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Tri-Valley Central School District Announces the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Graduating Class of 2024



The Tri-Valley Central School District is extremely proud to announce that Abbigail Mentnech is the Valedictorian and Scott Cole is the Salutatorian for the graduating class of 2024. We congratulate these two students on their hard work and achievements.

Abbigail and Scott have modeled excellence throughout their schooling and we look forward to seeing what the future has in store for them.

Valedictorian: Abbigail Mentnech- Weighted GPA 100.14

Valedictorian Abbigail Mentnech intends to pursue a degree in Astronomy and Physics. Abbigail has had a love for science since the sixth grade. Her dream is to work for NASA or to become a professor or scientist. Abbigail has received multiple acceptances, one specifically from the University at Virginia. At this time, Abbigail is still deciding

what college she would like to attend.

Abbigail states her proudest moment at Tri-Valley is becoming the Valedictorian. She really pushed herself to achieve this great success. Another proud moment for Abbigail was making it into the sectional championships for soccer.

Her favorite part of attending school at Tri-Valley has been all the teachers. Abbigail encourages all students to get involved in extracurriculars and participate in activities outside of school.

Abbigail has been involved in the following extracurriculars: Soccer, Basketball, Softball, Track, National Honor Society and the Yearbook club. She is also currently doing a clothing drive for her National Honor Society project on April 13th from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Rt. 55 parking lot. Her goal is to raise enough money to be able to purchase t-shirts for the National Honor Society to help get more students involved.

Salutatorian: Scott Cole: Weighted GPA 99.74

Salutatorian Scott Cole intends to pursue a degree in Accounting or Law. Scott has received multiple acceptance letters but remains undecided at this time. One of Scott's proudest moments at Tri-Valley is becoming the Salutatorian. His favorite part about attending Tri-Valley has been that it feels like a tight community and that there is not much bullying and genuine kindness.

Scott's advice to other students is to listen in class to what the teachers are saying and pay attention.

Scott has been involved in the National Honor Society and has participated in several food drives.

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On the Front Burner: And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

1 John 4:16

OBITUARY

Jean S. Maxson, of Grahamsville, NY, passed away on February 14, 2024. She was 78 years old.



Jean was born on October 5, 1945, in Syracuse, NY to Vernon and Thelma (Tanner) Speich. She grew up in South Onondaga, NY, and early on, manifested musical talent. After graduating from Onondaga Central High School, she went on to obtain a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education from Syracuse University. Jean furthered her education at Cortland College, where she obtained a Master's in Elementary Education and a Master of Education Science in Administration and Supervision.

Jean started her music career in North Syracuse School District as a music educator. She then served at State University of New York Potsdam Crane School of Music as a supervisor of student music teachers. Later in her career, she was employed by Monroe-Woodbury School District as the K-12 District Music Coordinator, then assumed various Assistant Principal positions within Monroe-Woodbury, finally serving as Principal of Pine Tree Elementary School until her retirement.

After retirement, Jean continued to work as an Interim Principal/Assistant Principal for Goshen School District and Eldred School Districts. Always one to share her musical expertise, Jean also proudly served as Zone 9 Representative and Judge for the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA).

Jean had numerous interests; she enjoyed golf, gardening, travel, reading, and playing piano. She was a member of South Onondaga United Methodist Church, and a member of the Order of Eastern Star. Lovingly known as "Grandma Jean," she enjoyed her loved ones most of all. She truly cherished spending time with her grandchildren and family.

Jean is survived by her daughter Dena Schulte; her brother-in-law, Richard Abbott; her grandchildren, Michael Schulte, Joseph Schulte, Emily Starner, and Jacob Schulte; her nieces, Angela, and Natalie Abbott; her great-niece, Scarlett Carpenter; and numerous friends. Jean is predeceased by her husband, Curtis Maxson, her sister Deborah Abbott, and

her son-in-law Michael Schulte. "Grandma Jean" will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Interment will take place at the convenience of the family in South Onondaga. Friends and loved ones may honor Jean at a Memorial Service which will take place on March 23, 2024, at 11:00 am at the Grahamsville Reformed Church, Route 55, Grahamsville, NY. A Celebration of Life Fellowship will be hosted in the Church Hall immediately following the church service.

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY. For additional information, contact the funeral home at 845-434-7363 or visit the website at www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Jean Maxson, please visit our Tree Store

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

March 10, 1954

Roy Dymond returned to his father's home in Greenville Friday night. He has been honorably discharged from the service, two years of which was spent in Germany.

Mr. Hollie Letteer, 58, of Grahamsville, died Friday night at Medical Center in New York City after an operation. He was a member of the Grahamsville Fire Company and served on the Boy Scout Committee. He was a member of the Masons and the local Isaac Walton League. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Letteer; his wife Hilda; one sister and three brothers and several nieces and nephews.

Three meals a day,
day after day;
meal planning sometimes bores.
Here's zest and spice
for tired old meals,
and lighter meal time chores
KUM TO KRUM'S

March 4, 1964

Richard Slater, former Claryville resident, has been promoted to Plant Chemist at the Baton Rouge, Louisiana installation of Allied Chemical Corporation. He will be in charge of quality control and upgrading of control techniques and personnel.
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DAYS OF YORE...**Today's History** (From Pg. 2)**March 4, 1964**

Edna M Foster, age 56, of Ellenville died at Veterans Memorial Hospital on Monday. She was born at Neversink on October 19, 1907, the daughter of Albie and Cora Conklin Hall. She was a registered nurse at Veterans Memorial Hospital. Surviving are two sons, Paul of Ellenville and Gary of Napanoch. Two daughters, Mrs. Carol Smith of Poughkeepsie and Mrs. Betty McNamara of Ellenville; a brother, Archie Hall of Ellenville; three sisters, Mrs. Grace Hamilton of Liberty, Miss Amy Hall of Middleton and Mrs. Clarence Slater of Grahamsville.

Miss Donna Rianhard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rianhard of West Shokan, N.Y. and Carl Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allison of this village, were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony, at the Immaculate Conception Church at Woodbourne on February 15th. The couple is residing in Grahamsville.

March 4, 1974

Sorry to report that there was no news of note in this issue. Hopefully next week will be better.

March 8, 1984

Floyd Bevier of Napanoch, a retired self-employed carpenter and a lifelong area resident, died Saturday, March 3, 1984 in the Ellenville Community Hospital. He was 83. The son of the late William and Maryellen Hinkley Bevier, he was born Feb. 15, 1901 in Grahamsville. Mr. Bevier was a member and Trustee of the Lows Corners Baptist Church and was a World War II Army veteran. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Exner Bevier; one son; five daughters and six grandchildren.

Benjamin J. Musso of Grahamsville is happy to announce the engagement of his daughter, Patricia Raphaelle Musso to Louis Copertino, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Copertino, Sr. of East Northport, N.Y. Miss Musso, who is also the daughter of the late Rita E. Musso, is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School, SCC College and the State Univ. at Geneseo where she earned a degree in Special Education. She is employed by BOCES in Johnston as a Special Ed. teacher. Her fiancé is employed by the Rochester Institute of Technology as an Area Complex Director. A July wedding is planned.

Jeanne M. Landon, a window clerk at the Monticello Post Office, was selected to replace Thelma Gorton, who retired last fall. Ms. Landon started with the Postal Service in 1967. She will head an office with three employees.

Household Hint:**Keep Celery Fresh Longer**

Put your celery in aluminum foil, it will last 3 to 4 weeks longer.

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

Bursting Buds of Spring

After the long, gloomy winter, the swelling buds on bare branches of the trees and shrubs foretell the coming of an eagerly anticipated spring for many Catskill Mountain area residents.

A bud is an undeveloped part of the plant that becomes dormant during adverse conditions, conserving energy until favorable circumstances return. Bud scales or outer layers protect the delicate developing tissues from external factors like cold or pests..

Buds are formed during the summer months for the following year. The buds of many woody plants, in our Catskill Mountain climate, are protected by a covering of modified leaves called scales which tightly enclose the more delicate parts of the bud. Many bud scales are covered by a gummy substance which serves as added protection. The elements for new shoot and floral growth are already formed and are tightly packaged and ready for quick growth as the days lengthen and temperatures rise.

As we get closer to spring the buds will come out of dormancy, the scales will fall off and the plants leaves, stems and flowers will open up and grow.

Buds serve as growth points on a plant, where new shoots and leaves develop.

Floral buds specifically hold the potential for flower and seed formation, enabling reproduction.

Deciduous trees form buds to protect against winter, shedding leaves and relying on buds for spring re-growth.

Buds play a role in genetic diversity as they may give rise to branches with distinct traits.

Leaf buds, when expanding, initiate photosynthesis, contributing to the plant's energy production.

Buds can respond to environmental cues, adjusting growth patterns based on factors like light and temperature.

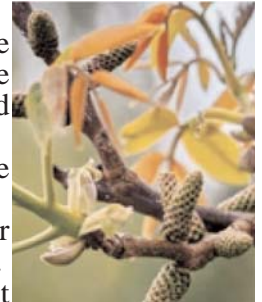
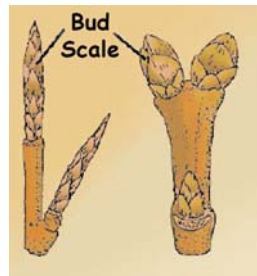
Buds are a vital part of a plant's survival strategy, ensuring adaptation to changing conditions.

These tiny little buds will help twigs and buds grow into enormous trees that can live decades or hundreds or even thousands of years.

These bursting buds are another amazing work of Nature.

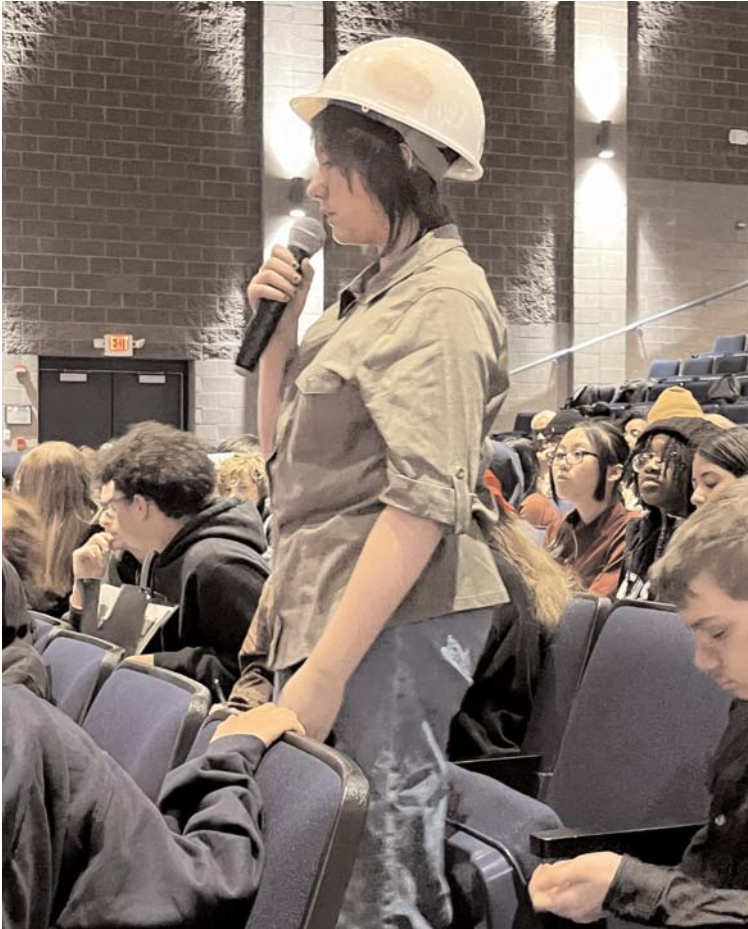
During the next few weeks we will see a noticeable difference when we drive through the Catskills. As the buds wake up from winter, an impressive variety of wispy colors will let us know the mountains are alive and just as anxious to celebrate another Spring.

It is amazing to witness these colorful tiny pieces of nature color that will soon change the mountains to tints and shades of green as the leaves mature and the flowers on shrubs and trees adding splashes of color to the magnificence of Spring!



