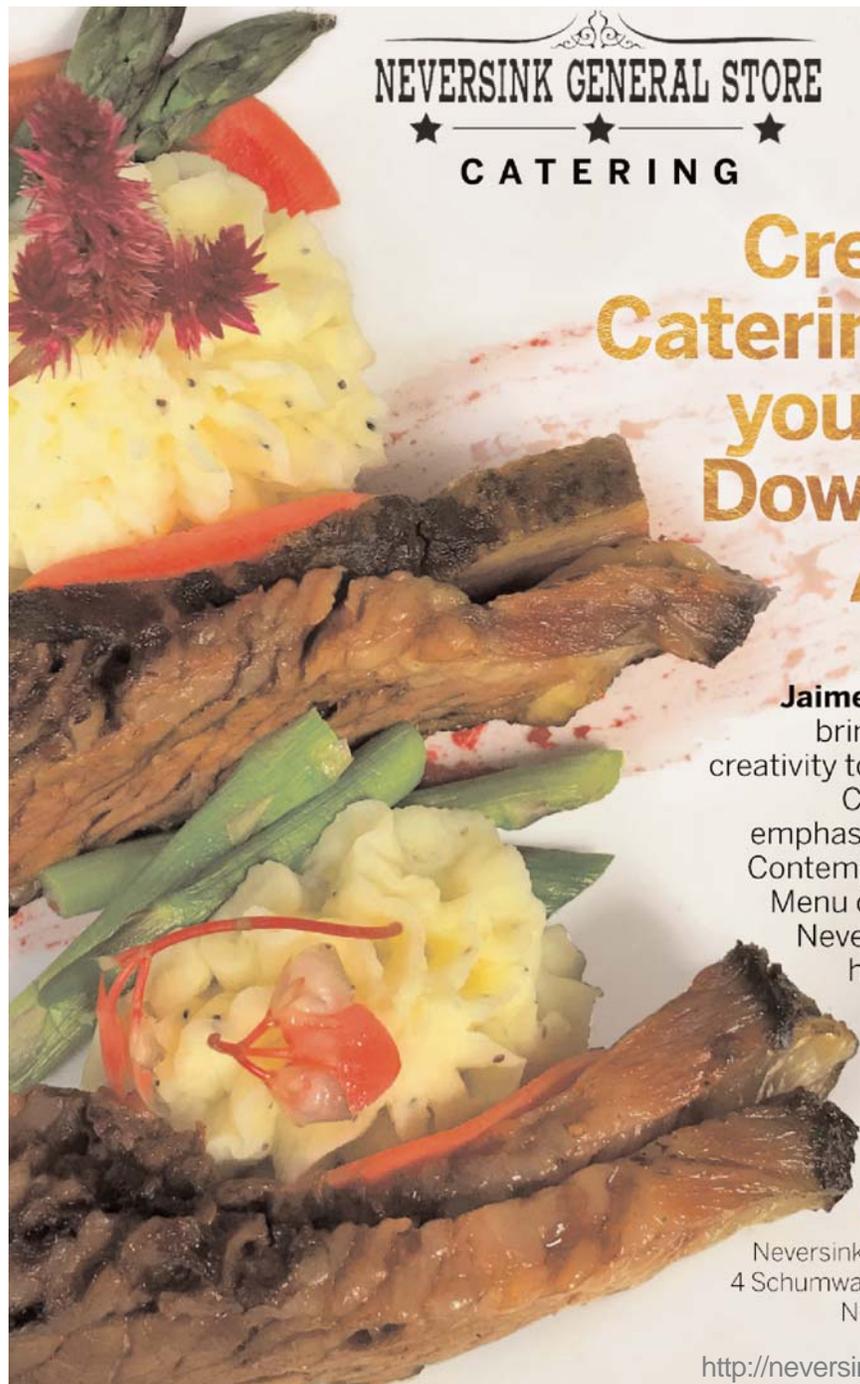
Calling all Foodies to Catskill Cuisine - May 13 at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. It's our day-long gathering of gourmet goodness with celebrity chefs, music, cooking demonstrations, a marketplace, and more. Tickets are selling fast!

On Wednesdays starting April 5, join Yoga by the Lake for Women's Wellness Wednesday, a class designed exclusively for women and girls seeking a safe and supportive space to explore the benefits of yoga and self-care.

Beginning April 1, join Seminary Hill Cidery, Catskill Provisions, and Rock Valley Spirits for a special cider and spirits Spring Run. Hop on the Upstate D Tour Bus and enjoy tastings and tours at each location.

For the first time in decades, a new music festival will debut on the historic field of Woodstock '69! Mark your calendar for the two-day Catbird Music Festival on August 19-20 with live performances by The Lumineers, Tyler Childers, Trey Anastasio, and more in Bethel, NY. Tickets are on sale now.

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## The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

**No column this week.**

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## Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) 2023 Spring Exhibitions

WHAT: "Garden Variety" by Joni Wehrli ; "Time is Filled with Swift Transition" by Desmond Beach

WHEN: April 1st - May 7th, 2023 (Opening Reception: April 1st, 4 PM - 6 PM)

Thursday - Sunday, 11 AM - 4 PM

WHERE DVAA, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY 12764

Free and open to the public, masks recommended

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) is excited to announce its upcoming spring exhibitions. Opening on Saturday, April 1st, are two distinct exhibitions that each remix, re-envision, and reexamine their respective reference material. Joni Wehrli's exhibition, "Garden Variety," will be on view in the Alliance Gallery, and Desmond Beach's "Time is Filled with Swift Transition" will be presented in the Loft Gallery.

There will be an opening reception for both exhibitions at DVAA, located at 37 Main St, Narrowsburg, NY, on Saturday, April 1st, 2023, from 4-6 PM. The shows will be on view through Sunday, May 7th. DVAA's galleries are free and open to the public.

**Joni Wehrli- Garden Variety** On View April 1st - May 7th  
Opening Reception: April 1st, 4-6 PM Artist Talk is scheduled for May 6th; please see the website for details.

Joni Wehrli oscillates between painting and sculpture, creating otherworldly biomorphic imaginings. Her sculptures reference forms found in her paintings, which were inspired by illustrations in medical textbooks. When Wehrli extracts these organic forms from her paintings and transitions them into sculptures, the results expose the artist's comical side, revealed through her joining together of disparate and often unyielding materials.

Joni Wehrli is a painter and sculptor who lives and works in New York City and Livingston Manor. She began her career during the 1980s in the East Village and has had multiple solo exhibitions in NYC and Livingston Manor. Her work has been shown in group exhibitions in galleries, alternative spaces, and university museums in New York and throughout the East Coast, including White Columns, Pace University, SUNY Albany, Hartwick College, and Marymount Manhattan College. She is a board member of the Catskill Art Space and serves as board liaison on CAS's Art Council.

**Desmond Beach Time is Filled with Swift Transition**  
-On View Apr 1st - May 7th Opening Reception: April 1st, 4-6 PM

Artist Talk is scheduled for May 6th; please see the website for details.

The writer James Baldwin described: "To be a Negro in this country and to be relatively conscious is to be in a rage almost all the time." This quote has always resonated with Desmond Beach as a Black man whose lifelong pursuit is, as he states:

"... to genuinely and honestly express my lived experience through art-making."

The African storytelling tradition is a thread that runs through Beach's series of fiber and mixed media artworks. Honoring his immediate ancestors, as well as those of the African Diaspora, is a priority. Beach's highest goal is to turn the terrible into the beautiful. His work is inspired by recent and historical developments in the African American experience as well as anti-Blackness. Inspired by images of Black people during the Middle Passage, in the Jim Crow South, and by their representation in today's mass media, his artwork frequently addresses the racial stereotypes that affect Black people. The work's deliberateness remixes, reclaims, and reexamines the Black struggle. The works of art serve as a forum for illuminating the existence of the nameless, grief, celebration, and resistance.

Desmond Beach is an artist and educator based in New York City. He earned his MFA from the Rinehart School of Sculpture at the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) and his BFA from MICA. Beach is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Plymouth in the UK. He has been a visiting lecturer/artist at institutions such as Coppin State University and Emerson College. Beach has been a fellow at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown and Skidmore College, an artist-in-residence at Pyramid Atlantic Art Center in Silver Spring, MD, and the 2021-22 Bayard Rustin Residency Fellow in New York City, to name a few.

Beach is an interdisciplinary artist, the middle son of three boys born in Baltimore, MD. He is a project artist, meaning his work takes its point of departure from specific problems or tragedies. Beach finds inspiration for his work from growing up in Baltimore during the 1980s and 90s and his lived experience as a Black man. He creates sacred spaces for the spirits of his immediate ancestors and those of the African Diaspora to rest. Beach is also interested in sharing the reflective moments of everyday life. He connects with the viewer through various mediums, including sculpture, costume, fiber arts, installations, performances, and mixed media. He believes that his work as an artist is a calling.

### ABOUT DVAA

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Walk-ins are welcome. DVAA's galleries are ADA-accessible. Gallery & shop hours are Thursday - Sunday, 11 AM - 4 PM, and by appointment.

For more information, visit <http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org> or call (845) 252-7576.

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

### SUPPORT

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

## New Citizens to Take Oath in Ulster County

Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack announces that a naturalization ceremony will take place at the historic Ulster County Courthouse on Wall Street in Kingston on Friday, March 24th at 11:00 a.m.

Approximately 24 new citizens will take their Oaths of Allegiance accepting the responsibilities of an American, while also gaining the rights and privileges afforded to most Americans by birth. "I am honored to be a part of such a special ceremony," states Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack. "It's a moving experience to watch as people are finally able to realize their dream of becoming a U.S. citizen."

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

Presiding over the ceremony will be the Honorable Kevin R. Bryant, Justice of the Supreme Court. Judge Bryant will be the keynote speaker welcoming our 24 participants as newly naturalized American Citizens.

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

## Join the Sullivan 180 Merchant Discount Program

[Liberty] Sullivan 180 announced that the 2023 Merchant Discount Program will continue to offer grants and support efforts in Sullivan County to build a healthy community, one degree at a time. Through the Merchant Discount Program grant recipients are able to take advantage of specified discounts on the purchase of supplies and materials for their grant funded projects.

Sullivan 180 offers grants to schools, community groups and municipalities for beautification, community development, and healthy community initiatives. Grant amounts range depending on the program and project. Sullivan 180 is inviting businesses to help these dollars go farther in this effort; while at the same time encouraging local spending. To participate, your business would offer a discount rate on products or services for Sullivan 180 projects. You set the discount amount. Discounts typically range from 10% to 20% (or more).

Once enrolled you will receive a list of participating 2023 Sullivan 180 grant recipients and projects. Each project leader will be given an official Merchant Discount Card that will signal to you they are making an authorized purchase for their Sullivan 180 project.

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



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Saturday, August 5, 2023, 8 p.m., Shandeele Music Festival, Sunset Concert Pavilion, 442 J. Young Road, Livingston Manor - An Evening of Chamber Music - a performance by violinist Misha Keylin and pianist Ilya Kazantsev (a return engagement by two members of the esteemed grammy-nominated Hermitage Trio), 845-439-3277, Shandeele.org



Saturday, August 12, 2023, 8 p.m., Shandeele Music Festival, Sunset Concert Pavilion, 442 J. Young Road, Livingston Manor - An Evening of Jazz - a performance by Eliane Elias (jazz piano) and Mark Johnson (double bass) (Eliane Elias is the 2022 Grammy winner for Best Latin Jazz Album), 845-439-3277, Shandeele.org



Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 8 p.m., Shandeele Music Festival, Sunset Concert Pavilion, 442 J. Young Road, Livingston Manor - An Evening of Chamber Music - a performance by the Arcadia Players, New England's Period Instrument Ensemble, 845-439-3277, Shandeele.org

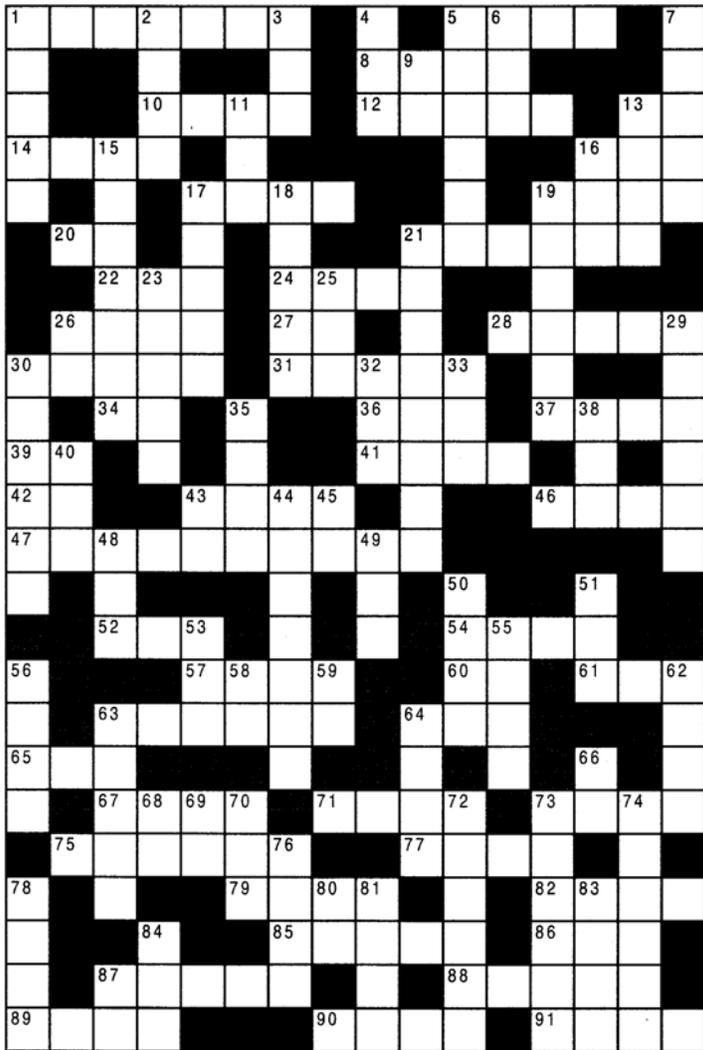


Thursday, August 17, 2023, 8 p.m., Shandeele Music Festival, Sunset Concert Pavilion, 442 J. Young Road, Livingston Manor - An Evening of Piano - a performance by Ukrainian concert pianist Anna Federova. (Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Anna has been completely dedicated to organizing benefit concerts for the victims of the war.), 845-439-3277, Shandeele.org

Saturday, August 19, 2023, 8 p.m., Shandeele Music Festival, Sunset Concert Pavilion, 442 J. Young Road, Livingston Manor - An Evening of Chamber Music - a performance by the Colorado Cello Quartet (four cellos onstage!!!), 845-439-3277, Shandeele.org



Something's Fishy! - L. Comando



**ACROSS**

1 Stream John Burrough's mentions in *A Bed of Boughs* flows through this hamlet  
 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 Festival  
 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 Laughing-stock  
 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 Soothsayer  
 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 Fishing gear  
 30 Cooking instructions  
 32 Slender curved bone  
 33 Allow  
 35 One thousandth of a kilogram  
 38 Fuss about something unimportant  
 40 Single unit  
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 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 Engineering  
 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 Brief light

fall of rain  
 76 Metal containers  
 78 Tears  
 80 Egyptian sun god  
 81 Dishonest scheme  
 83 Abode  
 84 An evergreen  
 87 Chem. element  
 iron

**April Fool's Meatloaf Cupcakes**



Nothing is quite as it seems with this cupcake! Make cupcakes out of meatloaf and top them off with mashed potato frosting.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a muffin tin.