Schools Collaborate to Put on Mock Town Hall

Friday, March 1 was another very special day at Tri-Valley Central School. On this day, Tri-Valley's 8th graders participated in a Mock Town Hall collaboration with 8th graders from Columbia Secondary School out of New York City. The Mock Town Hall went back to the year 1900 to debate the issue of building the local reservoirs in our area.



Students argue their points during the Town Hall.

In preparation for the event, students from both schools learned a great deal about our local history with the reservoirs in their English classes. After learning about the history, all participating students were assigned to argue from the perspective of one of four different stakeholder groups: Catskill residents, New York City residents, New York City government officials, or workers of the reservoirs. They did further research to find evidence to support their arguments for their specific group.

On Friday morning, Columbia Secondary School came to Tri-Valley. Eighth grade students were mixed in their groups (half from one school, half from the other) and had the first part of the morning to meet in their groups and plan out their arguments. This also gave students time to get to know each other.

During the Town Hall, students debated back and forth about the issues concerning the building of the reservoirs. The New York City residents and government talked about the desperate need for clean water. The Catskill residents focused their arguments on the unfairness of it all-how they had to give up their livelihood and not receive adequate compensation in return. The workers talked about their lack of safety on the job and their need for more rights.

All points and arguments were heard by the moderator of the event- local resident, former Assemblyman, and President of the Time and the Valleys Museum, Dick Coombe, as well as a panel of esteemed guests: Amanda Eberly, Tri-Valley Secondary School Principal; Marsha Fink, Time and the Valleys Museum Volunteer and local resident; Diane Galusha, published author and former Communications Director/Education Coordinator at Catskill Watershed Corporation; Brent Gotsch, Technical Advisor, Reservoir Releases, NYC Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Supply, Water Resources Management; Erin Long, Tri-Valley Superintendent; Lynn Priebe, Time and the Valleys

Museum Board Trustee and local resident; Brittany Schenck, Forestry Executive Assistant and West of Hudson Educator and Watershed Agricultural Council; Frank Snyder, Tri-Valley Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; and Tyler Van Fleet, East of Hudson Forestry Program Coordinator and Watershed Agricultural Council. At the conclusion of the Town Hall, the panel gave feedback to the students about their arguments.

After the event, all students, teachers, and panel members had time to sit down and eat lunch together. The lunch was catered by the Neversink General Store. The lunch gave the students more time to get to know each other.

This hugely successful event allowed students to learn about our local history, meet other students from a different area and school, and practice their public speaking and debate skills. As is the case with many events in our community, it could not have happened without the hard work of everyone involved: students, teachers, staff, administrators, community members, and parents.



Students make points to strengthen their side of the argument.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published February 4, 1999

My parents owned a little general store and dad was Postmaster in Grooville, Sullivan County. I guess we would call dad a "jack of all trades", for he also dealt in furs, old rubber, rags and had a little shoe repair shop in a room off the post office.

Our Grooville Post Office was considered fourth class and dad kept in contact with Livingston Manor Post Office. Mail came into Livingston Manor by Ontario and Western Railway in the early 1900's and was brought to the post office by horse drawn wagon where it was sorted.

Our mail arrived Grooville by horse drawn wagon once a day at around 4 p.m. Our mail driver was Mary Conklin and she was a plump, not little lady and to me as a child, she was also mysterious. She wore ten-penny nails in her hair instead of hair pins like my mother wore. She quite often rode up front on the running board of her wagon when there were extra passengers enroute for Livingston Manor. She charged a 25 cent fare each way.

People who were waiting for the mail to be sorted convened in the waiting room of our tiny post office. On Saturday they sometimes waited in the living room of our home which adjoined the post office. My dad sorted the mail and placed it in the windowed receptacles where the recipient could see if there was mail in their rented box. The fee was \$1.00 a year. Only letters and cards went into these boxes.

If packages or large envelopes arrived, a card would be placed in their mail box stating, PACKAGE TOO LARGE FOR BOX and the recipient would hand it back and receive the item.

When dad opened the small window, everyone knew the mail had all been sorted and placed in the assigned boxes. How interesting it was in those days for folks to receive a personal letter, a colorful postcard or perhaps a card saying "package too large for box". It could even be an order arriving from Montgomery Ward or Sears & Robuck.

My parents quite often sent an order into New York City on Monday and receive their items on Wednesday by Parcel Post. I loved to sit by dad and just watch him as he canceled stamps on outgoing mail and worked on his books. We had no speedy cars or trucks but our Ontario & Western Railroad brought our mail quickly. I sure miss that old railway.

Way back then postage on a letter cost 2 cents and a penny for a card and the United States mail was a very precious cargo. Uncle Sam's mail pouches were made from sturdy leather and the first class pouches had a lock and key. The only one who had access to the mail pouches was our postmaster.

Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Announces Honor Roll and Superintendent's Honor Roll List

FALLSBURG - Benjamin Cosor Elementary School is proud to announce their Honor Roll and Superintendent's Honor Roll list for the second marking period. Students who made the Honor Roll list earned an overall grade-point average of 3.0-3.5, and students who made the Superintendent's Honor Roll list earned an overall grade-point average of 3.6-4.0. Students who were recognized for their high academic achievements are:

Grade 4

Honor Roll: Anpol Caguana, Isaiah Crawford, Dakota DeGraw, Giada Evangelista, Leah Glanstein, Jonah Godby, Jase Hermann, Jackson Hockenberry, Brianna Johnson, Eliza Lagos Guardado, Enina Lulanaj, Zoya Meer, Jax Pillius, Taylor Simms, and Tyler Torres.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Mila Arroyo, Santiago Brito Garcia, Katherine Giron Cabrera, Muhammed Kassama, Mason Li, Lincoln Oneal, Skyla Restrepo, Madax Simpson, and Elijah Torres.

Grade 5

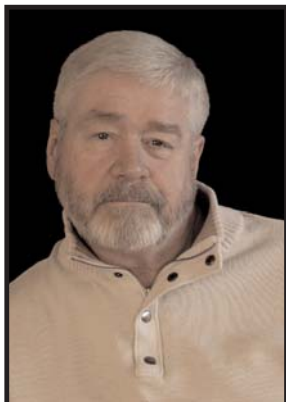
Honor Roll: Dilver Aleman, Armani Alencaster, Hayden Atkins, Bryan Balcazar Lavin, Kadija Bamba, Ava Berrios, Rocket Budde, Isaac Castillo Miranda, Samantha Clark, Aubrianna Clark-Wheat, Muhammad Dumbuya, Nelson Duque Moroy, Taylin Frunzi, Lithsy Fuentes Ardon, Jordan Ketcham, Ashley Leon Santos, Bryan Lopez-Romero, Alexandria Mann, Marvin Martinez Gonzales, Theresa Medina, Samuel Melendez, Katherine Reyes Serrano, Erick Rivera Moreno, Christian Robles-Hernandez, Madison Samora, Blinera Selimaj, Melanie Wang, and Benjamin Wizwer.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Arabella Almodovar, Aaron Cubias, Anthony Frunzi, Emanuel Granados, Selina Lazroe, Grayson Mungeer, Kendra Rodriguez, Derrick Saravia, Blerina Selimaj, Gabrielle Spruill, and Annabella Vences-Urquiza.

Grade 6

Honor Roll: Yasmina Aquil, Brianny Argueta Hernandez, Giselle Ascencio Martinez, Darlin Chub Ujpan, Annaliese Clark, Mylaan Dolberry, Kimberly Duncan, Dania Duque Enamorado, Shamiah Foy, Janary Fuentes Ardon, Genesis Gonzalez Alvarez, Khloe Jordy, Madison Lucas, Margie Madrid Castro, Jackelyne Mariaca, Brittany Murillo Moran, Dylan Osborne, Ariel Payne, Logan Retana, Genesis Reyes-Robles, Malika Rivers, Leon Rodriguez Morales, Anthony Santos Morales, Claudia Smith, Daniel Vasquez-Nunez, and Allison Yautentzi Reyes.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Walker Budd, George Peruchet Di Napoli, David Hernandez Martinez, Carsyn Hoefling, Hanna Manjarrez Paredes, Victoria Manjarrez Paredes, Reja Meer, Makayla Rivers, Jessica Saciolo, Zhara Snead, Holly Surerus, and Heaven Wilson.



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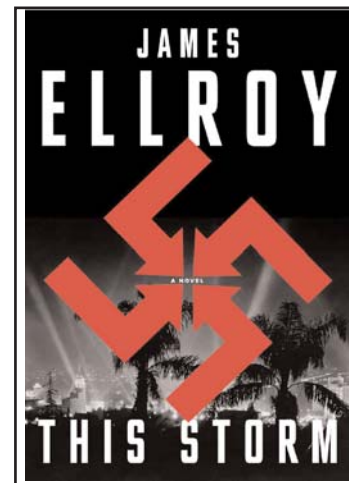
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Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 78

by John Dwaine McKenna

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The writer James Ellroy is a genius, and a living legend who follows no rules but his own. He cuts, slashes and burns the English language however he sees fit, then reassembles it at will in his own inimical style to bring forth what can only be called masterpieces of American literature. He writes fiction; he writes about crime, criminals and criminality, but transcends genre and creates iconic works that are universally admired, unique, and wholly original. He is irascible, unpredictable, utterly unpretentious . . . and what every serious wordsmith wishes to be when they grow up. So when he produces a new work, the whole world pays attention. Here's his latest:

This Storm, (Knopf, \$29.95, 590 pages, ISBN 978-0-307-95700-9) by James Ellroy, is the follow-up to 2014's *Perfidia*, and picks up the narrative in January 1942. The city of Los Angeles, and the whole country, is reeling in shock from the unprovoked sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. In the City of Angels, local Japanese citizens are being rounded up and slammed in jail as widespread and violent anti-Japanese sentiment sweeps the nation, and the internments begin. That's when a massive thunderstorm hits the city, causing floods, mudslides, and a body in a burnt wooden box to wash up in Griffith Park. The cops tag and bag it as routine evidence, but they're wrong. It's an early warning sign of chaos, and an indicator of the tectonic social shifts that are about to grip the city.

Told with a robust cast of characters who never seem to run out of schemes, malice or bad intentions, the twists, turns and treachery, as well as the debauchery, depravity and savagery is unending in this hard-boiled look at a country at war with the world, and a city at odds with itself.

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The Olive Jar

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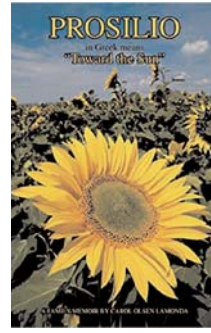
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The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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





Daniel Pierce Library

Between the Bookends

March Programs Spring up at the Daniel Pierce Library

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-March is shaping up to be a busy month for the Daniel Pierce Library and our patrons. We're participating in the National Education Association (NEA) initiative, Read Across America (RAA), all month long. Traditionally celebrated on Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 2, RAA was launched in 1998 as a national celebration of youth literacy; encouraging children to partake in the joy of reading, wherever and whenever they could.

What better place to enjoy reading and be surrounded by books than our library! On the children's floor we have Dr. Seuss reading logs and review sheets to complete as your child reads. We are also asking for children to leave behind their book review forms so others may look at them and get ideas on what to read. And, while we have an amazing assortment of picture books, chapter books, series and non-fiction options for those who have an idea of what they want to read, we also have the Book Jar ready for those not sure or who might want to leave their next book up to fate. Anyone (even if you're an adult because sometimes it's nice just to leave things to chance) can ask the Book Jar for a recommendation, pull out a slip of paper and match that color to our color key to find out their next genre.

Now would also be an excellent time to sign up your little ones for one of our 8-week long Spring Children's Programs. There are three separate age group options; 12-23 months old, 24-35 months old and 3, 4 and 5 year olds. For a detailed description of each group, eligibility criteria and to register, please visit our website, www.danielpiercelibrary.org.

Join us on Tuesday, March 19, at 6PM to meet poetry writer, Lisa Titus. Titus, formerly Caloro, is originally from Grahamsville and has recently published her book, *First Time, Every Time*. Participants can engage in conversation with her as she shares her poetry, purchase her book during the event (while supplies last) and have her sign them. Advanced registration is required to participate in this event.

On Saturday, March 23 we will be hosting a 5-Hour Pre Licensing Class for Permit Holders. This



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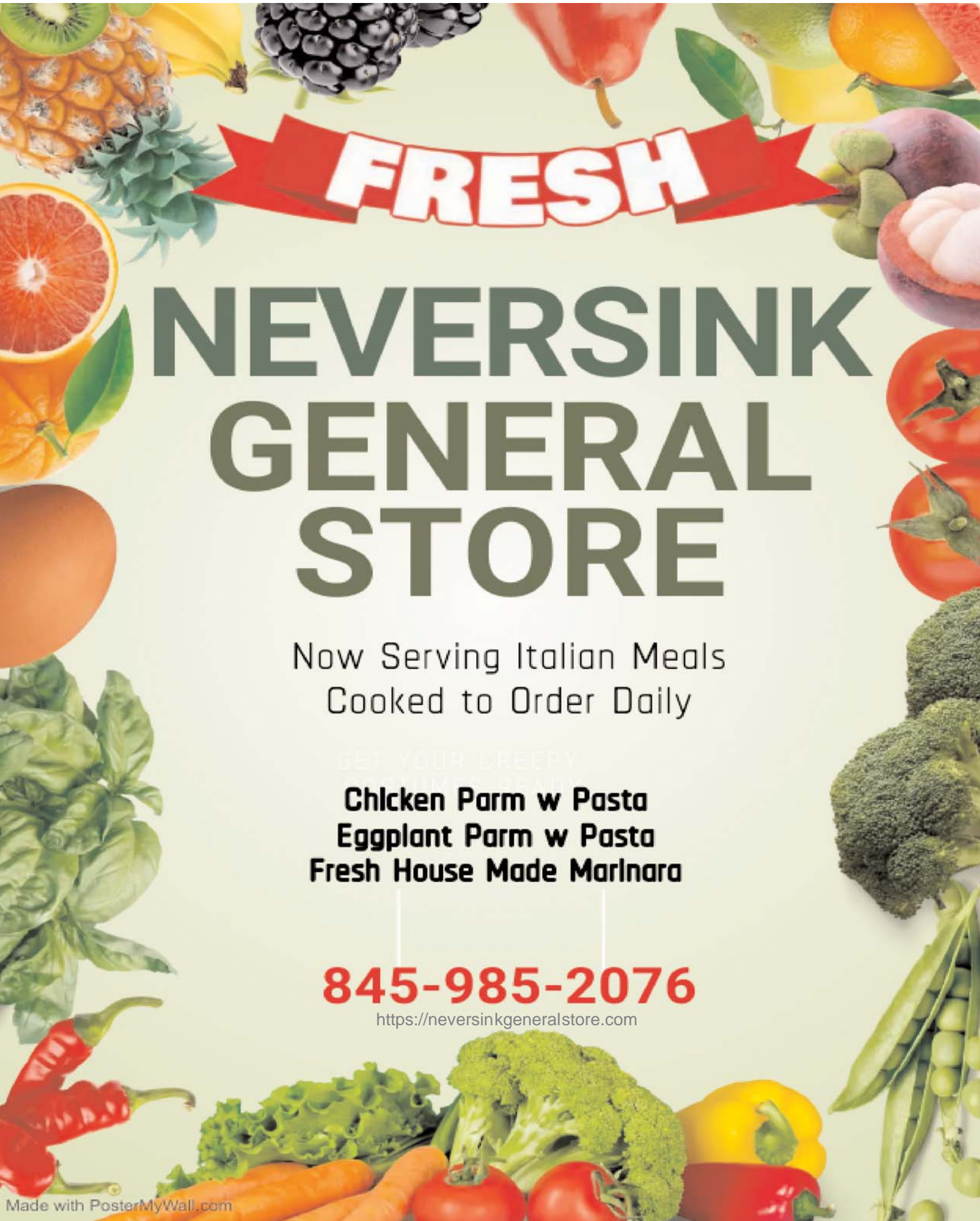
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"If it grows by day, have it cut & split by Knight"

DMV approved class is required for those 16 and older seeking a drivers' license. Students must possess a NYS photo permit to attend. Advanced registration is also required for this event.

Tri-Valley residents in grades kindergarten through third grade are invited to register for our Adopt a Furever Reading Bunny program on Tuesday, March 26 from 5:30-6:30PM. Come meet our special guest, Karen Coombe of Thunder View Farm and her four adorable bunnies: Squash, Jorge, Gus and Moon, who love to be read to! Then, pick out and adopt your very own stuffed bunny to read to at home. Our furever reading bunnies are looking for good homes where children will set aside a little time each day to read to them. Reading aloud is a great technique for children to utilize while improving their fluency and reading skills. Register for this event through our website.

This week's staff pick: The Blue Moon series by Lucy Score. We just processed the entire series and they are ready for check out. It's such a fabulous small town romance read, with each book picking up right where the last ended. (You definitely want to read them in order!) Spoiler alert: they're HEA's (happily ever after) stories, so if you are in need of a little bright, sunshiny happiness after the doldrums of winter, they are a solid choice.



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The Scene Too

– By Jane Harrison

No column this week!

SCDW Casting Call:

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is thrilled to have this year's musical "The Wizard of Oz" by Frank L. Baum, as its August live-stage performance. Performances are at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg on August 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18.

Looking to cast multiple actors - males and/or females, ages 6-60+.

Auditions will take place at the Senior Center, Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg on Friday March 8th, from 6PM-9PM and Saturday March 9th from 1PM-5PM.

All actors seeking a lead role should come prepared with a 1-minute monologue of their choice and must also be prepared to sing a song for the role they are auditioning for. All others please bring sheet music with a song of their choice or email MP3 music to heatherscdw@gmail.com. Sides will be read along with other auditioning actors. Contact Director Dawn Perneszi - 845-434-6152 or nyx6117@yahoo.com - for information or to schedule an alternate zoom audition.

Theater Arts Program Students Win Awards at Festival

A handful of students represented SUNY Sullivan's Theater Arts program at the Region 1 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) from January 30 to February 3 at the Central Connecticut State University. During the five days they attended the festival, the students took part in multiple competitions that tested their skills in varying aspects of theater.

SUNY Sullivan walked away with two awards: Christine Barkl was selected as the winner of the Award for Design, Technology, and Management for "The Heart of the Art," for her costume design in *Avenue Q*, and Faye Kaiser-Valder was selected as the winner of the Student Representation Award for Equity, Diversity, and Leadership.

Congratulations to these two award recipients, and to all the students who took part in the festival competitions!

Farm to School Initiative Grants Available Engaging and Empowering Youth Around Healthy Food

[Liberty, NY] Sullivan 180 released the Farm to School Initiative Grant application which provides funding support to initiatives proposed by youth to enhance cafeteria experiences and promote healthy food to farm to school.

Through a USDA Grant, and in partnership with several organizations, student proposed Farm to School initiative grants are available to every school district in Sullivan County. The purpose of this grant is to engage students in visioning and proposing projects or programs that would enhance their in-school eating experience.

Farm to School partners are available to offer technical assistance in a variety of areas. Students might also explore, incorporate or build on existing efforts such as the Catskill Edible Garden Project or resources such as Farm to School Month, NYS Harvest of the Month, the Big Apple Crunch, New York Thursdays etc.

Students are invited to apply in collaboration with their school leadership. Successful projects will have an opportunity to be presented at a regional Farm to School conference in 2025.

This youth initiatives project is part of the School Nutrition Action Coalition (SNAC) which has been working together over the past year to advance farm to school in Sullivan County. The Coalition includes partners from the Center for Discovery, Cornell Cooperative Sullivan County, Gael Roots Farm, Harvest NY, A Single Bite + the Catskills Food Hub, and the Sullivan County Youth Bureau; along with Liberty, Livingston Manor, Roscoe and Sullivan West School Districts.

Applications are available at www.sullivan180.org/grants. The application deadline is May 1, 2024.

For more information, contact Denise Frangipane at 845.295.2443 or denise@sullivan180.org.

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, Manor Ink, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat and WJFF Radio Catskill. Learn more at Sullivan180.org or Facebook.com/Sullivan180inc.

Join the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, the Sullivan County Childcare Council and Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress for a

FREE BREAKFAST - "CHILDCARE AND YOUR BUSINESS"

Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress will unveil a new interactive report that examines the state of childcare in the Hudson Valley and southern Catskills. Childcare businesses in the region are suffering under the weight of changes in demographics, economics, and other factors that have contributed to 62% of licensed childcare providers shutting down in Sullivan County in the past 15 years.

Pattern CEO Adam Bosch will explain why childcare is becoming more scarce, the connections between early childhood education and the regional workforce, and what might be done to preserve this vital service in the region.

Monday, March 11, 2024
9:00AM - 10:45AM

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Career Center Job Fair Wednesday, March 27

*Open to Students and the Public, Participants will
Include Employers from Across Sullivan County Region*

Loch Sheldrake, NY - The SUNY Sullivan Career Center is hosting a Career & Job Fair on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. The Career & Job Fair is open to students and the public, and organizers are inviting some of the largest local and regional employers to participate. Attendees are encouraged to dress professionally and bring their resumes. The Career & Job Fair takes place from 10 am-1 pm in the E Lobby on the SUNY Sullivan campus.

"There is a labor shortage in the county," says Career Development and Transfer Advisor Klu Padu, "and this event will provide unparalleled networking opportunities, allowing attendees to connect directly with representatives from diverse industries and companies."

Major employers from throughout the region will be in attendance, including Garnet Health, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Bethel Woods, Legoland, Jeff Bank, the Arc Greater Hudson Valley, the Center for Discovery, and St. Lawrence Health. If participants are unable to bring a resume, they will have the opportunity to work with the college's career center staff to create their own once they arrive. In addition to resumes, attendees can have professional headshots taken in the on-campus photography studio for their social media accounts, such as LinkedIn or Instagram.

For more information, call 845-434-5750 ext. 4202 or email careercenter@sunysullivan.edu.

Vendors Wanted

The Woodbourne Fire Department has vendor space available for it's annual Craft Fair, Yard Sale and Food Vendors to be held on Saturday, May 25th, 2024 from 10 am - 4 pm. Vendor spots are 10' x 10' and are \$25.00. Food Vendors spots are \$50.00. **All fees are Non-Refundable!**

Vendor spots will be available inside and outside. Tables and Chairs will be provided for inside **only**. Indoor spots are limited on a "First Come, First Serve" basis. No spots will be "Reserved"! Outside spots must provide their own table and power.

For more information please contact Amanda at (845)798-8648 or James at (845)423-3910 or you can send an email to: wfd91815@gmail.com and put "Vendor Information in the subject line.

Woodbourne Fire Dept French Toast Breakfast

The Woodbourne Fire Department invites you to attend our delicious French Toast Breakfast, Sunday, April 14th, 2024 from 7 am - Noon. In addition to french toast, there will be Eggs (Scrambled, Over Easy or Sunny Side Up) Sausage and Home Fries. Eat In or Take Out. Adults \$12.00 each. Children 6 and under \$6.00 each. For more information or directions to The Woodbourne Fire Department please call (845)434-6763 or (845)798-1035.



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Sullivan Takes Lead in Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for Public Good

Communications Director Presents at Google AI Panel

New York City, NY - Dan Hust, Sullivan County Director of Communications, travelled to New York City on Wednesday to participate in a panel discussion on utilizing AI (artificial intelligence) in government.

Along with three other speakers, Hust presented to several hundred attendees of Google's Public Sector GenAI Live + Labs conference in a seminar titled: "Harnessing the Power of AI for the Public Good: Innovative Applications in New York." The event was held at Google's new 350,000-square-foot office complex at Pier 57 along the Hudson River in Manhattan.

Hosted by Google, the conference was intended to showcase the company's new generative AI solution, called "Vertex," and how it can assist agencies serving the public interest. Hust's presentation stood out as a small-scale, rural application of this AI, through the County's web-based chatbot named "Saige."