Make your meatloaf mixture. You can use any recipe or check

out recipe below.

Form meatloaf into large meatballs that fill the muffin tin holes. Bake in the preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes. Once baked, remove from muffin tin and place in cupcake liners.

Meanwhile, make a batch of mashed potatoes

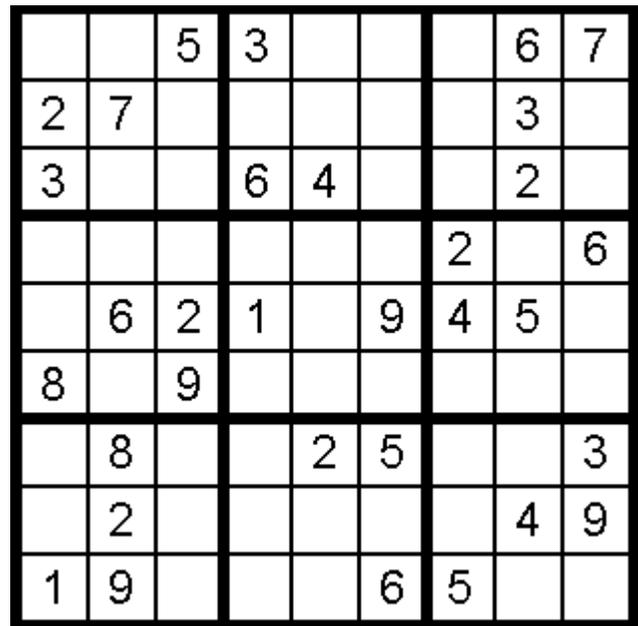
Transfer mashed potatoes to a pastry bag with a star tip. Frost "cupcakes" with mashed potatoes.

**Easy Meatloaf**

1 large • 1 egg • 1/3 cup milk 1/2 cup plain bread-crumbs • 1 tsp Italian seasoning • 1/2 tsp garlic powder • 1 tsp salt • 1/4 tsp freshly cracked black pepper • 1/2 cup minced onion • 1.5 lbs. ground beef

Add the ground beef, egg mixture, breadcrumb mixture, and minced onion to a large bowl. Use your hands to mix the ingredients together until evenly combined. Avoid over mixing.

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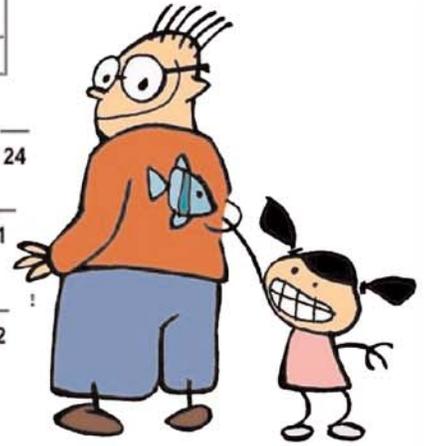
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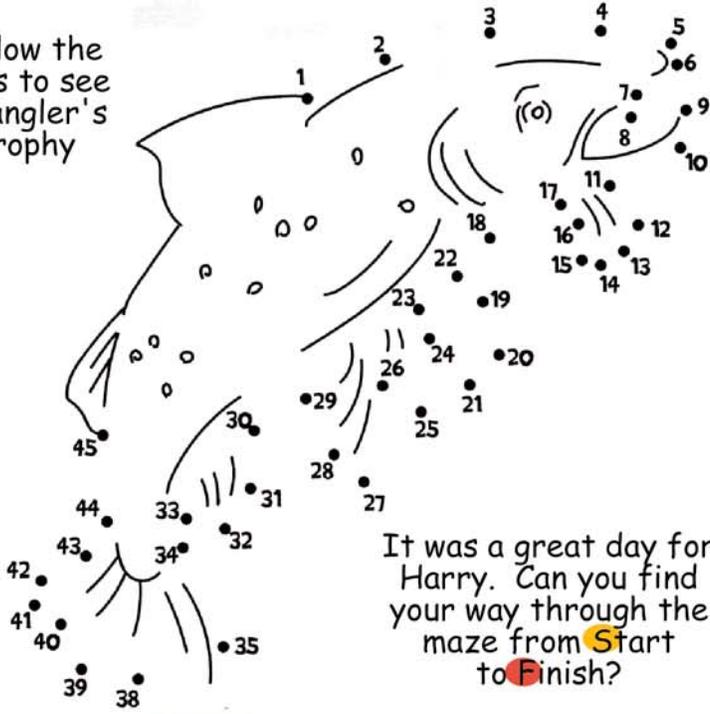
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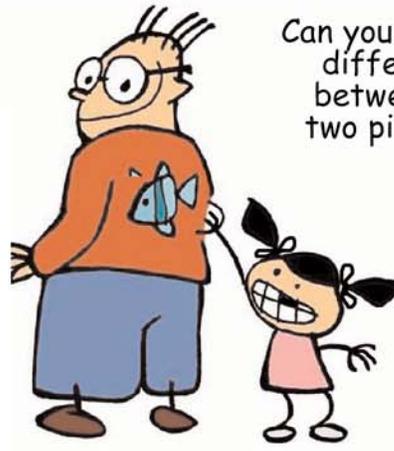


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## DEC Invites Public Comment About Proposed Deletion of Site on Route 55, Wawarsing from the Registry of State Superfund Sites

This link opens a public notice about a proposal to delist the Napanoch Paper Mill Site #356014 (Wawarsing, Ulster County) from New York's Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/der/fact-sheet/356014delistprop.pdf>

DEC is proposing to delist this State Superfund Program site because it has determined that the site no longer presents a threat to public health or the environment. The public notice explains why this determination was made.

DEC will receive public comments about the proposal through April 21, 2023. See the public notice for details.

The public notice 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 following web page on the DEC web site to download the program: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/about/590.html>

## Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education Meeting

Tri-Valley CSD Board of Education Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2023. Regular Meeting #15 Meeting Opening/Call to Order - 6:30 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level; Anticipated Proposed Executive Session - 6:30 p.m., Secondary School Library Upper Level; Regular Meeting #15 resumes - 7:00 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level.

This Board Meeting will be on YouTube Live:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAW/hR6NVao24w/live>

Tri-Valley CSD website:  
<https://trivalleycsd.org>

Please Take Notice:

### Covid-19 Home Test Kits

are available at

Town of Denning Town Hall

1567 Denning Road • Claryville, NY

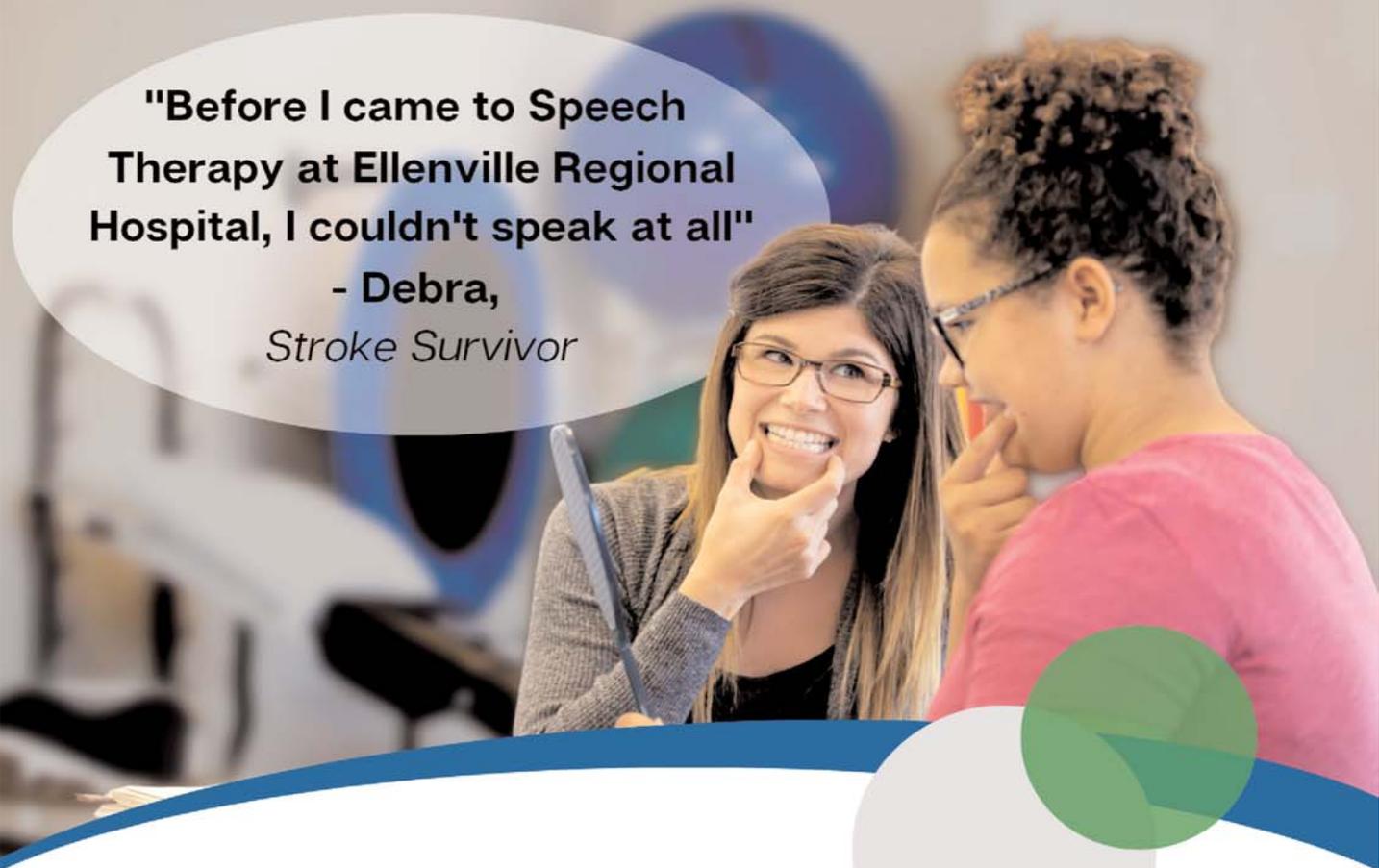
**Mondays through Thursdays**

**8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

until they are gone

**Call (845) 985-2411 for more  
information.**

**Full Time Residents Only**  
**Proof of Denning residency required**  
**ONE kit per household**  
**(2 tests)**  
**Signature required**



**"Before I came to Speech  
Therapy at Ellenville Regional  
Hospital, I couldn't speak at all"**

**- Debra,  
Stroke Survivor**

## **Speech Therapy** at Ellenville Regional Hospital

**Are you or a loved one recovering from a stroke or dealing with another brain-related illness?**

We treat the following:

- **Aphasia** - Difficulty understanding and/or formulating sentences
- **Dysarthria** - Unclear speech due to muscle weakness
- **Apraxia** - Difficulty coordinating oral movements to produce speech
- Reading and writing difficulties

**845.647.6400**  
**ERHNY.org**



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



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

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

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

Esta Jacob  
(Pledge Sheet Page 21)

## WALK RULES

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



**ST. MARK'S UMC**  
68 Clinton St  
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**INDOOR YARD and CLOTHING SALE**

Will be opened every Friday from 10 - 3

**Something for Everyone!**



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Sundown United Methodist Church

**Covered Dish Supper**

5:30 pm

April 1, 2023  
*Tables with Yard Sale items will be available during the supper*

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*



**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**

The Little Church with the Big Heart  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Sunday, 8:00am Service of Holy Communion**  
Music by Fred VanWagner

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845-436-7539

For information contact:  
**The Reverend Diana Southwick Scheide**  
Canon Missioner of the Delaware Catskill Episcopal Ministry  
PO Box 296 Callicoon, NY  
vicardcem@gmail.com  
845-887-3201 • 717-870-7874 cell

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

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

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

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

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Thrift Sale**

April 1, 2023  
9 am to 12 noon



**Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches House Worship Plan**

**Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link**

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

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

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

*The Church with a friendly welcome*

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

**Claryville Reformed Church**



Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041

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

**Loucks Funeral Home**

**Geoff and Heather Hazzard**  
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79 North Main Street  
Ellenville, New York  
(845) 647-4343

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

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

Ans to last week's Crossword



**GRAHAMSVILLE  
UMC THRIFT MINISTRY**

Donations accepted in the Thrift Building  
on Tuesdays  
from 9:30 to 11:30 am or by appointment.