Sullivan County Communications Director Dan Hust (second from right) joined three other panelists at Google's NYC offices on February 28 to talk about generative AI's applications in government. From the left were moderator Amina Al Sherif, NYS Department of Health CIO Todd Britton, NYU Langone Assistant Professor Dr. Yin Aphinyanaphongs and NYS DMV Customer Service and Experience Director Olga Bogdanova.

"I wanted to show how it's possible for a lightly populated, upstate municipality to still undertake industry-leading steps to better serve taxpayers," explained Hust. "I focused on the fact that we had Saige up and running in under three months with just two County employees - myself and Director of Application Development & Support Andrew McCabe - assigned to the project by County Manager Josh Potosek and Information Technology Services Commissioner Lorne Green."

Hust shared examples of how AI has been utilized by Sullivan County to better understand what information people are seeking and how to provide that information as quickly and automatically as possible. He noted that the County Clerk's phone call volume dropped by nearly two-thirds within four months of the chatbot's debut.

"It was able to answer questions like 'Where are you located?' and 'What are your hours?' - freeing up our staff to focus on the more complex needs of the public," he noted. "We aren't implementing AI to replace staff but to complement and support them."

The panel discussion was well-received, with many attendees impressed with Sullivan County's decision to implement this new AI before virtually any other similarly-sized municipality in the nation.

"I was honored to have had the opportunity to share our experiences and successes in harnessing a small piece of AI's potential for the public good," said Hust. "And I am proud to be part of a team dedicated to utilizing cutting-edge technologies to enhance efficiency, transparency, and accessibility in serving our community. The future is wide open, and we look forward to improving and expanding generative AI's capabilities at the local level."

He also encourages the public to ask questions of Saige and to let it know when it's gotten an answer right or wrong by clicking "Helpful" or "Not Helpful," as it will learn from this feedback. To try out the new tech, visit www.sullivanyny.us and click on the dialog box in the lower righthand of the screen.

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Sullivan County received the big-screen treatment as guests entered Google's Horizon Hall auditorium for the panel presentation.

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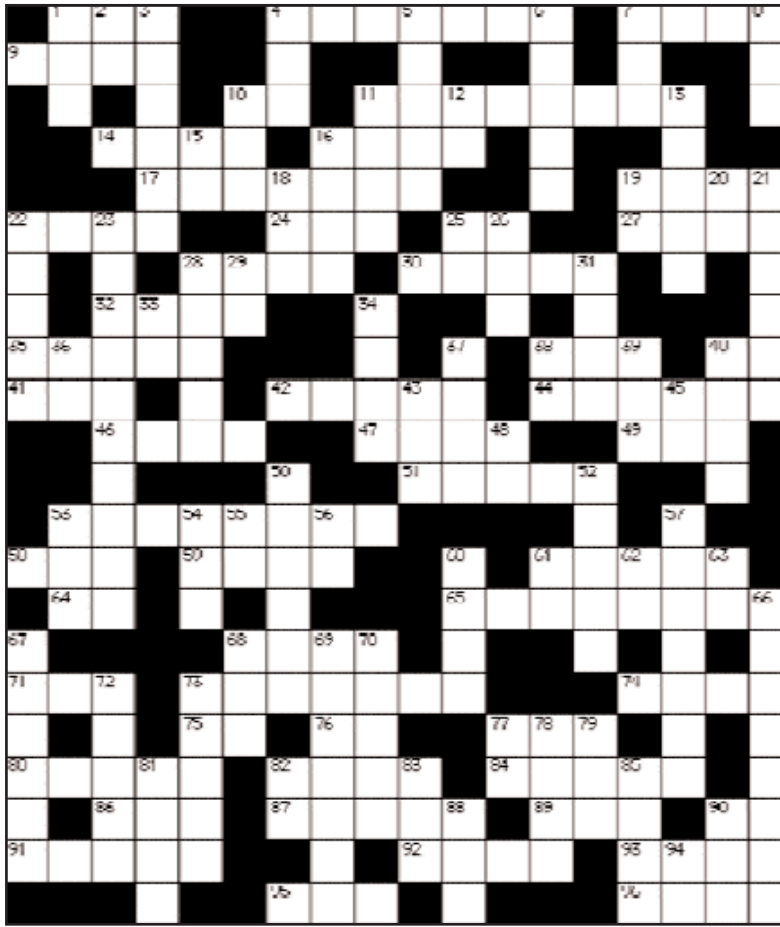
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Tic Toc Time to Change the Clock - L. Comando



- ACROSS**
- 1 A diagram of a land area
 - 4 North American tree frog; a sign of Spring!
 - 7 One Earth revolution around the sun
 - 9 Do again
 - 10 Georgia
 - 11 Stupendous
 - 14 Flat hollow unleavened bread
 - 16 Stride
 - 17 Customs of a particular group of people
 - 19 Nocturnal insect related to the butterfly
 - 22 What Daylight Saving is about
 - 24 Anger
 - 25 Supported by
 - 27 Wander
 - 28 Walking stick
 - 30 Large meal
 - 32 Gaze at
 - 35 Seat
 - 38 Cleared space on a golf course
 - 40 People in general
 - 41 Family members
 - 42 Source of illumination
 - 44 One of four divisions of the year
 - 46 Cry out
 - 47 A substance used for washing
 - 49 17th century sailor
 - 51 White heron
 - 53 Time when the sun reaches the lowest or highest point of the year
 - 58 Sun
 - 59 Aerodynamic
 - 61 Male chicken raised for food
 - 64 Wyoming (postal)
 - 65 Charged with electricity
 - 68 In music, a little
 - 71 Eastern Standard Time
 - 73 An event not explainable by science
 - 74 Rondout and Neversink water barriers
 - 75 Used to express time
 - 76 Regarding
 - 77 Perform
 - 80 A system used to detect speed
 - 82 Elliptical
 - 84 Provided protection for someone
 - 86 Invisible gaseous substance surrounding the Earth
 - 87 Heredity units
 - 89 Tear
 - 90 Post Script
 - 91 Having many hills
 - 92 Fermented honey and water
 - 93 Send forth
 - 95 Daylight Savings time
 - 96 Very long periods of time
- DOWN**
- 1 Adult males
 - 2 Advertisement
 - 3 Civil force used to maintain order
 - 4 Spherical edible seed
 - 5 Freedom from war or violence
 - 6 Denoting energy derived from the sun's rays
 - 7 The person I am speaking to
 - 8 Compete in a race
 - 10 Informal for girl
 - 11 The money a passenger pays
 - 12 Exist
 - 13 Implement used for eating
 - 15 Trade Union
 - 16 Free from contamination
 - 18 Metal container
 - 19 Title used before a male sir name
 - 20 Tri-Valley (abbrev)
 - 21 Nirvana
 - 22 Prepared course for athletes
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 - 25 A unit of

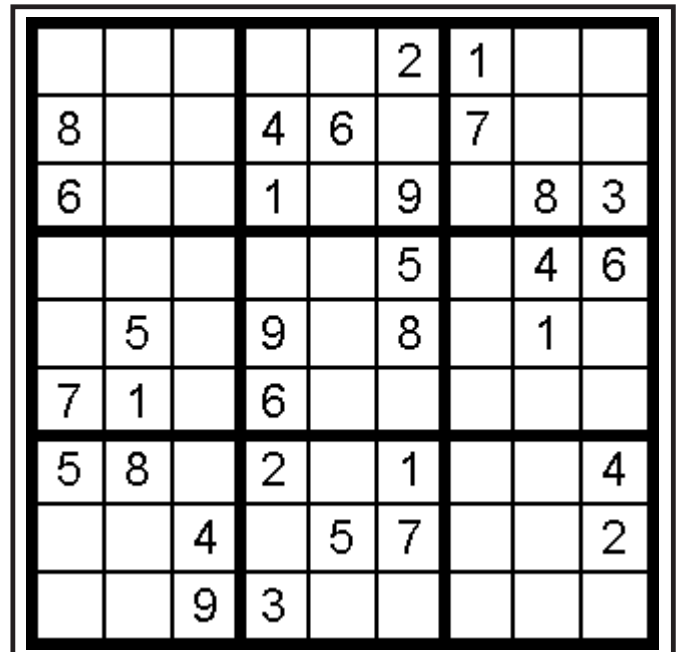
- magnetic field strength
- 26 Short sleep
- 28 Sedentary coelenterate
- 29 Largest US state
- 31 Woody perennial plant
- 33 Used to attract attention
- 34 Holds tightly in one's arms
- 36 Inforal greeting
- 37 Male deer
- 38 T.S. Eliot, author associated with the rise of literary modernism
- 39 Consume food
- 40 Single element of speech
- 43 Garden tool
- 45 South America
- 48 Public Relations
- 50 Reflective surface
- 52 Explain how to do something
- 53 Plant seed
- 54 To pose particularly in a seated position
- 56 Colorado (postal)
- 57 How we will push our clocks this weekend
- 60 English monk, theologian and historian who became a Saint (673-735)
- 61 Common Era
- 62 Half a quart (abbrev)
- 63 Chem. element nickel
- 66 Clever person with unsound reasoning
- 67 Look for
- 68 Seed
- 69 Artists who carve wood
- 70 Sea
- 72 Affected by the tides
- 73 Wed
- 77 Alternating Current
- 78 Used to send a greeting
- 79 Consisting of three
- 81 Afflicts
- 82 Author of the "God Memorandum"
- 83 Lunar Excursion Module
- 85 Sharp pointed dueling sword
- 88 Stitch
- 90 Tack
- 94 Short period of time

Slow Cooker Pulled Pork

- 1 Onion, finely chopped
- 3/4 c. ketchup
- 3 tbsp. tomato paste
- 1/4 c. apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. mustard powder
- 1 tsp. cumin
- 1 3- to 4-lb pork shoulder, trimmed of excess fat
- Coleslaw, for serving
- Barbecue sauce, for serving
- Buns, for serving

Combine onion, ketchup, tomato paste, apple cider vinegar and spices in the bowl of a slow cooker. Stir until evenly combined. Season with salt and pepper. Add the pork shoulder and toss to coat the meat in the sauce. Cover the slow cooker and cook on high for 5-6 hours, until tender. Remove pork from slow cooker and transfer to bowl. Shred pork with two forks and toss pork with juices from the slow cooker. Serve on buns with coleslaw.

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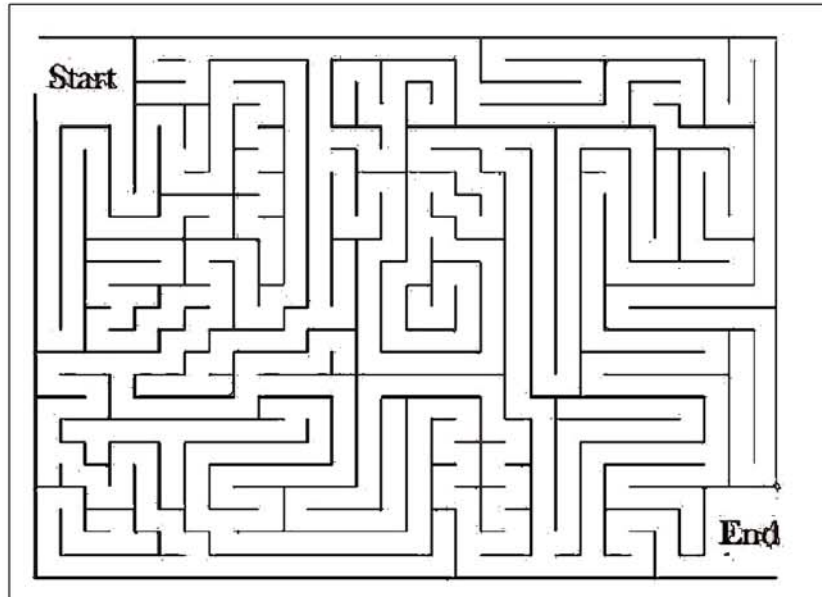
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The following children's programs are open to caregivers and their children ages 12 months to 5 years who are residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District. The spring eight-week long session begins the week of April 8th.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour

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

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

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ATTENTION:

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In accordance with Section 3635(2) of the Education Law, the Tri-Valley Central School District requires that requests for transportation to a non-public school for the 2024-2025 school year be received, in writing, no later than April 1, 2024.