Call Ruth at 845-985-7222  
The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team

<https://grahamsvilleUMC.org>

GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com—Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

**Sundown  
United Methodist Church  
Covered Dish Supper  
Saturday, April 1, 2023 5:30 pm  
at the Church Hall**

*Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale  
(Covered Dish Suppers will be held the  
First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)*

**Life After Loss: a Five-Week  
Bereavement Series**

Mondays starting April 24, 7 pm,  
at **St. Mary's St. Andrew's Church Hall**  
137 South Main St. Ellenville

Open to all adults, no cost to attend.  
Please pre-register by contacting **Jennifer**  
at **Colonial Memorial Funeral Home**  
845-434-7363

or register online at

<http://www.smsaparish.org/events>

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

Also  
**WANTED**  
People to  
play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU  
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**Bingo at the  
Monticello Elks Lodge**  
Every Tuesday at 7 PM  
46 North Street in Monticello

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

**\$17.5 BILLION in Lost Money**

Every day New York State returns \$1.5 million to those who file claims here. Is any yours? To find out, go to:

<https://osc.state.ny.us/ouf> or <https://ouf.osc.state.ny.us/ouf>

Many have checked, and sure enough after following the directions and filing a claim, have received a check from the NYS Comptroller's Office. It only takes a few minutes to find

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Need a place to show and sell your crafts?  
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or visit our Virtual Mail  
<http://gnomehomeinc.com>

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

**LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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|---------|--|
| 4/1/23  | <b>Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper</b> 5:30 Church Hall                            |
| 4/1/23  | <b>Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale</b> 9 am - 12 noon                                 |
| 4/4/23  | Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm                                   |
| 4/5/23  | Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm                                   |
| 4/11/23 | Denning Town Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall                               |
| 4/12/23 | Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm   |
| 4/16/23 | Claryville Fire Department <b>All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast</b> 8 am - 12 noon |
| 4/18/23 | Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm                                     |
| 4/20/23 | Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall                      |
| 4/20/23 | Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm                                |

**Save the Date!**

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

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

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

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

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

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week of March 27 - March 31, 2023

**Monday, March 27**

- o **5:00 PM - Recycling Oversight Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, the public may also attend via teleconference at (845) 443-8880, Bridge Number: 123666
- o **7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, the public may also attend via teleconference at (845) 443-8880, Bridge Number: 123666

**Tuesday, March 28**

- o **3:00 PM - Audit Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Wednesday, March 29**

- o **9:00 AM - Soil & Water Conservation District Board**, at 5 Park Ln, Highland
- o **10:00 AM - American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Ethics**, Ulster County Human Services Complex, Building #2 - Veterans Agency Entrance, Purchasing Conference Room, 100 Development Court, Kingston

**Thursday, March 30**

- o **4:00 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Audit Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 9025 Sonoma Dr, Sacramento, CA, 16 Mercer St., NY, NY & Zoom, Meeting ID: 893 1313 2928
- o **4:15 PM** (or immediately following the UC EDA Audit Committee) - **Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 9025 Sonoma Dr, Sacramento, CA, 16 Mercer St., NY, NY & Zoom, Meeting ID: 893 1313 2928
- o **7:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee**, at the Saugerties Senior Center, 207 Market Street, Saugerties

**Friday, March 31**

- o No Meetings

### Help your local business grow Advertise locally in *The Townsman!*

Classified ads - \$5.00  
for the first 20 words/  
20 cents each additional word

1" Boxed ad (1"x3")-  
\$6.00 per week

Business card ad ( 2" x 3")  
- \$12.00 per week

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

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

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

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

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

Full Page - 8" x 10" -

\$100.00 per week

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

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

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

**Low Rates  
High Visibility!**

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## Grahamsville United Methodist Church

350 Main St. PO Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740

### Thrift Sale Schedule 2023

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

April – 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

Sept. – 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

Oct. – 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

June – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

Nov. – 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

July – 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

Dec. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Craft Fair

August – 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

**Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays, starting March 14, 2023, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment. Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.**

GrahamsvilleUMC.org – [GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com](mailto:GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com) – Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

## Mark Your Calendar for Catskills Events throughout the Year!

### Sunday, May 7, 2023

Join us for a day of baseball! **The Hudson Valley Renegades**, a minor league baseball team proudly affiliated with the New York Yankees will play against the Wilmington Blue Rocks at Dutchess Stadium.

Purchase tickets to the game while supporting the **Catskill Center**. These tickets will grant you access to the Upper Box seating area above the home plate.

### Friday, June 9, 2023

An opportunity for Catskills visitors, residents, and newcomers alike to come together for a fun-filled evening of storytelling, food, and a bonfire at the **Catskills Visitor Center**.

### Saturday, June 10, 2023

The best the Catskills have to offer in outdoor recreation - this one-day Expo will be filled with dozens of exhibitors from the outdoor tourism industry and nonprofits in the Catskills. There will be activities for all ages, food, presentations, raffle prizes, and the **Catskills Great Outdoor Gear Sale**. Vendors, reserve your table now!

### Saturday, July 29, 2023

**The Running Kind** will raise money for the **Catskill Center** during this Climb It For Climate event at Belleayre.

Use code **CATSKILLCENTER** at registration for a 5% discount.

### August 1 - August 31, 2023

This month-long event is meant for everyone! From complete beginners to expert-level hikers, all are welcome to register. Choose your own hiking goal based on your experience and availability, and your own fundraising goal for the **Catskill Center**. The **Catskill Center** will host a variety of events throughout the month all over the Catskills region.

### Saturday, October 7, 2023

Save the date for our annual autumnal evening of Catskills revelry

### SUPPORT THE CATSKILL CENTER

The **Catskill Center** is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization (EIN: 23-7058142). Your contribution and membership dues are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

A copy of our most recently filed financial report is available from the Charities Registry on the New York State Attorney General's website ([www.charitiesnys.com](http://www.charitiesnys.com)) or, upon request, by contacting the New York State Attorney General, Charities Bureau, 28 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10005, or us at **Catskill Center**, PO Box 504, Arkville, NY 12406. You also may obtain information on charitable organizations from the New York State Office of the Attorney General at [www.charitiesnys.com](http://www.charitiesnys.com) or (212) 416-8401.

## Opening Day 2023!

Some traditions are built to last. 365 trout fishing in New York doesn't stop us from celebrating opening day in the Catskills. First cast at Junction Pool, the confluence of the Willowemoc and Beaverkill Rivers, has been a tradition since the 1940's. Start in Roscoe then join us for a day of food and celebration at the **Catskill Fly Fishing Museum**. Fish tales are free and bountiful. So are the coffee and soup.

### Saturday, April 1st - Celebrate at the Center

Join us and the entire community for the official start of the 2023 trout season. Events & activities throughout the area all weekend with a special Saturday at the Center, 10am - 4pm... Warm up with:

Soup A La Agnes - Our beloved Agnes Van Put will prepare soup for the masses

Free coffee from Dry Fly Coffee Roasters

Guest Fly Tyer in the **Catskill Fly Fishing Museum**: John Apgar

"Beamoc" the Two-Headed Trout coloring sheet for kids

Free Museum admission for 2023 members (join or renew today!) Go to: [https://cffcm.com/membership-descriptions?ss\\_source=sscampaigns&ss\\_campaign\\_id=64185778bf87dc102e2f90c6&ss\\_email\\_id=641d8e86eeacd97779fd3f09&ss\\_campaign\\_name=eNEWS+from+CFFCM%3A+Opening+Day%2C+F3T+%26+2023+Membership&ss\\_campaign\\_sent\\_date=2023-03-24T11%3A52%3A03Z](https://cffcm.com/membership-descriptions?ss_source=sscampaigns&ss_campaign_id=64185778bf87dc102e2f90c6&ss_email_id=641d8e86eeacd97779fd3f09&ss_campaign_name=eNEWS+from+CFFCM%3A+Opening+Day%2C+F3T+%26+2023+Membership&ss_campaign_sent_date=2023-03-24T11%3A52%3A03Z)

## Time for Spring Cleaning, Sullivan County! Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck Returns April 1 through October 31

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's Annual Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck launches April 1 and runs all the way through October 31, 2023. By resolution of the County Legislature, the disposal fee is waived during that time for roadside & public trail litter brought to County-operated transfer stations.

This popular annual event is coordinated by the County's Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department and the Division of Public Works.

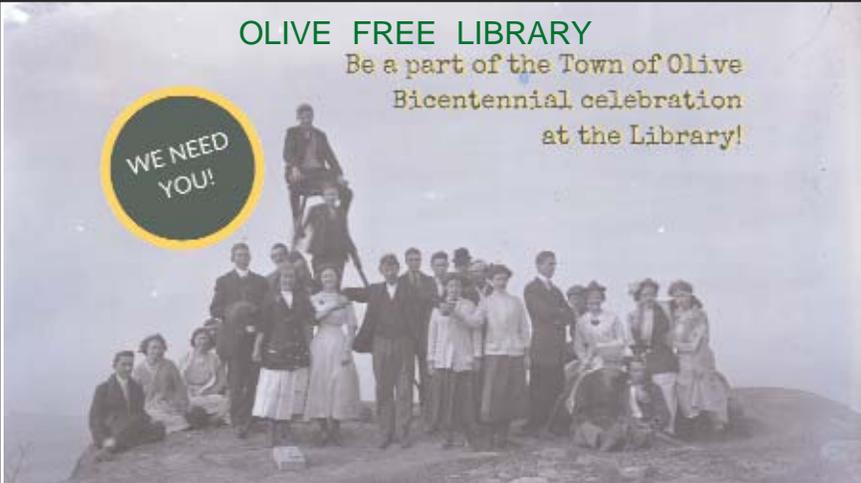
"This is a great way to 'clean ourselves up' as we start a new tourism season," Legislator Chairman Robert A. Doherty notes. "One of the first impressions we make on visitors is the state of our roads. Frankly, we all feel better when our roads look better, and this is an opportunity to work on a project we all agree about."

Residents who wish to participate in the Litter Pluck may pick up their free disposal coupons, along with program guidelines, at their town or village hall, any County-operated transfer station, or the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department in the Government Center. Participants will be asked to register at the County-operated transfer station at the time of disposal.

For more information about the Litter Pluck, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beautification at 845-807-0287 or email [scparcs@sullivanny.us](mailto:scparcs@sullivanny.us).

**OLIVE FREE LIBRARY**

Be a part of the Town of Olive  
Bicentennial celebration  
at the Library!



**COMING SUMMER 2023:  
TOWN OF OLIVE  
BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT!**

Help us create a complete  
history of the Town of Olive

Contact Melissa at  
[museum@olivefreelibrary.org](mailto:museum@olivefreelibrary.org)  
about the items you have available  
to loan for this exhibit

**Items are due by May 1**

Items will be returned to owners unless gifted to the library.

cover photo from the digital archives of Olive Free Library: [heritage.org-organizations/olive-free-library](http://heritage.org-organizations/olive-free-library)

**We are looking for:**

- pictures
- small memorabilia
- letters
- manuscripts
- interviews/voice recordings
- video recordings of town events
- brochures
- flyers
- mementos
- old school books
- books about people who lived in Olive

## Sullivan County Pk-12 Art Show Debuts at Bethel Woods

*Bethel:* The Sullivan County PK-12 Art Show will present the work of students from the County's eight school districts and Sullivan BOCES at the Event's Gallery at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts from April 14 to April 16.

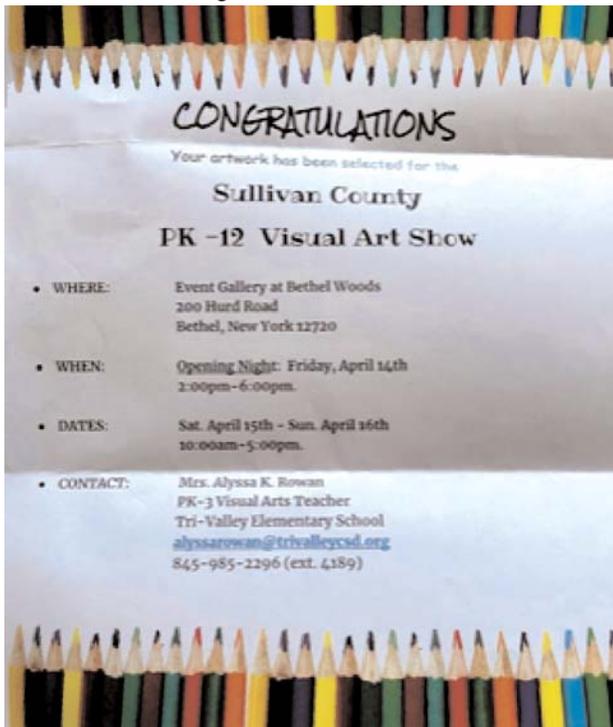
On Friday, April 14, 2023, the show will hold a Public Opening and Reception from 2:00 - 6:00 pm. If you are unable to attend the public opening, the Art Show will also be on display on April 15 & 16 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

During the show, you can view student artwork from the ten media categories of Ceramics & Glass, Digital Art, Design, Black & White Drawing, Color Drawing, Mixed Media, Painting, Black & White Photography, Color Photography, Film & Animation, and Sculpture.

The Sullivan County PK-12 Art Show is one of the many programs offered through the Arts In Education Program at Sullivan BOCES. Dedicated to raising visual and aesthetic literacy standards and levels while strengthening and supporting learning in all curriculum areas, the Arts In Education Program supports the Arts and arts-integrated learning experiences for K-12 students and teachers.

For more information about the Arts In Education Program at Sullivan BOCES, visit [sbooces.org](http://sbooces.org).

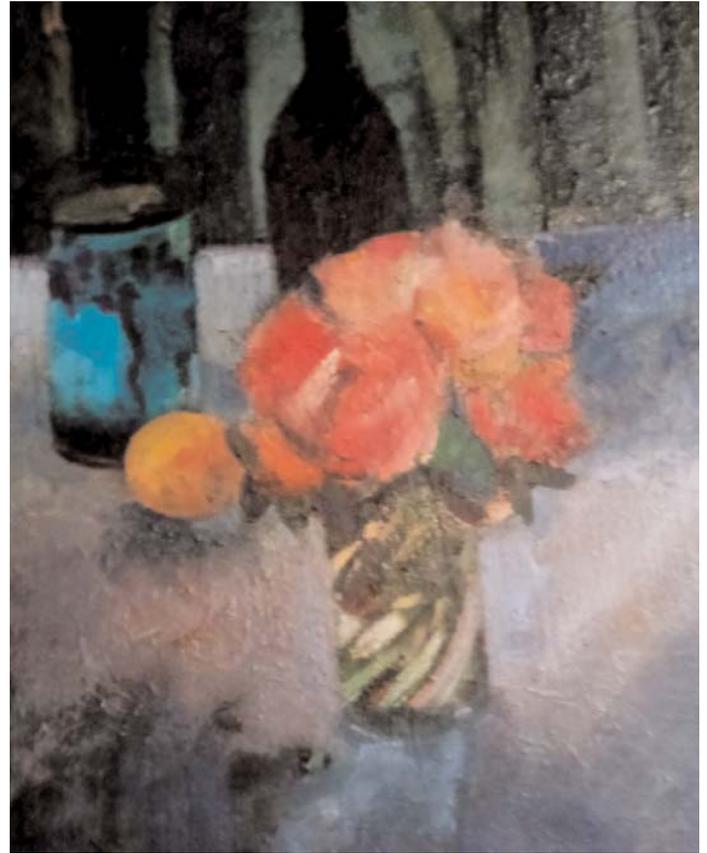
## Congratulations to Tri-Valley Second Grade Student Jayce Walter



Jayce has received a note of 'Congragulations' for his art piece that was chosen to be on display at the Sullivan County PK-12 Art Show at Bethel Woods!

Congratulations Jayce and all the other students whose artwork will be part of the Sullivan County Pk-12 Art Show!

## Helena Pittman at Domesticities April 1st No Foolin'



*Roses in a Striped Vase" 12" x 15"*

Youngsville, NY- March 22, 2023 -Helena Pittman returns to Domesticities for the first time in ten years with a selection of recent paintings.

The opening reception will be Saturday, April 1st at 3 pm at Domesticities, 4055 State Route 52, Youngsville. The show will stay up through the month of April.

When speaking of her work, Helena said "I knew at fourteen I'd have to give my life to painting. I don't remember how I got to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, I most likely traveled by subway with my friend Audrey. We both majored in Art in High School, drawing and painting every day, five days in school and all weekend. Audrey's father was the movie poster illustrator, Moore Kosnet. I stood in the room of Impressionist Painters at the Met, blinded by the color and light those painting threw, and declared, "These are my people." It felt like coming home.

My mother had opened an aluminum folding table in my room and closed the door. There my temperas were lined up. I had begun drawing as a child, just never stopped.

I think of myself as a picture plane painter, working with the four-sided shape of the canvas or board. That shape is my window-the world to get working-until it seems to exist apart from me; color interactions, shapes, darks against lights-pictorial elements that have meaning only there in that image. I know when the painting is finished. I've climbed the steep mountain. It's a moment of awe."

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Opioid use disorder (OUD) has had a devastating impact in Sullivan County when you look at the number of lives we've lost, families broken apart, and the financial burden placed on medical, law enforcement, and social services. We lead the State in opioid overdose fatalities.

Some gains have been made in reducing stigma around medical disorders. For instance, public education and widespread use of effective medications have demystified depression, making it somewhat less taboo than it was in past generations. However, little progress has been made in removing the stigma around OUD. People continue to be blamed for their disorder. The public, and even many professionals in the healthcare and criminal justice systems, continue to view addiction as a result of moral weakness and flawed character. This keeps people with OUD from getting the best possible care and leads to overdose deaths.

If we want to see these folks back in jobs and school, caring for families, and contributing to society, we have to make sure that medications for opioid use disorder—such as naltrexone, methadone, and buprenorphine—are available in our community. Providers who are trained and willing to prescribe medications for opioid use disorder and knowledgeable pharmacists who stock these medications are crucial to our community's ability to help reduce overdose deaths.

We need to be a community that encourages people with opioid use disorder to seek out medical help, where employers will hire people engaged in recovery programs, and where non-violent offenders, when appropriate, are referred to recovery programs.

We need to be a community that respects the courage it takes to live with and overcome opioid use disorder. We need to understand that use of medications for opioid use disorder is not “swapping one drug addiction for another...” It is a way to treat a brain that has been rewired by excessive exposure to opioids. These medications have been scientifically shown to be the most reliable and effective way to manage the disease.

We need to understand that the severity and persistence of opioid use disorder varies, and sometimes these medications must be continued, even indefinitely. We need to encourage persons

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with opioid use disorder to seek treatment and stay in treatment as long as needed.

Alleviating stigma is not easy. Change needs to come from all angles, which involves the hearts and minds of people with OUD, their loved ones, policymakers, and healthcare providers. There must be wider recognition that OUD is a chronic disease, and that there are FDA-approved medications that can help people with OUD manage their disease and achieve long-term recovery.

But even if you're not one of those mentioned above, everyone can make a difference by creating a stigma-free environment for people with OUD in your family, community, workplace, or health care setting. Learn more at [www.HealTogetherNY.org/Sullivan](http://www.HealTogetherNY.org/Sullivan).

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# DEC Announces Start of 15th Annual Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings Project

## Volunteers Prepare to Document and Assist Salamanders and Frogs during Annual Breeding Migrations in Hudson Valley

Throughout the Hudson Valley, community volunteers are getting out their flashlights, reflective safety vests, and raingear in anticipation of annual amphibian breeding migrations, which typically begin in March, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced today. Volunteers will document the migration and help salamanders and frogs as part of DEC's annual Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings Project.

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

The Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings (AM&RC) Project was initiated by DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program and Cornell University to raise awareness about critical amphibian habitat, engage volunteers to help collect data on the annual migration, and reduce amphibian road mortality. More than 1,000 volunteers have participated in the effort since 2009, helping to move an estimated 32,565 salamanders, frogs, and toads safely across roads.

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

The timing of migration is weather-dependent with concentrated activity on the first rainy nights of late winter and early spring, after the ground has thawed and night air temperatures remain above 40 degrees Fahrenheit. The timing of migration varies throughout the Hudson River estuary watershed, but when weather conditions are just right, there can be explosive "big night" migrations with

hundreds of amphibians on the move. On their journeys between forest habitat and breeding pools, these amphibians often need to cross roads, where mortality can be high even when traffic is low.

Project volunteers document road locations where they observe migrations in the Hudson Valley, record weather and traffic conditions, and identify and count the amphibians on the move. Volunteers also carefully help the amphibians to safely cross roads. Since the project started, volunteers have documented 20 species and counted 39,300 live amphibians, as well as nearly 16,600 migrating amphibians killed by passing vehicles. Species reported most frequently during migration nights include spotted salamander, wood frog, and spring peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*). To a lesser degree, volunteers have also observed Jefferson-blue spotted salamander complex and four-toed salamander (*Hemidactylium scutatum*), species of conservation concern in New York. For more information go to: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7179.html>

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

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

For more information, including a short video about amphibian migrations, visit DEC's website. DEC held in-person and virtual trainings for volunteers in February with 270 participants. New Yorkers interested in volunteering to participate in this annual event are encouraged to watch a series of training videos on YouTube and read the Volunteer Handbook (PDF). In addition, potential volunteers can access a recording of the training and use materials available on the project website to learn more. Anyone interested in receiving project updates and news about the migration can subscribe to the project e-newsletter through DEC Delivers.

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

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

## DEC Announces 16th Annual Juvenile Eel Monitoring Project

*Area Volunteers, Teachers, and Students Join DEC to Count Hudson River Eels*

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that all along the Hudson River estuary, volunteers including teachers, students, and residents are donning waders and venturing into tributary streams to participate in ongoing research on migrating juvenile American eels (*Anguilla rostrata*).

"New York is home to significant habitat that is critical to the life-cycle of many migratory fish species," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "The Hudson River Eel Project connects students and local residents with nature gathering data that can be valuable for the future study of this species and its role in the Hudson Valley ecosystem."

Now in its 16th year, the project was initiated by DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program and Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve to gather data to inform multi-state management plans for eel conservation. Eel collection takes place at most sites daily from mid-March through mid-May. Since the project began, volunteers have caught, counted, and released more than one million juvenile eels into upstream habitat.

This spring, students, local volunteers, DEC staff, and partner organizations will monitor glass eels at 11 sites on the Hudson River from New York Harbor to the Capital Region.

American eels have one of the most unusual life cycles of any fish. The eels are hatched in the Sargasso Sea in the Atlantic Ocean, and every spring arrive in estuaries like the Hudson River as translucent, two-inch long "glass eels." DEC and volunteers check 10-foot, cone-shaped nets (fyke nets) specifically designed to catch these small eels during this life stage. Volunteer and student researchers then count and release the glass eels back into the water and record environmental data on temperature and tides. Most of the eels are released above dams, waterfalls, and other barriers so that the eels have better access to habitat. Eels will live in freshwater rivers and streams and for up to 30 years before returning to the sea to spawn.

Coastal states from Florida to Maine monitor the young-of-the-year migrations of American eels, using the protocols of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Hudson River Eel Project participants are trained in these field collection protocols to ensure useful data is collected.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the eel project should email [eelproject@dec.ny.gov](mailto:eelproject@dec.ny.gov), and include area of interest to find a nearby site. For more information on the project, visit DEC's website, or watch the eel project video on DEC's YouTube channel.

## 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.

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outside responsibly and get home safely," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "Each day, these highly trained first responders are protecting irreplaceable natural resources and utilizing their expert knowledge of wildland fire suppression, wilderness first aid, land navigation, law enforcement, and technical rescue techniques to successfully execute critical missions, for DEC and our countless local, state, and national partners."

### Town of Marbletown Ulster County –Wilderness Recovery:

On March 14 at 11:30 p.m., New York State Police (NYSP) located the vehicle of a missing 45-year-old from Brooklyn in the Spring Farm parking lot of Mohonk Preserve. Over the next



three days, 10 Forest Rangers joined NYSP, Mohonk Preserve Patrol Rangers, Sam's Point Search and Rescue, and Marbletown Rescue in the search.

The subject left his home on March 11,

and did not report to work the following Monday or Tuesday. His daughter was the last person to hear from him by phone before he began a solo hike in the Bonticou Crag area. The search effort was made more difficult by the steep, rocky, technical terrain, and the recent snowstorm. On March 17 at 10:15 a.m., searchers located the hiker's backpack and cell phone at the base of a 50-foot cliff. At 4:32 p.m., searchers found the subject deceased, approximately 400 feet away from the presumed fall site. The body was turned over to the Ulster County Medical Examiner's Office. Resources were clear at 7:15 p.m.

## Governor Hochul Details Statewide Crime Data, Highlights Need for Public Safety Investments and Reforms in FY 2024 Budget

- *Budget Proposal Dedicates \$491.9 Million to Address Gun Violence, Reduce Recidivism, and Support Criminal Justice System in Pandemic Recovery*
- *Shooting Incidents with Injury Declined 17 Percent in New York City and 15 Percent in the 20 Communities Reporting Gun Violence Data to the State in 2022 Compared to 2021*
  - *Murders Declined 11 Percent Statewide, Reported Crime Increased*
  - *Common-Sense Bail Proposal to Eliminate Confusion in Conflicting Laws and Hold Repeat Offenders and Violent Criminals Accountable*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced new statewide crime data and highlighted the need for public safety investments and reforms included in her Fiscal Year 2024 budget. During a speech at the Capitol, the Governor outlined her \$491.9 million investment in proven strategies to address and prevent gun crime and violence, reduce recidivism, and help the criminal justice system continue to rebound from pandemic-era disruptions. Shooting incidents with injury declined 17 percent in New York City and 15 percent in the 20 communities that report gun violence data to the state when comparing last year to 2021, and those incidents continued to decline in early 2023. The number of reported murders declined 11 percent statewide in last year, with 94 fewer individuals killed, and while overall index crime increased 21 percent, those numbers are nowhere near those seen in three decades ago. Governor Hochul also made the case for her common-sense proposal to remove the "least restrictive" standard the state's bail law, which is key to restoring judicial discretion and holding accountable those who continually reoffend and commit violent crimes.

"New Yorkers deserve a criminal justice system that prioritizes both safety and justice," Governor Hochul said. "Protecting New Yorkers is my number one priority, which is why my budget proposal includes record-level investments and proven strategies to ensure my administration can do just that. We are working overtime to fight crime across our state and are moving in the right direction but won't stop until every New Yorker can live in safety."

Governor Hochul highlighted her comprehensive criminal justice platform, additional crime trends that show progress achieved to date and improvements that still need to occur to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of the system. Shooting incidents with injury continue to decline this year, with 55

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fewer people (-34 percent) shot in the 20 communities that report gun violence data to the state and participate in the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative and 44 fewer individuals (-21 percent) wounded by gunfire in New York City, as of March 12, 2023. Overall index crime increased 21 percent: violent crime (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault), 10 percent, and property crime (burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft), 24 percent, during the same timeframe.

Key criminal justice system metrics have not rebounded to pre-pandemic levels in 2019, when New York State experienced an all-time low in reported crime after seven consecutive years of declines. Misdemeanor and felony arrests increased in 2022 but are still tracking lower than numbers reported by police agencies from 2017 through 2019. At the same time, the state's courts resolved fewer cases last year: 118,378 dispositions reported when compared to dispositions that occurred annually from 2017 through 2019.

New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Commissioner Rossana Rosado said, "Equity and fairness are two pillars of the criminal justice system that are vital to ensure it is working effectively for all New Yorkers. Everyone who calls New York home should be able to rest assured that the system is continually improving to keep us safe. I am thankful for Governor Hochul's support and partnership in our commitment to true justice and safety for all."

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## Governor Hochul Details Statewide Crime Data, Highlights Need for Public Safety Investments and Reforms in FY 2024 Budget

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Governor Hochul's budget proposal doubles down on programs that have proven successful, investing \$337 million: \$110 million increase from FY 2023 budget, which contained the largest investment in public safety funding in a generation. The FY 2024 proposal includes:

- o \$84.1 million for youth employment programs, of which \$37 million is for programs in Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) jurisdictions.
  - o \$70 million for communities to respond to the aftermath of gun violence, of which \$50 million is for community capital needs.
  - o \$36.4 million for the Gun Involved Elimination (GIVE) initiative.
  - o \$31.1 million for crime reduction, youth justice, and gang prevention programs.
  - o \$25.9 million for State Police Community Stabilization Units (CSUs), increasing the number of these units from 16 to 25.
  - o \$25 million for the SNUG Street Outreach program.
  - o \$18 million for the state-supported Crime Analysis Center network, including the establishment of a new center in New York City, bringing the number of centers statewide to 11.
- The Executive Budget proposal also includes significant funding to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal justice system:
- o \$52 million in aid to prosecution funding for all 62 district attorneys' offices.
  - o \$40 million to funding to support discovery reform implementation.
  - o \$31.4 million for alternatives to incarceration programs.
  - o \$20 million for pretrial services.
  - o \$11.5 million for 20 County Re-entry Task Forces, which help individuals reintegrate to their communities after serving prison sentences.

Taken together, these investments fund a comprehensive plan that address all facets of the system. Governor Hochul also reiterated the need for her common-sense bail proposal to eliminate any confusion in the law. It would build upon other revisions made to the law since it took effect on January 1, 2020, which also focused on making sure that judges have discretion to set bail for those accused of serious crimes and repeat offenses.

On one hand, the law limits judges to making pretrial determinations based solely on the "least restrictive means" necessary to ensure a defendant's return to court. On the other hand, the law also directs judges to consider a range of other factors when setting bail. This results in finger-pointing and confusion when defendants commit additional crimes of violence. Governor Hochul's proposal restores a judge's discretion to consider factors already included in the law and make the appropriate individualized determination.

Since taking office, Governor Hochul has taken actions to strengthen New York State's gun violence prevention laws by banning ghost guns, large capacity magazines and body armor; expanding bail eligibility for gun crimes; raising the age to purchase semi-automatic weapons to 21; and launching the first-in-the-nation Interstate Task Force on Illegal Guns, which met again in mid-March, among other initiatives.

## Governor Nominates Trained Pediatrician with Decades of Public Health Experience in New York, Rhode Island and the Navajo Nation *Dr. McDonald Currently Serves As Acting Commissioner of Health*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the nomination of Dr. James V. McDonald M.D., M.P.H. to serve as Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health. Dr. McDonald is an experienced public health professional who has served as New York's Acting Commissioner of Health since January 1.