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Norma Peña
District Clerk
March 1, 2024

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The annual Plot-Holders' meeting of the **Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association** will be held on Tuesday, March 19 or, in the event of bad weather, Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Grahamsville.

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

Earlier Than Usual Spring Conditions Leading to More Fires • Spring Burn Ban Reduces Wildfire Risks, Protects Lives, and Property

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

"While we're seeing record breaking fires in Texas right now, we're also at a higher risk here in New York," Commissioner Seggos said. "Before the annual burn ban goes into effect next month, we're encouraging New Yorkers who burn woody debris to do it carefully, don't burn on windy days, and have water or equipment ready to extinguish it if needed. All fires must be attended until completely out."

This winter season did not provide typical snow cover across much of New York State, leaving dormant vegetation from last year's growing season exposed where it is susceptible to the daily fluctuation of spring weather. DEC is advocating extra vigilance before the burn ban goes into effect, as Forest Rangers and local firefighters have already responded to early fires in multiple counties. (Contd. Pg. 44)

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Chapter 680 of the Laws of 2002 enacted General Municipal Law §209-cc, requiring the annual reporting of the presence of wild animals. Pursuant to this law, each person owning, possessing or harboring a wild animal as set forth in §209-cc must report its presence to the Town Clerk on or before April 1st, 2024.

A list of common names of animals to be reported is available at the Denning Town Clerk's Office, 985-2411, during normal business hours. Failure to file as required will be subject to penalties under the law.

Nancy Parrow, RMO
Denning Town Clerk
March 1st, 2024

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Administrative Opening Tri-Valley Central School

Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

This individual assists the Superintendent of Schools by providing financial oversight and leadership in all areas of cash mgmt., purchasing, accounting, financial statements, insurance claims, state aid reports & claims, school budget, capital projects, financial audits, and real estate transactions. This position also has operational oversight of business office staff, food service operation, transportation, nursing, buildings and grounds, and information technology departments.

Knowledge of the development and oversight of school budgets, NYS aid formulas and completion of state financial reports, managing self-funded medical insurance plans, and the successful leadership in initiating, evaluating, and upgrading school financial operating practices and systems, including the use of new software and technology, and a high-level communication and interpersonal skills are required.

Salary: \$125,000 - \$150,000
commensurate with experience

NYS SDA or SDL certification with a minimum of five (5) yrs. in education and school business mgmt. is preferred.

Please forward resumes & Tri-Valley's application (located at www.trivalleycsd.org) by **Mar 29th**
To: tri-valley-recruitment@scbores.org
Attn: Asst. Sup for Finance Search EOE

Ulster Heights UMC Receives \$1000 Donation

The Ulster Heights United Methodist Church receives \$1000 donation for their food pantry, the \$1000 includes \$500 from The Tri-Valley Lions and \$500 from Brandel Murphy Foundation "AFTER HOLIDAY FOOD PANTRY SUPPORT" matching grant.



Left to Right Donna VanWagner, Kathy Ellsworth, Colleen Lepke, Leah Exne, Karen Beilman, and Deborah Bertholf

Pictured from left to right are Donna VanWagner, Kathy Ellsworth, Colleen Lepke, Leah Exner, Karen Beilman, and Deborah Bertholf.

Colleen Lepke is the Food Pantry Coordinator. Deborah Bertholf assists with data reports. Karen Beilman assists with dog food and cat food bag preparation. After all, our pets are part of the family and must eat as well. Other volunteers assist in picking up, bagging, and distributing food. There are 15 to 20 volunteers along with members of Tri-Valley FFA who assist with the monthly food pantry at the Ulster Heights United Methodist Church.

Food pantry coordinator, Colleen Lepke, expressed her thanks on behalf of the Ulster Heights United Methodist Church Food Pantry Volunteers to The Tri-Valley Lions as well as to the Brandel Murphy Foundation for donation and grant which will benefit multiple families in need of food.

This was just one of four local food pantries that received the donation and matching grant.

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 47th year of existence, and we are always looking for new members.

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

** Milk Chocolate and Dark Chocolate Easter Bunnies are now available for sale at the Daniel Pierce Library for \$5 a bunny. They are delicious and make a great addition to any Easter Basket, and of course help the Tri-Valley Lions continue to make donations to local and other organizations that fall under the Lions mission.

SC Deputy Sheriffs from the Sheriff's Youth Division Graduated from Montour Falls DARE Instructor School



Two Deputy Sheriffs from the Sheriff's Youth Division graduated from intensive two week DARE instructor school in Montour Falls, NY on Friday (03/01/2024). Deputy Roy Rogers serves as a school resource officer (SRO) in the Monticello school district and Deputy Tim Kautz is a school resource officer assigned to Sullivan West. In addition to their SRO duties, the two deputies will now be assigned to teach the DARE program in their respective school. In the photo (l to r) Sergeant Rose Ionta, Deputy Rogers, Deputy Kautz and Undersheriff Eric Chaboty.

Tri-Valley Elementary School
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Tri-Valley Elementary School

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Covered Dish Supper
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Apr 6, 2024**

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Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

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

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

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

HOLY DAY EUCHARIST
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<https://smsaparish.org/bulletins>

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Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

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

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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

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

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

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church

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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



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Call - 845-985-2041 for information

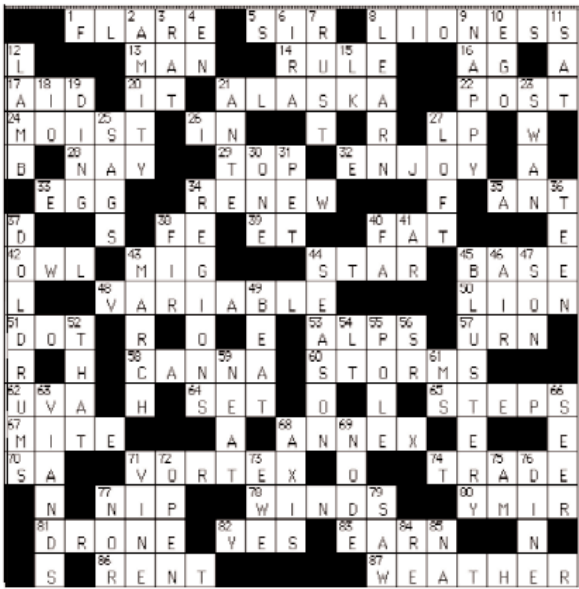
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Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



**GRAHAMSVILLE
UMC THRIFT MINISTRY**

We are no longer accepting donations for the Thrift Ministry. Thanks to all for your generosity which has helped to make a successful season. We look forward to returning in the Spring of 2024.

The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team

<https://grahamsvilleUMC.org>
GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com—Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

**Sundown
United Methodist Church
Covered Dish Supper**

**Saturday,
April 6, 2024 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall**

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

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answer

2024 Journey For Sight Walk

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

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

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

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3/12/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
3/13/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
3/17/24	Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon
3/19/24	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
3/21/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
3/21/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
3/29/24	Town of Neversink Holiday Good Friday
4/2/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
4/3/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
4/6/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall

Save the Date!

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of March 4 - March 8, 2024

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

Monday, March 4

6:00 PM - Ulster County Traffic Safety Board, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; Via Zoom, Meeting ID 878 9035 1180; By Phone (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, March 5

4:30 PM - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

6:00 PM (Or Immediately Following Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee) - Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Wednesday, March 6

5:00 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board Subcommittees, in the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Kingston

6:00 PM - Ulster County Human Rights Commission, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston

6:30 PM - Ulster County Planning Board Executive Committee, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, March 7

4:00 PM - American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

5:00 PM - Health, Human Services & Housing Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Friday, March 8

No Meetings

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

Classified ads - \$5.00
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\$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" -

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Digital Flyer Insert - 8"x10 -
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As in the past, there is no fee for
advertising for our local churches

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Sullivan 180 Upcoming Events

CATCH My Breath Facilitator Training

This training is for Sullivan County educators to learn about implementing the *CATCH My Breath* curriculum in their schools.

Friday, March 15 - 12:30 - 3:30 PM

CVI Building, One Cablevision Center Drive, Liberty

To register for this training, email Nicole@Sullivan180.org.

For CTLEs, also register at [bit.ly/CTLESullivan](https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/Catalog.asp?D=1047)

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Sullivan County Alzheimer's Community Forum

Attend this Community Forum to share your experience with Alzheimer's disease and discuss how we can best serve your community. Together, we can help enhance care and support resources for those facing the disease. Registration is required by Friday, March 29th.

Sullivan County Alzheimer's Community Forum in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension- Sullivan County, Sullivan 180, Sullivan County Office for the Aging
Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan

64 Ferndale Loomis Rd

Liberty, NY 12754

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EDT

24/7 Helpline: (800) 272-3900

Register for the forum at: https://www.communityresourcefinder.org/ResourceView/Index?id=3151398&_gl=1*13d72vu*_ga*MTIyNjg0MzAzMC4xNjg5MzY3MDEw*_g_a_9JTEWVX24V*MTcwODk3ODc3OS43LjEuMTcwODk3ODg4OS4yNC4wLjA.

Learn about Alzheimer's, dementia and memory loss in this brief community-focused listening session. We'll review the basics of these conditions, services of the Alzheimer's Association and how we can expand the reach of local programs and services. Bring a friend and share your thoughts about how the Alzheimer's Association can help more people in your community.

Additional Information

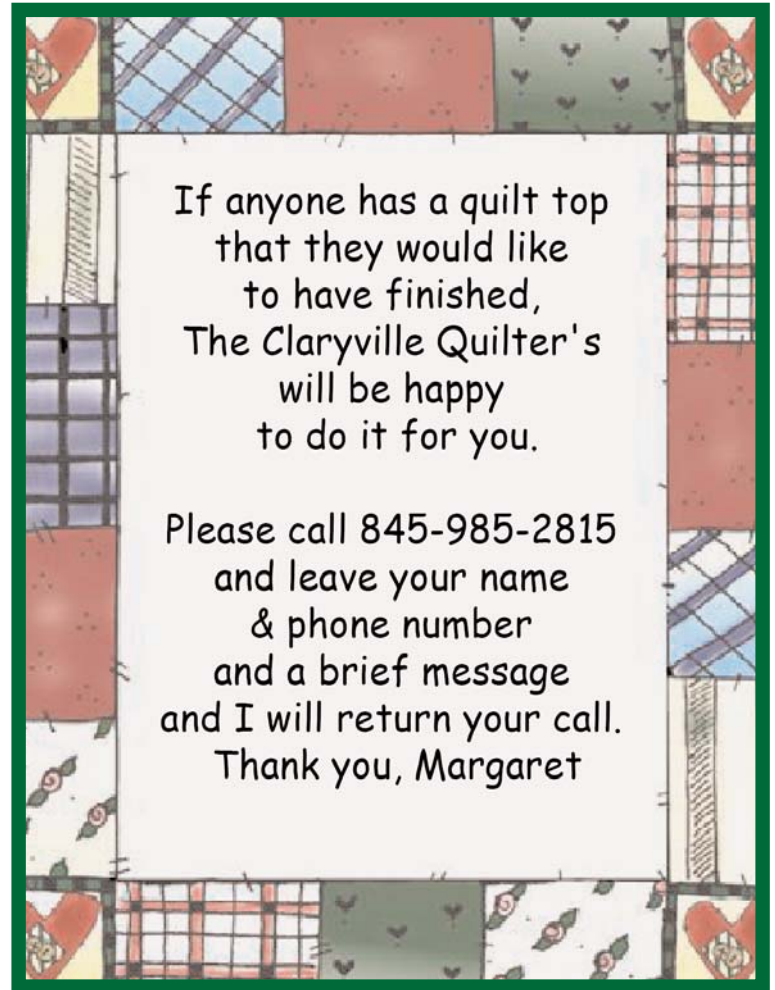
We want to hear from you, Sullivan County! Attend this Community Forum to share your experience with Alzheimer's disease and discuss how we can best serve your community. Together, we can help enhance care and support resources for those facing the disease. Registration is required by Friday, March 29th.