"In the midst of unprecedented public health crises, the New York State Department of Health has done extraordinary work keeping New Yorkers safe and healthy," Governor Hochul said. "Dr. James V. McDonald is a talented public health leader with the skills and experience necessary to lead our Department of Health. I am proud to nominate him to this critical role, and I look forward to working closely with him to protect the health of all New Yorkers."

"Serving as Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health is the honor of a lifetime," Dr. James V. McDonald said. "I am deeply grateful to Governor Hochul for her confidence in me, and I look forward to working closely with my Department of Health colleagues to continue to deliver for New Yorkers."

Dr. James V. McDonald is a native New Yorker who is originally from Cohoes and received his bachelor's degree from Siena College. He joined the New York State Department of Health in July of 2022, serving as medical director of the Department's Office of Public Health. He later was appointed Interim Director of the Center for Community Health and began serving as Acting Commissioner of Health on January 1 of this year.

Before returning to New York, Dr. McDonald spent a decade at the Rhode Island Department of Health where he served in multiple roles including Interim Director of Health, Chief Administrative Officer of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, Medical Director for the COVID unit, as well as the Medical Director for Center for Customer Services and the Drug Overdose prevention program. He was also a member of the Governor's task force on Preventing Overdose deaths. Dr. McDonald has faculty appointments at the Brown School of Public Health as well as the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Dr. McDonald earned his M.D. from Loyola Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago, his pediatric residency in the U.S. Navy, and his preventive medicine residency from the State University of New York. He earned his MPH from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and earned his B.S. in Biology from Siena College. Dr. McDonald is board certified in pediatrics as well as preventive medicine.

His diverse career includes officership in the U.S. Navy, as well as private practice in rural areas where health care shortages existed. Dr. McDonald also served in the Indian Health Service in the Navajo Nation, serving as Medical Director of Outpatient Medicine in Chinle, Arizona.

# Following Spike in Maternal Mortality Gillibrand Raises Awareness of Her Maternal Mental Health Hotline and Calls for Full Implementation

*Maternal Mental Health Conditions Are The Leading Cause Of Maternal Mortality Mental Health Is The Third-Leading Cause Of Pregnancy-Related Deaths In New York Women Who Need Help Can Call or Text 1-833-943-5746 (1-833-9-HELP4MOMS)*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Following the release of a CDC report that showed a sharp increase in maternal mortality in 2021, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a video press conference to raise awareness of her National Maternal Mental Health Hotline and call for its full implementation. The hotline provides free, 24/7 support to women and their families during and after pregnancy Gillibrand is pushing to expand public awareness of the hotline so that it can reach more women in need.

"Pregnancy and the postpartum period can be exceptionally challenging, but help is available for moms who are struggling or just need support," said Senator Gillibrand. "I worked to establish the National Maternal Mental Health Hotline so that women experiencing a maternal mental health condition have somewhere to turn for free, confidential care any time of day or night. I urge anyone who needs help to take advantage of this resource, and I will continue to work to improve maternal care and fight the maternal mortality crisis."

Recent reports by the CDC have shown disturbing increases in maternal mortality rates, particularly for women of color. Maternal deaths rose by 40% between 2020 and 2021, and the maternal death rate for Black women was more than twice the national average. The leading cause of these deaths was maternal mental health conditions, including substance use disorder, suicide, depression, and birth-related PTSD, but 75% of women with these conditions go untreated.

The National Maternal Mental Health Hotline provides free, confidential, 24/7 support to pregnant and postpartum women facing mental health challenges. Counselors are available by text and phone in English and Spanish and have access to interpreter services that can support 60 other languages. They are licensed or certified and are trained to provide culturally appropriate and trauma-informed support. Counselors are also able to provide referrals to local medical providers. To date, the hotline has helped more than 10,000 women with an average response time of under 1 minute.

The hotline can be reached at 1-833-943-5746 (1-833-9-HELP4MOMS). More information is available here. <https://mchb.hrsa.gov/national-maternal-mental-health-hotline/faq>

Gillibrand is a longstanding champion for better maternal health care. She fought to include her Into the Light for Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Act, which established and funds the National Maternal Mental

Health Hotline, in the FY2023 appropriations bill. She supports the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act, which includes her Moms Matter Act to invest in community-based programs that provide mental and behavioral health treatments and to provide funding to diversify the maternal mental health and substance use disorder workforce. She leads the Modernizing Obstetric Medicine Standards (MOMS) Act, which would develop standardized maternal safety best practices to prevent maternal mortality and morbidity and provide hospitals with the resources to help prevent maternal death and complications before, during, and after childbirth. Gillibrand also secured \$17 million in maternal health care funding in the bipartisan FY2021 appropriations package and an additional \$42 million in the FY2023 funding package.

Gillibrand has also taken action to address Black maternal mortality and eliminate racial bias in maternal care by advocating for federal funding for evidence-based training programs to reduce implicit bias in maternal health care delivery.

The full text of Senator Gillibrand's letter to the Health Resources and Services Administration is available here. <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/23.03.23-Final-Letter-to-HRSA-Administrator-on-Maternal-Health-and-Hotline.pdf>

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

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# The Daniel Pierce Library

## Spring Children's Programs 2023

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

The following children's programs are open to caregivers and their children ages 12 months to five years who are residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District. The spring eight-week long session begins the week of April 10, 2023. These programs are free and are made possible through the generosity of our community. Registration is required.

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

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

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

**Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour**

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

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# Governor Hochul Initiative to Improve Food Benefit Access for Women, Infants and Children

- *Feedback Collected Through Live Online Chat Function, Interviews and Surveys Will Be Used to Improve New Yorkers' Experience with the WIC Program*
- *Governor Delivers on State of the State Initiative to Make Customer Experience and Benefits Participation a State Priority; Improve Delivery of WIC Benefits*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a new client feedback initiative that will improve understanding of the challenges New Yorkers face enrolling in the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, also known as WIC. Announced as part of Governor Hochul's 2023 State of the State address, the New York State Department of Health will partner with Code for America to pilot a live, online chat program that will help the agency gather client feedback to improve the WIC program and enrollment statewide.

"Despite being a critical resource for struggling families, the WIC program isn't used by nearly as many New Yorkers who are eligible for these food benefits or by many families who are already enrolled in the program," Governor Hochul said. "This initiative will help us identify ways to eliminate bureaucratic hurdles, simplify the enrollment processes and implement new technology so that struggling families have better access to healthy, nutritious foods."

Initially, Code for America will help implement a live online chat function to replace the Department of Health's automated chat bot that appears on the agency's WIC page, which will connect individuals to a WIC staffer for live interaction. Live interaction is an effective way to guide applicants through the process and enrollees with using their benefits, while also providing an invaluable source of feedback that can be coupled with client interviews and other qualitative and quantitative research methods to better understand challenges with WIC enrollment and usage.

During a second phase of the project, the Department of Health will work with Code for America to implement improvements to the WIC program based on the gathered feedback. The partnership will enable the agency to determine what is preventing eligible families from participating and taking full advantage of the program and then use that information to improve the delivery of WIC services.

Acting Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "By gathering input from families participating in the WIC program, we can enhance the customer experience and make it easier for New York families to access the nutritious foods required for healthy growth and development of children. By collaborating with Code for America to test live chat and other techniques for gathering input, we can seek ways to help increase participation and make the program more user-friendly for those who depend on WIC."

The WIC program provides federal funding to states for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women; and to infants and children up to age 5 who are found to be at nutritional risk. The Department of Health was

among four agencies selected to participate in the second cohort of Code for America's Safety Net Innovation Lab, which is aimed at making state-administered public benefits programs more equitable and accessible.

Nationally, about half of the families eligible for WIC participate in the program and those enrolled in the program do not consistently use their food benefits. Data compiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service this year found that roughly 706,000 New Yorkers were eligible for WIC in 2020, but only 363,000 participated in the program. For more information go to: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/eligibility-and-program-reach-estimates-2020>

Food insecurity has been consistently associated with poor health outcomes in children, including poorer overall health status, acute and chronic health problems, and limited healthcare access. Participation in WIC has been associated with healthier births, improved birth weights, reduced risk of infant mortality, better infant-feeding practices, more nutritious diets, better access to primary and preventive health care, and improved cognitive development in children, among other positive health outcomes.

The initiative with Code for America is part of Governor Hochul's plans to make government work better for New Yorkers by transforming the way they access services and benefits. Significant technological enhancements are now being implemented to reduce bureaucratic hurdles and improve access; reduce call wait times; use e-signature technology; launch 'one ID' to improve how residents interact with certain state agencies online; and modernize state agency websites and applications to improve the user experience.

Code for America Chief Executive Officer Amanda Renteria said, "Code for America works shoulder-to-shoulder with government partners and community organizations with the goal of creating a human-centered safety net. Through the Safety Net Innovation Lab, state governments are taking major steps toward systemic change in how people receive benefits like food assistance, health care and other basic needs."

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## RESOURCE DAY

The Town of Fallsburg in partnership with Action Toward Independence (ATI). Presents day where you can learn about free income based resources.

ATI and other agencies will be providing on-site application assistance for primary heating improvement, heating replacement, home winter weatherization, replacement of windows, food storage appliances repair/replacement (refrigerators or freezer) and home efficiency related repairs for owners and renters of the Town of Fallsburg community.

Veterans are strongly encouraged to attend!

Sunday  
April

# 30TH

From 11am -4pm

At the  
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— Erin Brawley, 2022 Town of Thompson Intern

If you're a Sullivan County resident ages 16-20, you're eligible to be a Sullivan 180 intern! Pay starts at \$14.20 per hour.

To apply to become a Sullivan 180 intern, contact Anne-Louise Scandariato at 845.295.2405 or Anne-Louise@Sullivan180.org.



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## Wurtsboro SPRING FLING

Saturday April 29  
12 noon - 3 pm

- Free Paint-a-Pot All Ages 12-3 pm sponsored by Orange & Rockland Veterans Park
- Live FREE Bird Show 1 pm sponsored by Basha Kill Area Association by Fellowship Hall
- Flower & Plant Sale Veterans Park
- Free Cookie Decorating with Gigi Java & Cookies by Chik's Sweetsery
- BUY a DUCK! DUCK RACE August 10

- Treasure Hunt along Sullivan St. Get your Treasure Map at Veterans Park
- Free Face Painting by Unfold Arts and Finessed by Jess
- Wurtsboro Art Alliance OPEN
- Food Available from The Lions Club
- Girl Scouts selling cookies
- Obstacle Course & Bake Sale Wurtsboro Fire Department Auxiliaries
- SmokeHouse Demonstration Wurtsboro Fire Company
- Mamakating First Aid Squad present for Recruitment

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Mamakating Library & the Orange County Audubon Society Present:

## BIRDING on the trails

Join us for a birding walk on our local Canal Tow Path Trails.

The event is co-hosted by the Orange County Audubon Society and will be led by Dr. Walter Jahn.

The group will meet at the library before proceeding to the trail. Registration is required. Register at [mamakatinglibrary.org](http://mamakatinglibrary.org) or by calling 845-888-8004

**Details:**  
When: Saturday April 1st at 1:00pm  
Where: Mamakating Library & Tow Path Trail  
Why: Because science is cool and fresh air is good for you.

Bring a pair of binoculars if you have them

Visit [orangecountyaudubonsociety.org](http://orangecountyaudubonsociety.org)

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## UC Tourism, Office for Film, and Ulster County Economic Development Launch Special Event Sponsorship Fund

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Tourism, Office for Film, and Ulster County Economic Development have announced the Ulster County Special Event Sponsorship Fund, a new program to support events that bring tourists to Ulster County. Organizations and entities holding an event are eligible to apply for up to \$3,000 in funding in one calendar year. Events held anywhere in Ulster County from May 2023 to December 31, 2023, are eligible. Funding for this program is courtesy of Ulster County Economic Development.

The application is competitive, and priority will be given to events, activities, shows, etc. focused on bringing visitors from outside of the County to Ulster County and events promoting diversity, unique cultural offerings, and/or improving accessibility. To apply for the use of County funds to help support an event, applicants must meet certain criteria. Below are details on eligibility and instructions for applicants:

- o Priority will be given to events, activities, and shows focused on bringing visitors residing outside of the County to Ulster County, as well as events promoting diversity, unique cultural offerings, and/or improving accessibility.
- o Applicants must submit a marketing budget showing the outlets where the event, activity, or program will be marketed.
- o This is a competitive program. Not all requests will be funded. Maximum funding for any application in one calendar year shall be \$3,000.
- o The Fund does not support or underwrite general marketing programs or expenses for tourism businesses, nor will it pay for talent.
- o The Fund will not reimburse for events held prior to Fund deadline submission.

Applications are open now and will be accepted until the close of business (5 PM) on Friday, April 14, 2023. The application can be found at [tinyurl.com/UCEventFund](http://tinyurl.com/UCEventFund).

The size, scope, and audience for your event will determine the support available from the Fund. Evaluation of requests will be done by Ulster County Tourism and Ulster County Economic Development staff. For questions about this process, please contact Kristin Shufeldt at 945-340-3566.

Ulster County Tourism helps community organizations, not-for-profits, and businesses engaged in attracting visitors to Ulster County amplify and market their special events, activities, shows, fairs, and festivals. Below is a list of free County services, including marketing and promotional support that Ulster County Tourism provides regardless of financial sponsorship:

- o Inclusion in monthly calendar of events, Trending (sent via email to 3,000 subscribers and every lodging accom-

modation in Ulster County)

- o Feature as a Top 10 Event in Trending
- o Submission to Hudson Valley Magazine as a monthly Top 10 Event
- o Submission to Hudson Valley Tourism for inclusion on the website, social media, and web blogs
- o Inclusion in the quarterly Ulster County Tourism e-newsletter with more than 5,000 subscribers
- o Distribution of promotional fliers and brochures via department staff at Travel and Trade shows, special events, and in information kiosks at the County Office Building
- o Mention in the 2022 award-winning Ulster County Travel Guide
- o Inclusion in the online calendar of events <http://www.VisitUlsterCountyNY.com>
- o Inclusion in our "What's New" yearly round-up distributed to travel press and media
- o Submission to "I Love NY", the tourism branch of the New York Department of Economic Development, for their calendar, blogs, and promotional materials
- o Feature on the Ulster County Tourism website
- o Instagram/Facebook takeovers of the Tourism accounts and/or use of Reels/Stories
- o Inclusion in press trips with travel writers
- o Access to visitation and market analysis research and data
- o Access to tourism economics and labor market information
- o Educational webinars
- o Monetary sponsorship (must meet criteria and annual application deadline)





**Mental Health FIRST AID**  
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### YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

**LEARN HOW TO SUPPORT THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE**

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adolescents ages 12-18. You'll build skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to young people who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support.

**AFTER THE COURSE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO:**

- Recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges, including anxiety, depression, eating disorders and attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD).
- Recognize common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- Understand how to interact with a young person in crisis.
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To ensure CTLE's also register at [bit.ly/CTLESullivan](http://bit.ly/CTLESullivan).

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- R**eive reassurance and information.
- E**ncourage appropriate professional help.
- E**ncourage self-help and other support strategies.



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

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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

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Monday - Friday  
4pm-10pm  
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and more!

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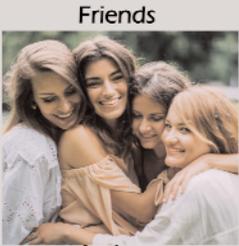
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**Agricultural Training Series for Municipal Officials and CEOs**  
**Part Two: Tools and Techniques to Help Your Zoning be Farm-friendly**

**Wednesday, April 26th, 2023**  
**5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center**

Stay tuned for more information about upcoming workshops:  
 Part 3: Agri-Tourism Zoning and Techniques for Municipalities

Come learn how to tackle the loss of farms and farmland through implementing farm-friendly land use and zoning tools. Topics covered will include zoning law barriers, conservation subdivision, density instead of lot size, Transfer and Purchase of Development Rights, agrivoltaic practices, and more. This workshop will be taught by Nan Stolzenburg, FAICP CEP, principal consultant with Community Planning & Environmental Associates who concentrates on planning for small and rural communities throughout eastern and central New York.

Planning and Zoning Board members are eligible for 2 NYS training credits (if approved by their municipality). Light refreshments will be provided.

**Registration is required in advance. Available spots limited!**  
[https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event\\_registration/main/events.cfm](https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events.cfm)

Co-sponsored by CCE, Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development and Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.

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## Wrapping up Another Week in Washington – Congressman Pat Ryan

As we wrap up another productive week, I wanted to give you an update on all that I've been doing on behalf of the Hudson Valley!

### MARCHING TO END GUN VIOLENCE

Five years ago, I joined students and families from across the Hudson Valley in the first March for our Lives to end gun violence.

Five years later, we should not have to still be marching, but we are. And we will keep marching until we see real change.

The weapons I carried in combat have no place on our streets or in our schools.

### ENDING THIS GENERATION'S FOREVER WAR

Monday marked twenty years since the U.S. initiated Operation Iraqi Freedom.

It was a somber occasion, as I thought about the sacrifices made by my thousands of fellow veterans who served in Iraq and who carried out their mission with dignity and honor.

With these heroes in mind, this week, I demanded a vote to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF.)

I saw the costs of this war firsthand. It's time to end the era of allowing Washington politicians who have never worn the uniform to write bad foreign policy that sends our sons and daughters into harm's way.

### ANNOUNCING THE ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

I could not be more excited to invite the high schoolers of NY-18 to submit their artwork to enter into the annual Congressional Art Competition.

The winning artwork will hang in our nation's Capitol and I look forward to seeing the masterpieces from New York and all 50 states.

Please drop off or mail your paintings, drawings, collages, prints, mixed media, computer-generated art, and photography by 4:00pm on Friday, April 21.

Click here for full details and submission instructions.  
<https://patryan.house.gov/services/art-competition>

### ENSURING CLEAN WATER FOR ALL

Wednesday marked World Water Day, and I was proud to join my colleagues in demanding increased funding for lead testing in schools.

Everyone in the Hudson Valley deserves access to clean water, air and soil, and I'll keep fighting to make that a reality.

That means bringing federal funds back here to strengthen the Hudson Valley's water infrastructure. The EPA and the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation are hosting a webinar on current funding opportunities to improve water systems on Thursday, March 30, at 12:00pm.

Register here. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-epa-nys-efc-water-infrastructure-webinar-for-municipalities-tickets-591725977327>

### SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL FARMERS

Tuesday, we celebrated our country's farmers and producers on National Agriculture Day. I want to thank the farmers of the Hudson Valley who work day in and day out to make sure our nation is strong, healthy, and has food on the table.



I recently enjoyed meeting with the Millbrook Garden Club to discuss my work supporting farmers and the environment, including my support of the Growing Climate Solutions Act, which will provide financial and technical assistance to farmers who implement resource-conserving practices on their land.

I am committed to continuing to support our farmers and strengthening a sustainable food system.

### STRENGTHENING MILITARY ALLIANCES

Last week, President Biden announced the AUKUS alliance plan to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific alongside our allies of Great Britain and Australia.

This plan charts a bold path forward to protect our values and promote our security and economic interests.

This week, I was proud to vote for the AUKUS Implementation Act and am looking forward to continuing to work with colleagues towards the plan's success.



### CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY

As we continue to celebrate Women's History Month, I wanted to highlight NY-18's own Eleanor Roosevelt.

A trailblazing human rights activist, Roosevelt represented the very best of the

Hudson Valley.

To learn more about her fight for equality for all Americans, visit the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park or take a virtual tour here !

[https://artsandculture.google.com/story/dwXBx0\\_hc\\_fpKg?hl=en](https://artsandculture.google.com/story/dwXBx0_hc_fpKg?hl=en)

### ENDING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Thank you to the New York State Alzheimer's Advocates for your work and for bringing your voices to Washington.

Together, we will fight to finally put an end to Alzheimer's Disease.

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## Wrapping up Another Week in Washington – Congressman Pat Ryan

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### MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK FOR YOU THIS TAX SEASON

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

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

Read more about your options this tax season. <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-kicks-off-2023-tax-filing-season-with-returns-due-april-18>

### GRANTS CORNER

Applications are open for:

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

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

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

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

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

Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP) grants with USDA support the development, coordination, and expansion

of direct producer-to-consumer marketing; local and regional food markets and enterprises; and value-added agricultural products. Due May 2.

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

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

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

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

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

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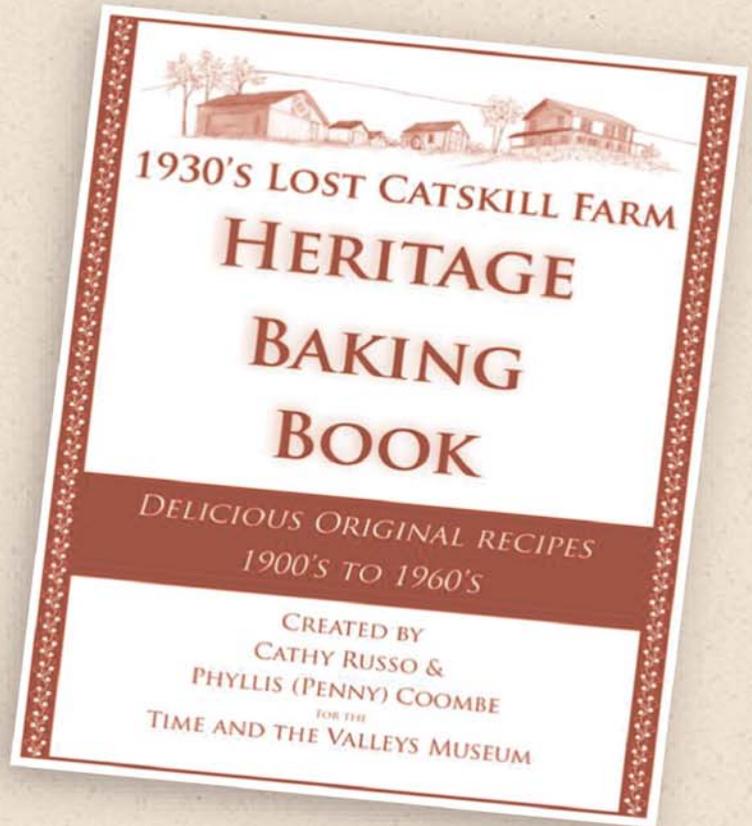
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It Makes a Unique Gift

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

It includes a history of baking and information and photos of many of the early local bakers, including bakers from the Smith, Hornbeck, Sheeley and Erath families.

**\$15 Each**  
**\$12 for Museum Members**



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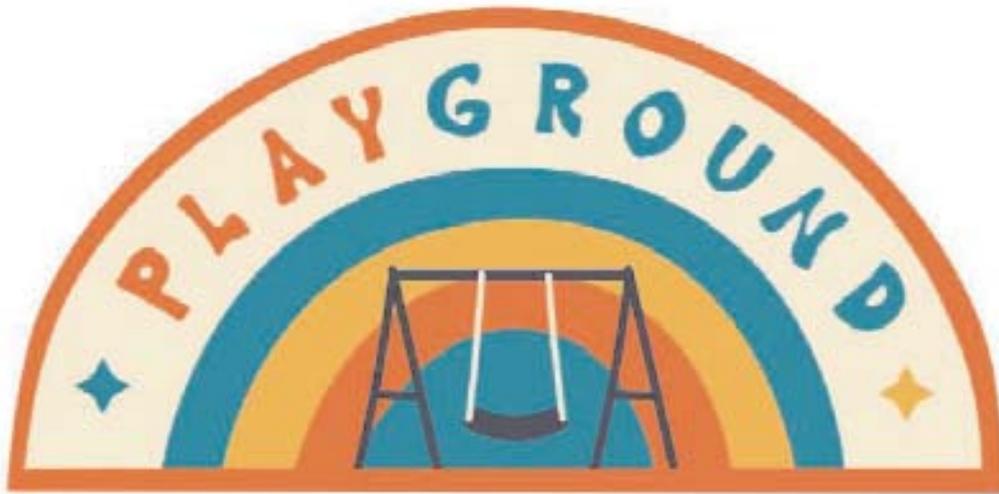
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Please make check payable to: **Time and the Valleys Museum**, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, New York 12740

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Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*Books can also be picked up by appointment to eliminate shipping - Just call 845 985 7700 or email [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org)

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## **WE ARE BUILDING A PLAYGROUND!!!**

**WHERE? At the Route 42 Community  
Park in Grahamsville**

TV Bears PTO, Tri-Valley Little League and Community have joined together along with Town support to place a play structure at the Town park. Fund raisers are ongoing.

**DONATIONS Can be made out to:**

**TV Bears PTO**

**PO Box 43 Grahamsville, NY 12740**

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

# LIFE AFTER LOSS

## A 5-WEEK BEREAVEMENT SERIES

Mondays, starting April 24, 2023

7:00-8:15 pm

Facilitated by Jennifer Perito

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

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

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





# Fallsburg CSD 2023-2024 Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

**FULL DAY PRE-K PROGRAM!**  
(2 classrooms with 18 students in each)  
(half day program will no longer be offered)

- Pre-K students must be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2023.
- Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2023.

Registration packets can be picked up in the Central Office in the JSHS or completed online. Please visit <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> for instructions and to reach our online registration form.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:**  
ALL incoming Kindergarteners MUST register, even if registered for Pre-K last year.\*\*

- Registration will take place for incoming:
- Pre-K students: April 10th - April 28th.
- Kindergarten students: May 9th - May 19th

**For Pre-K:**  
COMPLETE Registration Packets (including ALL required documentation) will be accepted until April 28th. At that time, a lottery may be held if more register than available seats. Once all seats are filled, students will be added to a Waiting List. Registration will be processed, by date of receipt, for COMPLETE registration packets only.



# Fallsburg CSD 2023-2024 Registro de Pre-K y Kindergarten

**PROGRAMA DE PRE-K DE DÍA COMPLETO!**  
(2 aulas con 18 alumnos en cada una)  
(el programa de medio día ya no se ofrecerá)

- Los estudiantes de Pre-K deben tener 4 años cumplidos el 1 de diciembre de 2023 o antes.
- Los estudiantes de kindergarten deben tener 5 años cumplidos el 1 de diciembre de 2023 o antes.

Los paquetes de inscripción se pueden recoger en la Oficina Central en el JSHS. Visite <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> para obtener instrucciones y acceder a nuestro formulario de registro en línea.

**\*\*TENGA EN CUENTA:**  
TODOS los estudiantes que ingresan a kindergarten DEBEN registrarse, incluso si se registraron para Pre-K el año pasado.\*\*

- El registro se llevará a cabo para los entrantes:
- Estudiantes de Pre-K: 10 de Abril - 28 de Abril
- Estudiantes de Kindergarten: 9 de Mayo - 19 de Mayo

**Para Pre-K:**  
COMPLETE Los paquetes de registro (que incluyen TODA la documentación requerida) se aceptarán hasta el 28 de abril. Una vez que se llenen todos los asientos, los estudiantes se agregarán a una lista de espera. El registro se procesará, por fecha de recepción, solo para paquetes de registro COMPLETOS.

# Time and the Valleys Museum

## Grahamsville, NY

### Are you interested in local history?

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

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



## Join now & get 10% off!

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

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family        | <del>\$50</del> <b>\$45</b>    | City: _____ State & Zip: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron        | <del>\$100</del> <b>\$90</b>   | Phone: _____ e-mail: _____     |
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Thank you for supporting local history and the Museum.



## BONUS - Free Art Catalogue!

VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# YOUTH



# SUPPORT GROUP



**JOIN  
US!**

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

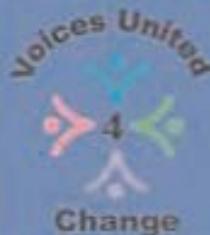
Space is limited for each group!

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

**WEDNESDAY**

@ 6:30PM



VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# PARENT SUPPORT GROUP



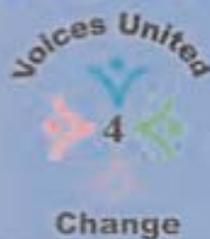
Join us for a peer led virtual support group for parents of children with mental health challenges. Together we have time for conversation and an activity. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!

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

EVERY 2ND & 4TH

**WEDNESDAY**

@ 6:30PM



# Vendors Wanted!!

# HEALTHFEST 23!



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**June 4, 2023**  
**11:00 AM—3:00 PM**  
**Hanofee Park**  
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**Would you like to be part of a FREE fun day promoting health and wellness in Sullivan County?**

**Do you have a health and wellness service or activity that you would like to promote ?**

**Then we want you! Sullivan County Public Health and Action Toward Independence invite you to participate in our first annual HealthFest!**

**We are planning a fun filled day of information, refreshments and fun activities for all ages to encourage county residents and visitors to discover all the services and activities available in Sullivan County.**

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

**Shawn Comfort**  
**ATI**  
**scomfort@atitoday.org**  
**845-794-1228**

**or**

**Jill Hubert-Simon**  
**SC Public Health**  
**Jill.hubert-simon@sullivanny.us**  
**845-513-2243**





As co-chair of the Election Integrity Caucus, I reintroduced Leading the Charge to Defend and Strengthen Parent's Rights in Schools

This week, the House passed H.R. 5, the Parents Bill of Rights Act. I was an original co-sponsor of this legislation, which is built on five core principles:

Parents have the right to know what their children are being taught.