To register, please contact the Alzheimer's Association at 800.272.3900.

Join the Sullivan 180 Merchant Discount Program

*Support volunteers in their efforts to
build a healthy community*

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 announced that the Merchant Discount Program will return in 2024 to support grant recipients in building a healthy community



through people, places, and policy. The Merchant Discount Program encourages businesses to set a specified discount on supplies, materials, or services and incentivizes grant recipients to spend locally for their projects. The Merchant Discount Program is made possible in partnership with the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce.

Sullivan 180 offers grants to schools, community groups and municipalities participating in our grant programs. These programs include: Beautification, the Catskill Edible Garden Project, Community Development, Municipal Partnership and Empowering a Healthier Generation. Grant amounts range depending on the program and project.

Local businesses help groups leverage grant dollars while at the same time encouraging local spending. To participate, businesses offer a discount rate on products or services for Sullivan 180 projects. The business sets the discount amount. Discounts typically range from 10% to 20% (or more). Although this program is in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, you are not required to be a member to participate.

"By participating in this valuable program, local businesses can join volunteer groups who have collectively raised several million dollars that have been reinvested in building healthy communities," said Elise Yamen from Sullivan 180. For information on how to get involved, email elise@sullivan180.org or call 845.295.2691.

Dept. of Motor Vehicles dates for the Neversink Town Hall.

Mar. 7, 2024



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Livingston Manor - 95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY (rotating schedule)

Hortonville - 104 Lower Main Street, Hortonville, NY (rotating schedule)

Wurtsboro - 2948 US 209, Wurtsboro, NY (rotating schedule)

Narrowsburg - 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY (rotating schedule)

Liberty - 15 Sullivan Ave. Liberty, NY (rotating schedule)

Bloomingburg - 13 North Rd. Bloomingburg, NY (rotating schedule)

Mobile Unit on Location 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Forms can be accessed through the NYS DMV website - dmv.ny.gov

For further information please call: 845-794-3872

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Childcare and Your Business - Free Breakfast

Join the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, the Sullivan County Childcare Council, and Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress for a Free Breakfast

Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress will unveil a new interactive report that examines the state of childcare in the Hudson Valley and southern Catskills. Childcare businesses in the region are suffering under the weight of changes in demographics, economics, and other factors that have contributed to 62% of licensed childcare providers shutting down in Sullivan County in the past 15 years.

Pattern CEO Adam Bosch will explain why childcare is becoming more scarce, the connections between early childhood education and the regional workforce, and what might be done to preserve this vital service in the region.

Monday, March 11, 2024

9:00AM - 10:45AM

The Kartrite Resort & Indoor Waterpark
555 Resorts World Dr, Monticello, NY 12701
Hudson Ballroom

FREE TO ATTEND

BUT YOU MUST REGISTER

<https://catskillsny.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/14739>

NYS Public Service Commission Denies Hudson Valley Water Company Extension

ALBANY, NY and KINGSTON, NY - The New York State Public Service Commission yesterday denied Hudson Valley Water Company's request for a 30-day extension to comply with the order to show cause on why they should not be replaced by a temporary operator. The owner, Jeffrey Fuller, requested an extension due to "being out of the country and having not had the ability to become fully aware of the circumstances or to attempt to prepare the required response." NYS Public Service Commission Secretary Michelle Phillips responded in a letter on behalf of the Commission that the reasons were "not persuasive, particularly, where, as here, the Order outlines a lengthy timeline of complaints and an extended history of alleged water quality and service issues."

"I applaud the Commission's decision to deny the request for an extension, which Mr. Fuller made for reasons that were absurd, at best," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "Fuller's rationale that he has been out of the country is an excuse akin to 'the dog ate my homework,' and is particularly galling in this moment, with System #5 in Boiceville currently under a Boil Water Notice due to a power outage-a situation that could have been entirely pre-

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vented had the company followed an earlier directive from the Commission to install a back-up generator."

BACKGROUND:

Hudson Valley Water Company, Inc., operates five pumping and distribution systems throughout Ulster County, including in Mount Marion, High Falls Park, Pine Street-Hurley, West Hurley, and Boiceville. After a system failure began on December 16, 2023, the Boiceville system was left without drinking water service for nearly a month. The Boiceville system once again failed in late February 2024 and was placed on a boil water notice due to a lack of a generator. This outage is the latest in a long record of outages, service interruptions, and poor customer service, and demonstrates the company's inability to follow its PSC-approved Standard Operating Procedures and Emergency Plan.

The company's failures have repeatedly resulted in officials having to step in over the years to ensure residents were properly notified of issues, including outages, boil water notices, service interruptions, and the provision of potable water during a system failure.

These issues were the basis of customer complaints about the Hurley and Mount Marion systems, which prompted a Department of Public Service Investigation in 2019-2020. In June 2022, then-County Executive Pat Ryan, together with Senator Michelle Hinchey and then-Assemblymember Kevin Cahill, held a public hearing on HVWC's request for a 20.6% rate increase, drawing residents from all five systems to demand service improvements. The company was granted just a 2.8% increase, due in good part to numerous complaints by residents and officials, and the company's failure to comply with commission orders.

Commission order and 2024 staff report for Matter 24-W-0105 can be found here:

<https://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=24-W-0105&CaseSearch=Search>



Daniel Pierce Library Adopt a "Furever" Reading Bunny

Students K-3rd Grade

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Snow Date: Thursday, March 28th

Did you know bunnies love stories? Special guest, Karen Coombe of Thunder View Farm will be showing her beloved bunnies- Squash, Jorge, Gus and Moon! Meet ALL four and see how they LOVED to be read to.

Children may also pick out and adopt a stuffed bunny to read to at home! Their "Furever" Reading Bunny's favorite thing to do is listen to someone read to them at least 20 minutes a day!

Open to Tri-Valley Residents. Please register online @ www.danielpiercelibrary.org

To register go to:

<https://danielpiercelibrary.org/Pages/Index/228726/adopt-a-bunny>

Governor Hochul Announces WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series Coming to NY's North Country Region

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that Lake Placid will host a round of the WHOOP UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) Mountain Bike World Series - the world's premier mountain biking circuit - for the first time September 27-29, 2024. With a loyal following of thousands of fans, the WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series will bring the top professional mountain bikers in the world to Lake Placid to compete in three UCI Mountain Bike World Cups: the UCI Cross-country Olympic, UCI Cross-country Short Track and the UCI Cross-country Marathon.

The announcement follows more than \$550 million in state investments in Olympic Regional Development Authority facilities to renovate New York's sports infrastructure and builds on Governor Hochul's commitment to supporting the state's \$123 billion tourism industry. Tickets for the event's three men's and women's races go on sale starting tomorrow, March 6.

"The WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series is our next big chance to show the world what the North Country has to offer," Governor Hochul said. "This September, thousands of athletes and spectators from around the globe will flock to Lake Placid to enjoy our breathtaking views, world-class sporting facilities, vibrant businesses, and top-notch eateries. New York State is building a year-round destination in the North Country, and I encourage New Yorkers and visitors to buy their tickets and be a part of this year's festivities."

Mt Van Hoevenberg in Lake Placid is one of 15 stops for the series that spans ten countries on three continents, starting with two weekends of cross-country races in Brazil - April 12-14 in Mairiporã and April 19-21 in Araxá. The series continues until the first weekend of October with the traditional formats of cross-country and downhill as well as formats that are new to the series, such as Cross-country marathon, Enduro, and E-Enduro.

In addition, the Olympic Authority and Warner Bros. Discovery Sports, global promoter managing the broadcast, promotion, and organization of the WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series, will enter into a three-year agreement to host the races and help grow the discipline worldwide. All 16 race weekends of the WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series will be shown on the B/R Sports hub on the Max streaming service in the United States.

Mountain biking made its Olympic debut in 1996 at the Atlanta Games and has been part of the Olympic program at each of the six Summer Games since, with men's and women's cross-country Olympic racing. The 2024 WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series will take an extensive mid-season break during the Paris Olympic Games, which run from July 26 to August 11. The series resumes September 6-8 with downhill and enduro races September 6-8 in Loudenvielle, France, followed by the cross-country races in Lake Placid and the season finale at Mont-Sainte-Anne, Quebec, on October 4-6.

Olympic Authority President and CEO Ashley Walden said, "We are thrilled to introduce a mountain biking event of this scale to Lake Placid for the first time. This is a unique opportunity for our venues, which have historically been focused on winter activities. The recent upgrades have made it possible for the Olympic Authority to expand our operations to accommodate elite events and training year-round as we begin a new chapter that will now include a Summer Olympic sport."

Warner Bros. Discovery Sports Cycling Events Vice President Chris Ball said, "After a ground-breaking 2023, I am proud to welcome both iconic venues and new destinations to the 2024 WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series calendar. In the largest expansion of international mountain bike for many years, six new venues will join a blockbuster of a year, totaling 15 event weekends. Expansion into South America and long-term agreements in Lake Placid in the USA, Trentino in Italy and Haute-Savoie in France are hallmarks to a season that offers more racing than ever before.

Empire State Development Vice President and Executive Director of Tourism Ross D. Levi said, "I LOVE NY is excited to welcome the WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series to Lake Placid and the majestic Adirondack Mountains. This is a terrific addition to the roster of competitions at New York's world-class Olympic facilities. The cool, crisp autumn air is perfect for mountain biking, and the fall foliage will provide a colorful backdrop for riders and spectators. We invite residents and visitors alike to come experience the WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series and enjoy all of the world-class attractions, lodging and dining available throughout the Adirondacks that make it easy to love New York during our beautiful fall season."

Governor Hochul's Support for Tourism Industry

Governor Hochul has maintained a strong commitment to supporting New York's tourism industry - one of the state's key economic drivers. New York State welcomed 291.5 million visitors in 2022, the largest number of visitors in New York State's history, generating more than \$78.6 billion in direct spending and \$123 billion in total economic impact following historic investments in tourism, economic development, outdoor recreation, transportation, and other key sectors.

As part of that commitment, the Governor has supported significant investments of more than \$600 million in the Olympic Authority facilities to help reposition the State of New York as a global winter sport destination. These investments have supported major sporting events like the 2023 FISU Winter World University Games, which were held in Lake Placid last year. The major transformations and modernizations were executed with a focus on sustainability and financial responsibility. In tandem, event promoter and organizer WBD Sports recently achieved the ISO20121 certification for its commitment to sustainable event management. This certification approves the structured framework that integrates sustainability into their event management practices.

The Olympic Authority venues include Mt Van Hoevenberg, the Olympic Center, the Olympic Jumping Complex, and three ski areas: Belleayre Mountain, Gore Mountain, and Whiteface Mountain. The facilities are open year-round for events, athlete training, and recreation, while providing world-class experiences and competitions. In addition to its six venues in the Adirondacks and Catskills, the Olympic Authority manages the Lake Placid Olympic Museum and Lake Placid Conference Center. The organization also owns the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Center, the U.S. Luge Association facility, and the Olympic Authority's Corporate offices, all located in Lake Placid.

During the 2022-2023 season, the Olympic Authority activities generated a one-year direct economic impact of \$341.8 million, according to an Economic Impact Analysis conducted by Tourism Economics. In addition, the Olympic Authority supported 3,414 jobs and generated \$25 million in state and local tax revenues.

Tickets will go live for purchase on March 6, on the Mt Van Hoevenberg website. For more information on the event, visit the Overview page which includes a detailed schedule and the UCI Mountain Bike World Series website.

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In Poughkeepsie, Gillibrand calls for Passage of The Fend Off Fentanyl Act

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand stood with local leaders and law enforcement at the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Center to call for the passage of the Fentanyl Eradication and Narcotics Deterrence (FEND) Off Fentanyl Act, bipartisan legislation that would empower the U.S. government to go after the cartels bringing dangerous drugs into the country and help fight the opioid epidemic. In mid-February, the Senate passed the FEND Off Fentanyl Act as part of a bipartisan national security supplemental package, but the bill has stalled in the House. Now, Senator Gillibrand is calling on Speaker Mike Johnson and House Republicans to take action immediately against the drug producers and traffickers devastating our communities.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50 times stronger than heroin and cannot be detected by taste, smell, or sight when mixed with other drugs. In 2023, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) seized over 386,000,000 deadly doses of fentanyl across the U.S. - enough to supply a lethal dose to every American.