Parents have the right to be heard.

Parents have the right to see the school budget and spending.

Parents have the right to protect their child's privacy.

Parents have the right to keep their children safe

From unconstitutional mask mandates to coping with learning loss from shutdowns, our nation's children have faced numerous challenges these past few years. Many parents also became aware of concerning things being taught in our schools, like Critical Race Theory or sexualized content in curriculum.

As a mother, a conservative, and a steadfast supporter of our educators, families, and children, I believe it is time to restore transparency in our schools and empower parents. I am honored to support this legislation that will encourage transparency and accountability in our school systems and restore trust between our educators and communities.

### Supporting Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers



This week, we introduced the Pregnancy Resource Center Defense Act in the 118th Congress. This commonsense legislation will help protect pro-life pregnancy centers from attacks by radical activists and ensure attackers are held accountable for their violent actions.

Following the Supreme Court's *Dobbs v. Jackson* decision last year, pro-life pregnancy centers nationwide have become victims of violent attacks from radical pro-abortion extremist

groups, such as "Jane's Revenge." CompassCare Pregnancy Services, a pro-life pregnancy center in Amherst, New York, was firebombed in June of last year by the group. Just last week, the facility was criminally vandalized once again.

Pregnancy resource centers across the country are continuing to be attacked and vandalized by radical pro-abortion extremist groups. The recent vandalism of CompassCare and increased attacks on pro-life facilities are reprehensible. The perpetrators of these attacks must be found and prosecuted.

It is my honor to reintroduce the Pregnancy Resource Center Defense Act on behalf of women and families everywhere who visit centers like CompassCare to receive compassionate and professional care and support. House Republicans remain committed to protecting and preserving the right to life for all.

**READ MORE: EXCLUSIVE: Rep. Tenney Introduces Legislation To Increase Penalties For Those Who Attack Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers** <https://dailycaller.com/2023/03/23/claudia-tenney-legislation-increase-penalties-those-who-attack-pro-life-pregnancy-centers/>

### Bringing Awareness to Heat-Related Illnesses

This week, I introduced the Timothy J. Barber Act, which would require the Department of Labor to study the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) spending on technical support and compliance assistance for heat-related illnesses and recommend ways to increase its effectiveness. Technical support and compliance assistance help small businesses comply with OSHA regulations and defray the costs of compliance.

Tragically, Tim Barber, 35, passed away on July 7, 2020, at a work site on the Route 63 Bridge over the Genesee River in Geneseo. It was Tim's second day on the job when the temperature hit 93 degrees with a heat index of 95 degrees, and he died from hyperthermia.

After a nine-month investigation, OSHA determined that Tim's employer "failed to train him and implement other safeguards to protect him and other employees against extreme heat hazards." Heat-related illnesses like hyperthermia are easily preventable. We must work with companies to help them protect their employees from hyperthermia. OSHA's compliance assistance and technical support should continue to help our small businesses protect workers without increasing costs. By introducing this bill today, we remember and celebrate the life of Tim Barber while working to make OSHA's spending more effective.

Additionally, as we begin to enter warmer months, I encourage all of my constituents, especially those who work outdoors, to be careful in the heat, drink water, and take rest breaks when necessary. Together, we can honor Tim's life and prevent others from needlessly suffering from hyperthermia.

**READ MORE: Upstate NY family raises awareness about heat-related illnesses after son's death** go to: [https://auburnpub.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/upstate-ny-family-raises-awareness-about-heat-related-illnesses-after-sons-death/article\\_f4dfb473-dc56-52ad-a3b0-867d10ae6383.html](https://auburnpub.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/upstate-ny-family-raises-awareness-about-heat-related-illnesses-after-sons-death/article_f4dfb473-dc56-52ad-a3b0-867d10ae6383.html)

### My Votes Explained

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

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

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## This Week with Claudia

(From Pg. 55)

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1159, To amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State's Taiwan Guidelines. This bill increases the Department of State's reporting requirements to include a biannual update on U.S.-Taiwanese relations and any efforts to deepen and expand our relationship. As China continues to saber rattle and threaten Taiwan, the U.S. must continue to develop our partnership and strategic alliance. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 404-7. (Contd. Pg.

I voted "Yes" on the Veto message for H.J. Res. 30, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights". After Congress passed a nullification resolution on a bipartisan basis, President Biden vetoed this resolution so private sector employee benefit plans and pensions can prioritize climate change and other far-left priorities over increasing the returns for beneficiaries. Further, as numerous single and multi-employer pensions continue to struggle with solvency issues, President Biden is allowing plan managers to de-prioritize returns to further their leftist political priorities, increasing the risk of future insolvency. Our seniors and those nearing retirement deserve fiduciaries that act in their best financial interests and who are not preoccupied with furthering their personal political beliefs. This rule violates this critical principle. I was honored to vote for this resolution the first time and I was honored to support this veto override to roll back President Biden's shameful veto. This veto override failed to pass the House of Representatives by a vote of 219-200.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5, the Parents Bill of Rights Act. The pandemic was eye-opening for millions of parents across the country who saw their children being taught inappropriate content. Then when these parents decided to speak out on and engage with their children's education, they were maligned and labeled domestic terrorists by the Biden administration. That is why I am an original cosponsor of this critical bill, which will guarantee parents the right to know what their children are being taught and what is occurring in our nation's schools. My amendment was also included in this bill, which will require schools to inform parents if college-credit courses are terminated, including Advanced Placement and dual-enrollment classes. These programs provide students a cost-effective way to reduce the overall price of college. I am a strong supporter of every parent's right to be involved in their child's education and this legislation will further this important goal. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 213-208.

I voted "Yes" on H. Con. Res. 25, Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. This bill would allow for a Days of Remembrance Ceremony to be held in the Capitol Visitor Center on April 20, 2023. As anti-Semitism continues to rise throughout our country, Holocaust knowledge is at an all-time low. A recent survey showed that only 53% of American adults know that approximately six million Jews were killed in the Holocaust and

60% did not know how Hitler rose to power. These numbers are startling and we must do more to increase Holocaust education and awareness, especially as survivors continue to diminish in number. We must never allow a horror like the Holocaust to happen again. We must never forget. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 405-0



## Rep. Molinaro Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Establish Global Safety Standard for Aircraft Repairs & Protect Domestic Maintenance Jobs

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) today introduced the Global Aircraft Maintenance Safety Improvement Act. This bipartisan legislation establishes a global safety standard for American aircraft repairs and removes the incentive to offshore aircraft maintenance jobs. Rep. Molinaro introduced this bill alongside U.S. Reps. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26), Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY-11), John Garamendi (D-CA-8) and 22 other Members of Congress.

There are nearly one thousand Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certified maintenance and repair stations operating outside the United States. These stations service American aircraft, but operate at a far lower safety standard than their American-based counterparts, incentivizing businesses to move these jobs overseas.

Rep. Molinaro's legislation requires minimum certification standards for mechanics and technicians, security checks of workers and facilities, annual unannounced FAA inspections, and drug and alcohol tests.

Rep. Molinaro said, "The FAA has certified nearly one thousand foreign maintenance facilities that service American aircraft. These foreign based facilities, however, are held to a lower safety standard, offshoring jobs that can be done in America. My bill establishes a global safety standard for maintenance facilities so the highest level of aircraft safety standards are upheld and removes the incentive to move maintenance jobs overseas. We can enhance safety and encourage quality high paying jobs here at home."

Rep. Brownley said, "The U.S. has the safest air transportation system in the world, due to our rigorous standards for safety at all levels. It is past time that we close loopholes that allow foreign repair stations to undermine our safety standards. I am pleased to co-author this important legislation with Congressman Molinaro, Congressman Garamendi, and Congressman Malliotakis, which will ensure that aircraft maintenance that has been outsourced to foreign countries must comply with the same safety standards as U.S. aircraft maintenance facilities." (Contd. Pg. 57)

## Rep. Molinaro Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Establish Global Safety Standard for Aircraft Repairs & Protect Domestic Maintenance Jobs

(From {Pg. 56}) Sean O'Brien, President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters General said, "The Teamsters Union strongly commends this effort to address the scourge of unsafe, outsourced aircraft maintenance. By putting an end to the two-tiered safety system, we can ensure that the planes we fly on are properly maintained and remove the incentives for airlines to endanger the flying public by sending work overseas. The passage of this legislation, alongside quality training efforts like the labor-management designed Calibrate program at United Airlines, will guarantee a bright future for union-represented technicians, the aircraft maintenance industry and aviation safety."

John Samuelsen, President of the Transportation Workers Union International said, "The double standard found in overseas aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul work is the dirty little secret of U.S. air carriers. While these facilities outside the U.S. are FAA certified, the mechanics who work in them and the facilities themselves are not held to the same standards as their U.S. counterparts. This unlevel playing field encourages U.S. air carriers to offshore aircraft maintenance work, putting passenger and air crew safety at risk. The Global Aircraft Maintenance Safety Improvement Act is much-needed legislation that would close these gaps, increase the safety of our airspace, and return good jobs to the U.S."

Richie Johnsen, Vice President for the International Association of Machinists said, "The traveling public deserves to know that commercial aircraft maintenance is done under the strictest standards possible. "As the largest air transport labor union in North America, we commend Congressman Molinaro for introducing the Global Aircraft Maintenance Safety Improvement Act. The IAM will continue to do everything in our power to ensure that aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul is performed by the best aircraft mechanics in the world under a standardized set of rules for U.S. carriers."

Greg Regan, President of the AFL-CIO Transportation Trades Department said, "For 20 years, we've called for greater FAA oversight of foreign repair stations where U.S. aircraft undergo maintenance. It's simple: foreign repair stations should be held to the same safety standards as our domestic repair stations. We applaud Reps. Molinaro, Brownley, Malliotakis, and Garamendi for introducing this legislation to implement long overdue safety reforms."

## NYS Oberacker Named to Transportation Budget Conference Committee

### *Advocates for state funding to ensure local roads and bridges receive attention they deserve*

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

"Bipartisan conference committees are a key part of the budget process as we work to reconcile differences between pro-

posals from the governor, senate, and assembly. It is crucial that legislative leaders adhere to the public budget discussions and avoid the Albany tradition of cutting backroom deals that fail to put all New Yorkers first," said Senator Oberacker.

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



*Senator Peter Oberacker makes opening remarks during the transportation budget conference committee. Senator Oberacker called for regional parity in state highway spending as well as additional support for programs that aid with local highway and bridge improvements.*

"Local roads and bridges, and the dedicated workers who maintain them, are essential to public safety and our economy. Earlier this year I joined with hundreds of highway workers from across the state calling for increased funding to help ensure our infrastructure needs are met. I am continuing to press for increases to programs that lead to improved roads and bridges, while keeping local taxes in check. It is also key that the final transportation budget is fair and equitable for all areas of the state."

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

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

Video of Senator Oberacker's opening remarks at the transportation conference committee meeting is available for download at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/wd92639ybjqif75g/Oberacker-JBCC-032123-Transportation.mp4?dl=0>

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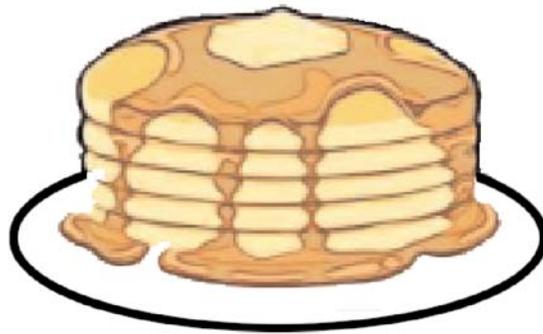
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# Claryville Fire Dept.

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## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



**Sunday, April 16th**  
**Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon**

**Adults: \$11**  
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**Take-outs are available (845) 985-7270**

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

## Ulster County Announces Projects Selected for Opioid Settlement Fund Awards

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Executive's Office and Ulster County Department of Mental Health announced today that four projects have been chosen to receive an award from the County's Opioid Settlement Fund allocation. In November 2022, the County initiated a Request for Proposals for Opioid Response Projects and encouraged organizations to apply for funding for projects focused on prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery, and technology.

The priority areas were identified by the Ulster County Opioid Strategic Action Team (OSAT), a group led by the Ulster County Department of Mental Health (UCDMH). OSAT is composed of nearly 50 community organizations that meet monthly to review data and work together to develop strategies to reduce overdoses and fatalities. Twelve proposals were received and reviewed by an evaluation committee that included representatives from the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, the Ulster County Executive's Office, the Ulster County Department of Finance, and the Community Service Board.

The projects will be funded through Opioid Settlement funds received by Ulster County as part of a landmark settlement with Johnson & Johnson, a manufacturer of prescription opioids, and the three major pharmaceutical distributors - AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson. Ulster County was awarded \$7.9M over 18 years as part of the agreement. In 2023, Ulster County will dedicate \$1.3 million of the settlement funds it has received toward new projects.

The four chosen projects include an Outpatient Detox Program, an Expanded Outpatient Treatment Program, support for a Recovery Housing Program, and development of an Opioid Overdose Spike Response Protocol.

- o \$797,000 will be awarded to the Samadhi Recovery Community Outreach Center for three projects that fill critical gaps in the Ulster County behavioral health continuum of care.

- o \$410,400 to establish the first Outpatient Detox Program in the region. Samadhi will develop a medically-supervised outpatient detox program, which will reduce the need for out-of-county detox and inpatient care.

- o \$129,600 to expand Samadhi's licensed outpatient clinic with the addition of three Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselors (CASACs), one certified recovery peer advocate, and one administrative/billing staff member.

- o \$257,000 to expand staff at Samadhi Refuge - an emergency housing facility for adults with Substance Use Disorder seeking

recovery - by adding four certified peer recovery advocates and a dedicated vehicle for transporting clients to appointments.

- o \$74,985 will be awarded to Ellenville Regional Hospital to develop a targeted and collaborative response to opioid overdose spikes, which are defined as three or more overdoses in the County within a 24-hour period.

In addition to these projects, Ulster County has dedicated Opioid Settlement Funds toward a Mental Health in Schools program for middle school students, as well as a Street Outreach Program that will provide harm reduction education, naloxone kits, transportation to appointments, and connections to medication and treatment.

The opioid crisis continues to take a major toll on our communities, particularly with the spread of deadly fentanyl on the streets, and we remain laser-focused as a County on pursuing prevention, treatment, and recovery solutions that will save lives," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "I want to thank our community partners for submitting worthy projects to be supported by Opioid Settlement Funds, and I want to give special thanks to Attorney General Letitia James for her successful fight to secure these funds from the opioid manufacturers who aggressively pushed these highly-addictive drugs on people all across America and created the crisis we now face."

"Though we continue to be saddened by the circumstances that resulted in these settlements, we are glad to be able to put these funds to good use and prevent future loss of life," said Tara McDonald, Ulster County Mental Health Commissioner. "The Opioid Strategic Action Team has been working tirelessly for years to closely examine what is happening in our community and working together to identify the best approaches to reduce overdose and help our residents find a path to recovery. We are confident these four projects will fill vital gaps and strengthen our ability to fight this epidemic."

David McNamara, Founder and Executive Director of The Samadhi Recovery Community Outreach Center said, "Samadhi is going to utilize the Opioid Settlement funding to develop and grow our continuum of care for individuals suffering from addiction. First, we will be developing the county's first Medically Supervised Outpatient Detox to treat the acute effects of opiate withdrawal and fulfill the desperate need for detox facilities in Ulster County. Second, we will expand our current Outpatient Treatment Center and increase our ability to provide individual and group substance use treatment in a compassionate, and trauma-informed manner. Third, we will be increasing the staffing at Samadhi Refuge, our emergency housing facility in Saugerties, NY, in order to provide further peer support, transportation, case management, and crisis intervention for the individuals living there. These three programs will allow Samadhi to provide a full spectrum of care for individuals with opioid use disorder regardless of recovery progress."

Steve Kelley, President of Ellenville Regional Hospital said, "We are very pleased to have been awarded funding to develop an opioid overdose spike response that unifies the effort of many agencies across the county to deliver much more timely, focused, and expansive outreach to the region experiencing the spike. The outcome will be to reduce overdoses and deaths."

All awards are subject to approval by the Ulster County Legislature.

### PIANO PLUS! CONCERT SERIES

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

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Thank you,

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Chairperson – NRAMA Scholarship Committee

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(See next page for application)

## NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 393, Grahamsville, NY 12740

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

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

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

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

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

Submit a completed application to the NRAMA by June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

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City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

What school(s) have you applied to? \_\_\_\_\_

What school(s) have you been accepted at? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the course of study? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## UC Clerk's Office Announces Exhibit Recognizing Donations to the Ulster County Archives

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack announces the exhibit "Into My Hands: Recent Donations to the Ulster County Archives" featuring a sampling of records donated to the Ulster County Archives between 2011 and 2022. The exhibit is now on display in the 2nd floor Archives Gallery located in the Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston.

In 2005, the Records Donation Program was designed to encourage the rightful return of official county records; those that were at one time created by, filed with, or in the possession of, the County of Ulster. The donations received since then have expanded that original design and we are pleased to share some of the many interesting items now residing in the Archives. Exhibiting these items is also a way to recognize those who have donated. Since the last recognition event in 2010, forty donations of records and dozens of books for our reference library have been received. The Clerk's Office would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for their invaluable support and invite them to the Archives Gallery to view the recognition plaques engraved with their names.

The donated records date from 1678 to 2022 and vary in content and form. There are land sale transactions, court records, maps, family collections, photographs, reference books and even an unexpectedly popular "I Voted" sticker. Despite the wide variety of materials included in the donated records, each donation is unique and provides valuable insight into the people and events that have shaped this region over time. Taken together, these materials offer a comprehensive and multi-faceted view of the history of the area, providing a valuable resource for researchers, historians, and anyone interested in learning more about the past.

"Preserving history is not just about looking back, but also ensuring that our stories and experiences are passed down to future generations. The donations to the Ulster County Archives are a testament to the power of community and the importance of preserving our collective memory," stated County Clerk Nina Postupack. "The generosity of those who donate them allows us to preserve and learn from our history, and for that we are forever grateful."

For further information on the Records Donation Program, this exhibit or other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040, visit the archives online at [ulstercountyny.gov/archives](http://ulstercountyny.gov/archives), or find us on Facebook.

## Stockade FC Announces Schedule for 2023 NPSL Season

Stockade FC and the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL) have announced the schedule for the upcoming 2023 summer season. Stockade FC will play this summer's matches at Tenney Stadium on the campus of Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY.

With the new alignment of the 5-team North Atlantic Conference (Cedar Stars are not returning in 2023), Stockade FC will compete in 10 regular season matches. The season kicks off with a 3-match away stand which includes trips to New York Shockers (Sat May 6) and Valeo FC (Sat May 20). Stockade FC will also travel to nearby Pathfinder FC (Sat May 13) of USL2 for a mid-season friendly.

The home opener at Tenney Stadium will take place on Memorial Day Weekend as Syracuse FC (Sat May 27) visits, followed by a visit from Connecticut rivals, Hartford City FC (Sat June 3).

Stockade FC will travel to Vermont for a midweek friendly on June 7th for a match up with the incredibly popular USL2 club, Vermont Green FC (Wed June 7).

Stockade FC will return to NPSL play with a mid-week trip to Syracuse FC (Wed June 14) before returning to Tenney Stadium as Valeo FC (Sat June 17) heads to Poughkeepsie on Saturday.

A key set of matchups looks to be a late June afternoon showdown with Hartford City FC (Sun June 25) at Trinity Health Stadium and a busy week at Tenney Stadium as Valeo FC (Wed June 28) and New York Shockers (Sat July 1) come to town.

To wrap up the regular season, Stockade FC travels to Syracuse for the second time to meet Syracuse FC (July 8) in the final regular season date.

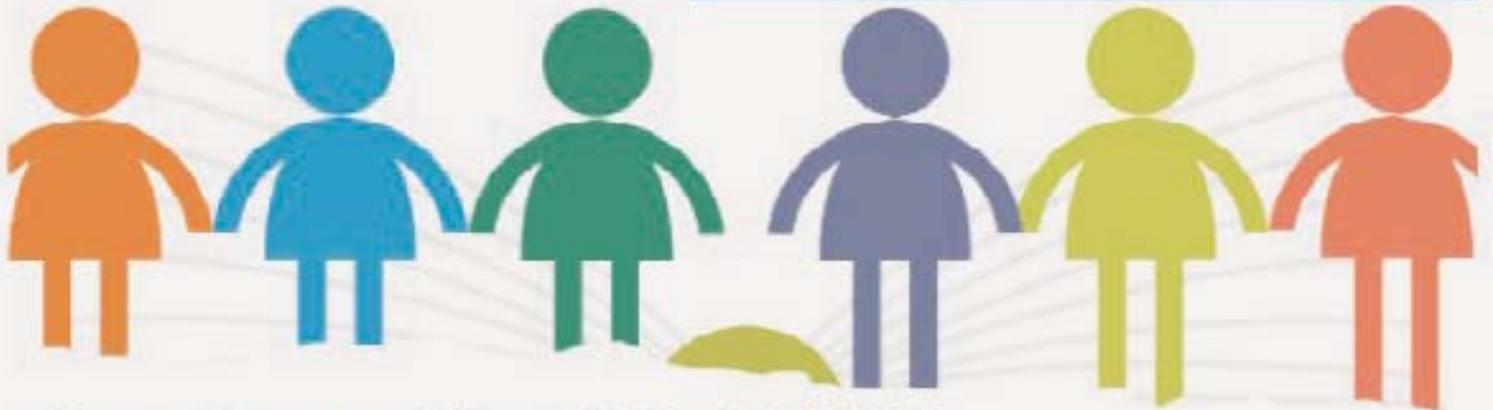
Stockade FC will meet Hartford City and New York Shockers twice each, home and away. By random draw, Stockade FC will see three matchups with Valeo FC and Syracuse FC. Valeo will travel to Poughkeepsie twice, while Stockade FC will head north to Syracuse on two occasions. The odd number of teams is the key contributor to mid-week NPSL matches in 2023.

This year's North Atlantic Conference playoffs will feature a 3 @ 2 matchup on Wednesday July 12th before the winner visits the #1 seeded team on Saturday July 15th for the conference crown.

Season tickets are available online at [stockadefc.com/store](http://stockadefc.com/store)

# CHILD + BABYSITTING SAFETY COURSE at the Daniel Pierce Library

For Tri-Valley Students  
11 - 15 years of age



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# Medicare 101 Zoom Webinar

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **COME WALK WITH US!**

Refreshments will be served before and after the walk. For additional pledge sheets or questions about the Journey For Sight Walk, please call **Esta Jacob 845-985-2927** or **Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981.**

## **Thank you!**

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**2nd Annual**

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**APRIL FOOLS DAY  
BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU DO,  
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**INHERIT THE WIND**

(PG · 1960 · 2hr 8min · Biography/History)

The film is about the trial that focuses on the right of a teacher **Bertrum Cates (John Thomas Scopes in real life)** to teach the evolution theory of **Charles Darwin** in a state that has made it a crime to teach anything but creationism. The lawyers are played superbly by **Spencer Tracy as Henry Drummond (Clarence Darrow in real life)**, **Fredric March as Matthew Harrison Brady (William Jennings Bryan in real life)**, **Gene Kelly as E. K. Hornbeck (NY Times reporter)**, **Dick York as Bertram T. Cates (John Thomas Scopes)**.

The film is directed by Stanley Earl Kramer.

This is the quintessential film about the Scopes Monkey Trial in the state of Tennessee in 1925. Where then, as today, the right to think freely and to have freedom and tolerance for different or conflicting beliefs.

In the movie, Drummond's intense search for truth emanates in his speech to Cates. He tells Cates to "... look behind the paint ... if it's a lie - show it up for what it really is." Protect your freedom, pay attention to what is going on around you by thinking, having ideas, and searching for truth. Only by being open-minded and respecting differing beliefs and viewpoints can freedoms be guaranteed.



Oppression continues to be a reality of today's world, especially for the working and poorer classes. Financial bureaucrats continue to create economic slavery. Administrators continue to be concerned with procedural correctness at the expense of the real needs of the people. Rich merchants continue to dump a load of medieval ideologies into the United States Constitution. We face a future of slavery by the rich and the end of U.S. sovereignty as our freedoms continue to be violated.

**KING JAMES VERSION;**

PROVERBS 11:29 – "He that troubleth his own house shall "Inherit the Wind:" and the fool [shall be] servant to the wise of heart."

**MAN NEEDS THE RIGHT THINK  
AND BE REWARDED FOR HIS EFFORTS**



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### KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S FOR APRIL FOOLS DAY VIDEOS OF SPONGE BOB'S APRIL FOOLS MOVIES

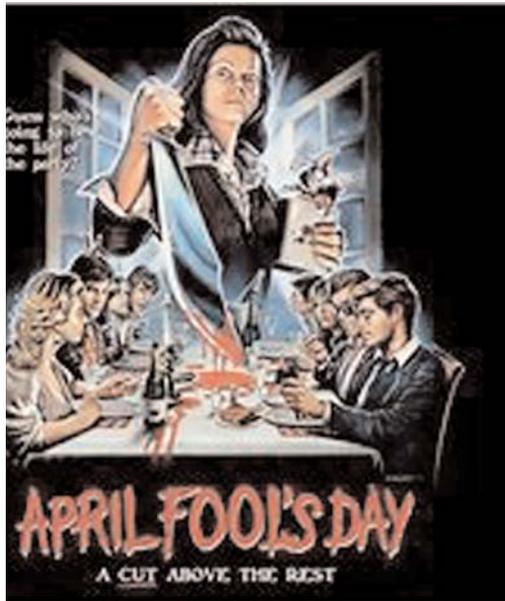
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### KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE ON AMAZON PRIME / NETFLIX / IMOB



### FOR APRIL FOOLS DAY OUR MOVIE April Fool's Day

( Rated R / 1h 29min / Horror, Mystery / 1986 / USA )  
<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0090655>



Directed by Fred Walton. Starring Deborah Foreman, Griffin O'Neal, Clayton Rohner, and Jay Baker.

Nine college students staying at a friend's remote island mansion begin to fall victim to an unseen murderer over the April Fool's Day weekend, but nothing is as it seems.

"April Fool's Day" has the flavor of Agatha Christie, and "Ten Little Indians"

## APRIL FOOLS 2007

Not Rated | 1h 10min | Horror  
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Release date Sep 11, 2007 ·

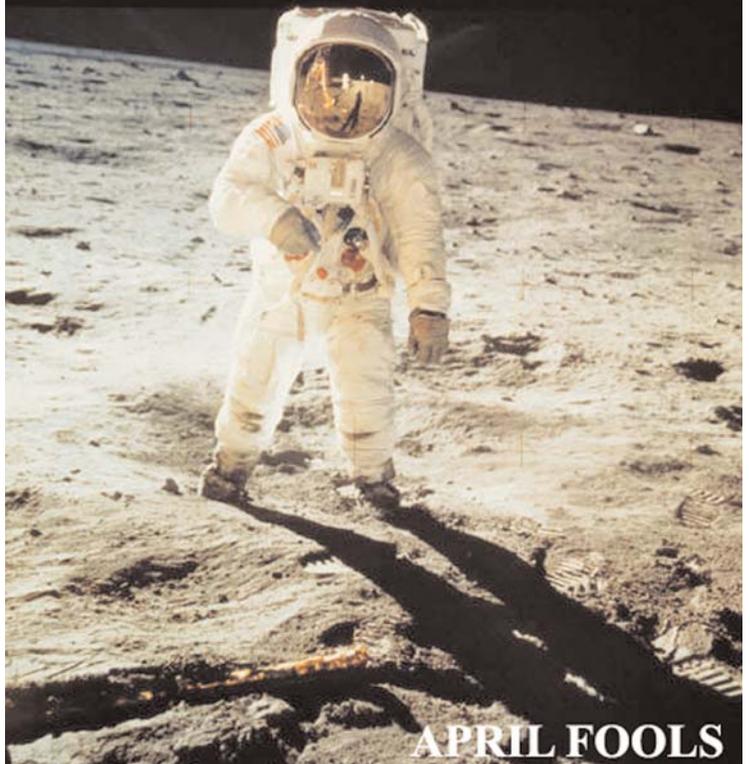


Directed by Nancy Norman. Starring Obba Babatundé, Darrin Dewitt Henson, Aaliyah Franks, and Daya Vaidya.

Deanna, 17, a young hottie, seduces Melvin the class nerd, only to set him up for a cruel April Fools' joke. She's joined in her prank by Missy, the goody-two-shoes, her boyfriend Malik, Eva the hip-hop diva, Scoop the jock and Diego the bad-boy.

**HAPPY APRIL FOOL'S DAY**

## WIN A TRIP TO THE MOON



**APRIL FOOLS**

Stay safe,  
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