Gillibrand was joined by U.S. Congressman Pat Ryan, a House cosponsor of the FEND Off Fentanyl Act; Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino; City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers; New York State Senator Robert Rolison; New York State Assemblywoman Didi Barrett; New York State Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson; Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi; Captain John Watterson of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office; and Michael Balles, Agency Director of the Council on Addiction Prevention & Education of Dutchess County.

"No community has been left untouched by the opioid epidemic. In 2022, the DEA seized enough deadly doses of fentanyl in New York for more than three times the state's population, and just a few weeks ago, officials indicted seven people right here in Dutchess County for selling counterfeit oxycodone pills containing fentanyl," said Senator Gillibrand. "The bipartisan FEND Off Fentanyl Act is a critical piece of legislation that will help us target both the cartels and the individuals involved in producing and trafficking these dangerous drugs. It will empower the government to sanction drug traffickers and combat money laundering schemes that make this trade profitable. I was proud to help get this bill passed in the Senate, and today, I'm calling on Republicans in the House to pass it as well. We have lost too many lives to the fentanyl crisis and we have to do everything in our power to fight it."

"Illicit fentanyl is wreaking havoc on Hudson Valley families and laying waste to lives across the country," said Congressman Ryan. "Time and time again - from the bipartisan border security bill, to passing an actual budget, to now saving lives from fentanyl overdoses - we've seen the GOP-led House under Mike Johnson and Elise Stefanik's leadership reject real and ready solutions to the crises facing our nation. They're letting their own intra-party chaos and dysfunction, stoked by Donald Trump, get in the way of helping Hudson Valley families. Cracking down on fentanyl traffickers shouldn't be controversial, it's common sense - our country needs a vote on this now."

"Too many families are sadly still losing loved ones to overdoses, with most involving fentanyl. Our Dutchess County Drug Task Force is working overtime to get these deadly drugs off our streets and out of our community, and I have been proud to support their work by expanding their resources, but it is a daunting challenge as drug cartels and criminals continue to expand their trafficking operations. Federal action is necessary to stop this deadly surge and we thank Senator Gillibrand for her support of this bipartisan legislation to stop these criminals and end this epidemic," said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino.

"I commend Senator Gillibrand for her unrelenting efforts to address the fentanyl crisis that has plagued our communities, including in the

City of Poughkeepsie. The trafficking of fentanyl and related opioids is a menace, and no community is safe, as we were recently reminded through the takedown of a gun trafficking network that also distributed counterfeit oxycodone pills containing deadly amounts of fentanyl right here in Dutchess County," said City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers. "Senator Gillibrand is fighting on behalf of those who have lost loved ones and for those who might otherwise fall victim to these sinister practices that prey on vulnerable people."

"The overdose crisis doesn't respect political or geographic boundaries. Fentanyl is a scourge tearing through our communities that needs to be stopped," said New York State Senator Robert Rolison (39th District). "I'm proud to partner with our federal counterparts like Senator Gillibrand to confront this problem head-on and offer real solutions to protect New Yorkers and punish the cartels spreading poison. This legislation will be an effective public safety tool for our brave law enforcement and drug-interdiction services and on behalf of our Hudson Valley residents I'm eager to support it."

"Combatting the fentanyl epidemic needs to be a top priority, as it jeopardizes public safety and destroys families. In the past, Dutchess County has led New York State in overdose deaths per capita and unfortunately 2023 appears to be no different. In 2023, 111 people in Dutchess County died as a result of dangerous drug overdoses and there were more than 300 non-fatal overdoses. My office through the Dutchess County Drug Task Force and with all our partners in law enforcement work tirelessly to combat this epidemic but we need all the help we can get. (Contd. Pg. 34)



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(From Pg. 33) I commend Senator Gillibrand for recognizing the crisis we are in and I support this legislation. We must act now and do whatever we can to protect our communities from succumbing to the lethality of this poison," said Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi.

The majority of illegal fentanyl entering the United States is made with Chinese precursor chemicals and manufactured in Mexico. This bill will empower the U.S. government to go after the cartels bringing these dangerous drugs into the United States and those producing and shipping the precursor materials. It also enhances sanctions enforcement and gives the Treasury Department tools to combat fentanyl-related money laundering.

Specifically, the FEND Off Fentanyl Act would:

1. Declare the international trafficking of fentanyl a national emergency.
2. Require the president to sanction transnational criminal organizations and drug cartels' key members engaged in international fentanyl trafficking.
3. Enable the president to use proceeds of forfeited, sanctioned property of fentanyl traffickers to further law enforcement efforts.
4. Enhance the ability to enforce sanctions violations, making it more likely that people who defy U.S. law will be caught and prosecuted.
5. Require the administration to report to Congress on actions the U.S. government is taking to reduce the international trafficking of fentanyl and related opioids.
6. Allow the Treasury Department to utilize special measures to combat fentanyl-related money laundering.
7. Require the Treasury Department to prioritize fentanyl-related suspicious transactions and include descriptions of drug cartels' financing actions in Suspicious Activity Reports.

This legislation is cosponsored by Senators Brown (D-OH), Wicker (R-MS), Reed (D-RI), Vance (R-OH), Tester (D-MT), Lummis (R-WY), Sinema (I-AZ), Britt (R-AL), Cortez Masto (D-NV), Kennedy (R-LA), Fetterman (D-PA), Hagerty (R-TN), Smith (D-MN), Menendez (D-NJ), Risch (R-ID), Van Hollen (D-MD), Moran (R-KS), Warner (D-VA), Daines (R-MT), Hassan (D-NH), Crapo (R-ID), Shaheen (D-NH), Collins (R-ME), Heinrich (D-NM), Braun (R-IN), Rosen (D-NV), Ernst (R-IA), Casey (D-PA), Cramer (R-ND), Baldwin (D-WI), Rounds (R-SD), Kelly (D-AZ), Capito (R-WV), King (I-ME), Scott (R-FL), Whitehouse (D-RI), Budd (R-NC), Tillis (R-NC), Manchin (D-WV), Cassidy (R-LA), Cornyn (R-TX), Wyden (D-OR), Schmitt (R-MO), Kaine (D-VA), Lankford (R-OK), Boozman (R-AR), Padilla (D-CA), Blumenthal (D-CT), Thune (R-SD), Peters (D-MI), Rubio (R-FL), Stabenow (D-MI), Sullivan (R-AK), Schatz (D-HI), Ricketts (R-NE), Klobuchar (D-MN), Blackburn (R-TN), Markey (D-MA),

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UC Executive Metzger and Legislators Seek Traffic Impact and Safety Analysis for Rte. 44/55

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has called on New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) to conduct a thorough investigation into road safety of 44/55 where the Town of Plattekill is considering an application for a 451,000-square-foot warehousing facility located at 2021 NYS Route 44/55 in its BD-60 zoning district. Ulster County legislators also signed on in support, including Minority Leader Kevin Roberts (D-12, Plattekill), Legislator Debra Clinton (D-16, Gardiner and Shawangunk), Legislator Megan Sperry (D-17, New Paltz and Esopus) and Legislator Limina Grace Harmon (D-20, New Paltz).

County Executive Metzger and Legislators expressed major concern about the existing bare-bones traffic analysis that has been completed and are seeking a more rigorous assessment of traffic and safety issues. Concerns about the traffic analysis have been raised by the Ulster County Planning Board, as well as by local officials and residents in Plattekill and neighboring communities of Gardiner and New Paltz.

"The potential volume and frequency of truck traffic from this kind of facility is a major concern for neighbors and surrounding communities, and there are issues like sight distances, speeds, and the ability of trucks to safely navigate portions of the highway system that have not been adequately examined," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "Our communities have recently lost four young people to accidents on three different state roads, and we insist that the proper analyses are done for this project to protect public safety and reduce risks of such tragic losses in the future."

"A project the size of the proposed mega warehouse will change the rural character of Plattekill and Southern Ulster County forever. Traffic, noise, and drainage are just a few of the issues that concern me. By asking NYSDOT to do additional traffic and safety impact studies will protect the residents that live near and use RT 44/55 in Modena. I appreciate County Executive Metzger and our colleagues on both sides of the aisle that have come together to protect our shared communities," stated Legislator Kevin Roberts.

Legislator Megan Sperry added: "Over the past four years we have seen a significant increase in traffic on all roads in Ulster County. The Hudson Valley has become a regional destination for tourists who want to hike, bike, check out our farms, and enjoy all the entertainment opportunities we have to offer. With that being said, we need to collaborate with the state and our local municipalities to ensure that everyone, pedestrian and vehicle operators, are safe on our streets for any reason they find themselves in transit."

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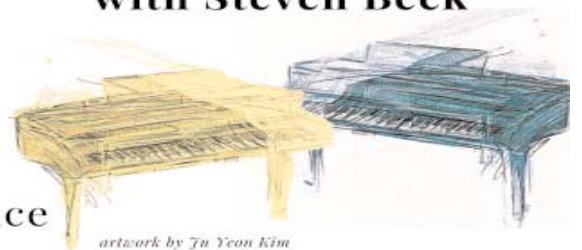
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Gillibrand, Casey Introduce Landmark Strategic Plan for Aging Act

Bill would create a new, nationwide grant program to incentivize and support states' efforts to create strategic plans for aging

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), member of the Senate Committee on Aging, and U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA), chair of the Senate Committee on Aging, introduced the Strategic Plan for Aging Act, a landmark bill that would create a new, nationwide grant program under the Older Americans Act (OAA) to incentivize and support states' efforts to create their own strategic plans for aging. There are currently at least 24 states that are implementing, developing, or initiating a comprehensive plan to address the needs of older adults; these plans are commonly referred to by states as Master Plans for Aging or Multisector Plans for Aging. These plans are cross-sector, state-led strategic planning resources that can help states transform the infrastructure and coordination of services for their aging populations. The ultimate goal is to guide smart policy choices and investments at the state level to ensure older adults can live with dignity in the setting of their choice.

In the United States, there are more than 57 million Americans aged 65 years and older, and because that number is expected to rise to more than 80 million by 2040, it is essential that state and local governments are prepared to address the needs of our aging loved ones.

"More than 57 million Americans are aged 65 years and older, and that number will continue to rise in the coming years. It is absolutely essential that Congress leads the effort to invest in the well-being of our elder loved ones," said Senator Gillibrand. "The Strategic Plan for Aging Act would deliver millions for states to develop their own strategic plans for aging, which can provide resources and solutions to help older Americans navigate everything from housing and food insecurity to skyrocketing health care costs, insufficient retirement savings, and elder abuse. I'm committed to ensuring that every American has the opportunity to age with dignity and financial security."

"After fighting in our wars, teaching our children, and building our Nation, older Americans deserve to age with dignity. As I lead this year's reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, I am focused on ensuring that Congress meets its obligation to Pennsylvanians and people around the country as they age," said Senator Bob Casey (D-PA), chair of the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging. "The Strategic Plan for Aging Act would help provide that support by giving Pennsylvania and states across the Nation the resources they need to plan for the future and ensure that no older Americans are left behind."

The Strategic Plan for Aging Act would:

- o Award grants to states, territories, and tribes to create or continue to develop their own Multisector Plan for Aging.
- o Awardees will finalize and begin the implementation of their plan not later than 2 years after receiving the grant. The plan should cover a 10-year period.
- o A plan would direct the state, local, nonprofit, and private sectors to collaborate on systems-based solutions that touch all major areas of the aging life experience, such as health

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- o Provide awardees with resources to coordinate, implement, and evaluate cross-agency and private sector plans to improve the lives of older adults, including older adults with a disability.

- o Award up to 65 grants in a 5-year span; each grant could be worth up to \$500,000. HHS will have the discretion to award a lower amount depending on the size and need of the state, territory, and tribal organization.

"USAgging is pleased to support the Strategic Plan for Aging Act. If we are to build a society that values people as they age, we must as a nation plan to improve the ability of older adults to age well at home and in the community. The nation's Area Agencies on Aging and Title VI Native American Aging Programs have been preparing for our current unprecedented age wave for decades and play significant roles in aging planning in communities across the U.S. This legislation will expand and coordinate with these planning efforts to engage all sectors of society in planning and supporting our historic demographic shift," said Sandy Markwood, CEO, USAgging.

"Advancing States is glad to endorse the Strategic Plan for Aging Act. Now more than ever, addressing the needs of the nation's aging population requires thoughtful, long-term strategic planning. The Strategic Plan for Aging Act would offer essential support to state aging agencies, enabling them to develop and implement effective strategies to strengthen the infrastructure of their programs and better meet the needs of the growing older adult population nationwide," said Martha Roherty, Executive Director of ADvancing States. (Contd. Pg. 36)

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(From Pg. 35) "Counties play a much-needed role in helping older adults live independently in our communities," said National Association of Counties Executive Director Matthew Chase. "With the senior population increasing, we have experienced increased demand on county services. By creating a new, nationwide grant program to support the development and implementation of multi-sector aging plans, the bipartisan Strategic Plan for Aging Act will help counties and our inter-governmental partners meet the needs of elderly residents for years to come. We look forward to working with Congress to pass this important legislation."

"We commend Senator Gillibrand for her leadership and dedication to supporting older Americans. This rapidly growing population faces significant risk of social isolation, malnutrition and hunger while federal funding shortfalls limit the aging network's capacity to provide lifesaving services. Currently, one in three Meals on Wheels programs has a waitlist, with seniors waiting an average of three months for vital meals. The Strategic Plan on Aging Act incentivizes collaboration among states, Area Agencies on Aging and community-based organizations like Meals on Wheels that are best positioned to meet seniors' needs by establishing additional grants and resources to coordinate and implement aging plans focused on seniors' well-being. We look forward to working with Congress to enact this comprehensive legislation," said Ellie Hollander, President and CEO of Meals on Wheels America.

"As America grows older, all states need to be planning for a future where we can all access appropriate health care, housing, transportation, and other services as we age. As we've seen with California's Master Plan for Aging, now in its 5th year, targeted investments and inclusive planning, such as what is proposed in the Strategic Plan on Aging Act, can work to build better, more equitable communities for us all. This is a very exciting development," said Justice in Aging's Executive Director, Kevin Prindiville.

New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "Master Plans for Aging are vital components of state efforts to enact policies and programs that empower older adults to live healthy, fulfilling lives in the communities of their choice, while aging with dignity and independence. Senator Gillibrand's proposal recognizes the importance of making sure states have the means and supports to accomplish that goal."

Master Plan for Aging Chair and Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Health's Office of Aging and Long-term Care Adam Herbst, Esq., said, "With alignment at the federal and state level, we can use Master Plans for Aging to remake the aging experience through support programs that are more effective, efficient, and impactful. I applaud Senator Gillibrand for ensuring that state and federal government agencies partner to build a system that works for older adults and for all of us as we age."

States that are implementing or developing a Strategic Aging Plan include: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont and Washington.

The Strategic Plan for Aging Act has been endorsed by: ADvancing States; Alliance for Retired Americans; American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees;

American Society on Aging; CaringKind the Heart of Alzheimer's Caregiving; Carter Burden Network; Chinatown Manpower Project, Inc.; Chinese-American Planning Council; Citymeals on Wheels; Coalition to End Social Isolation and Loneliness; Defeat Malnutrition Today; Diverse Elders Coalition; Elder Justice Coalition; Generations United; GNYHA; Grantmakers in Aging; Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing; Healthcare Association of New York State; International Association for Indigenous Aging; Justice in Aging; LeadingAge; Lifespan of Greater Rochester; LiveOn NY; Long-Term Quality Alliance; Meals on Wheels America; Medicare Rights Center; National Adult Protective Services Association; National Alliance for Caregiving; National Association of Counties; National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs; National Association of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs; National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care; National Council on Aging; National Foundation to End Senior Hunger; New York State Department of Health; New York State Master Plan on Aging Coalition; New York StateWide Senior Action Council; New York Vision Rehabilitation Association; NYC Department for the Aging; NYS Office for the Aging; Pennsylvania Association for Area Agencies on Aging, People Inc.; SAGE Advocacy & Services for LGBTQ+ Elders; Service Program for Older People Inc.; Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging; The Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging; USAging, West Health Institute.

For a full list of endorsement quotes, please click go to: <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Endorsing-Organizations-for-Senator-Gillibrand-Strategic-Plan-for-Aging-Act.pdf>

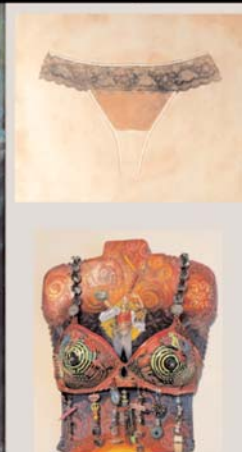
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DEC Releases New York State Hunting Safety Statistics for 2023 Second Safest Season on Record, Tying 2019

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos released hunting safety statistics for the 2023 seasons and thanked hunters for their ongoing commitment to following responsible practices to keep communities safe. There were 12 incidents during the 2023 hunting seasons, tying with 2019 for the second-fewest hunting-related shooting incidents (HRSIs) on record.

“Thanks to New York’s Hunter Education Program and hunters following the rules of firearm safety, hunting continues to be a safe activity enjoyed by thousands of New Yorkers and visitors each year,” said Commissioner Seggos. “Following proven hunting safety tips is the best way to keep hunting safe and prevent incidents in future seasons.”

The 12 HRSIs recorded in 2023 include six two-party firearm incidents and six self-inflicted incidents; two of the 12 HRSIs resulted in fatalities. The two fatalities include one self-inflicted incident resulting from hauling a loaded firearm into a tree stand and one incident from a two-party firearm incident caused by carrying a loaded firearm while dragging a harvested deer out of the woods. Hunting Safety Statistics are available on DEC’s website.

DEC-trained and certified volunteer instructors teach safe, responsible, and ethical hunting and trapping practices and the important role of hunters and trappers in wildlife conservation. New York has an extremely safety-conscious generation of hunters and trappers, thanks largely to more than 70 years of dedicated efforts of volunteer Hunter Education Program instructors. All first-time hunters, bowhunters, and trappers must successfully complete a hunter or trapper safety course and pass the final exam before being eligible to purchase a hunting or trapping license. As a result of these and other steps to increase public awareness of hunting safety, incidents have sharply decreased from decades ago. For example, 166 hunting-related shooting incidents were reported in 1966.

In 2017, DEC Commissioner Seggos directed the agency’s Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) to begin tracking and investigating tree stand injuries for the first time. Tree stand injuries are under-reported, and DEC is not always notified when tree stand falls occur. In 2023, eight tree stand incidents were reported and investigated; none were fatal. Seven of the hunters involved in these incidents suffered extensive injuries after falling while not using a fall-arrest harness system. One hunter was wearing a harness, but it was attached to the stand, not the tree, and when the stand broke, the hunter fell with the stand. Additional information about tree stand incidents is available on DEC’s website.

Tree stand incidents are a major cause of hunting-related injuries, so tree stand safety has become a regular part of the hunter education course required for all first-time hunters in New York. The proper use of tree stands and tree stand safety equipment will help to prevent these injuries and fatalities. Used correctly, a harness and fall-arrest system keep the hunter connected from the time they leave the ground to the moment they get back down. Many, if not all, tree stand incidents could be prevented if hunters follow the “ABCs” of tree stand safety:

- o Always remove and inspect the tree stand before use.
 - o Buckle on the full body harness securely every time.
 - o Connect to the tree before your feet leave the ground.
- Additional safety tips for hunters:
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- o Let someone know where your stand is located and when you plan to be home.
- o Use a haul line to raise your unloaded gun or bow or cocked (but unloaded) crossbow with quiver up into the stand.
- o Always carry emergency equipment, such as a knife, cell phone, flashlight, and whistle in your pockets (not in your pack hanging in the tree).

A video showing the proper way to climb into and out of a tree stand can be viewed on DEC’s YouTube channel. DEC encourages hunters to remember that every hunting-related shooting incident is preventable. Many, if not all incidents, could have been prevented if the people involved had followed the primary rules of hunter safety:

- o Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- o Control the muzzle, keep it pointed in a safe direction.
- o Identify your target and what lies beyond.
- o Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire; and
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More information, including the 2023 Hunting Safety Statistics and 2023 Tree Stand Safety Statistics, is available on DEC’s website at <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting/hunter-education>



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HUM1350 • 3 Credits
Tuesdays 1 PM - 3:40 PM
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 Community Development &
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To register or for more details, scan the QR code.




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During Maple Month, Governor Hochul Highlights NY's Thriving Maple Industry

Governor Kathy Hochul today encouraged New Yorkers to support their local maple producers during Maple Month. The Governor highlighted New York's upcoming Maple Weekends events and activities, which will take place March 16 - March 17 and March 23 - March 24, along with other special events and promotions throughout the month. New York State continues to rank second in the nation in maple production and is also home to the largest resource of tappable maple trees within the United States and more than 2,000 maple sugar makers.

"With Maple Month officially underway, there's no better time to support our local New York maple producers," Governor Hochul said. "New York State is home to an incredibly hardworking community of maple producers making some of the most delicious and innovative maple products in the world. I encourage all New Yorkers to participate in Maple Weekends this month to sample some of the world-class items that local vendors have to offer."

As part of the kickoff to Maple Month, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard A. Ball visited Dutch Hill Maple, a family-owned farm in Tully, NY for an annual maple tree tapping to highlight New York's maple industry and the maple producers participating in the New York State Grown & Certified program. The event also included a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Dutch Hill Maple's new sugarhouse, which was completed in 2023.

New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard Ball said, "Every year in March, we celebrate maple, the first agricultural crop in New York State's delicious harvest season! Thanks to our dedicated maple producers, including those who are in our NYS Grown & Certified program, New York continues to be a top maple producer in the country, contributing tremendously to our local communities and economies. With this sweet season officially underway, it's the perfect time to visit a local maple producer, find out more about the syrup-making process, and taste some delicious New York products.

Maple Weekends

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

Maple Promotions

New York's Taste NY Markets across the state are highlighting unique local maple products and producers during the month of March. Several markets are offering specials, including 20 percent off all maple and maple themed products at the Hudson Valley | Catskills Welcome Center, a pancake breakfast special all month at the Finger Lakes Welcome Center, special product sampling at the Capital Region Welcome Center, and more.

More than 90 maple producers participate in the NYS Grown & Certified program, which verifies New York's agricultural producers and growers who adhere to food safety and environmental sustainability standards. Find a current list of maple producers

who are a part of the NYS Grown & Certified program at certified.ny.gov/where-buy.

State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "New York is home to more than 2,000 maple sugar makers, and we proudly hold the title as the country's largest resource of tappable maple trees! Family-owned businesses are the heart of this fast-growing industry, and their efforts have put New York at the forefront of this agricultural specialty. We want our maple businesses to keep thriving, and during March Maple Month, everyone can play a part by visiting sugar shacks across New York State to stock up on delicious treats and tour the process of local maple production!"

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets supports the maple industry through the New York State Budget - which includes funding for promotion and educational programs - as well as through investments in research projects, such as Cornell University's Maple Program's Arnot Teaching Forest, and through its NYS Grown & Certified and Taste NY marketing programs.

Visit the websites of our local Tri-Valley Maple Syrup producers:

<https://www.purecatskills.com/member/muhig-farm/>

<https://www.catskillmountainsugarhouse.com/>

<https://www.justusmaple.com/>

The Liberty Museum Window Display Features Rare Face Jugs



The Liberty Museum & Arts Center on South Main Street in Liberty is continuing its wintertime window display with a collection of rare face jugs. Face jugs are an art tradition from the rural south and were first made in the 1800s by black slave potters in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama. They have a grotesque caricature and are thought to have been placed on graves to scare away evil spirits. They were probably also used by field workers to carry water.

In the early 1900s, white potters took up the art form and in the 1970s

there was a rebirth of interest in face jugs as Southern pottery became widely popular. The jugs in the current exhibition were collected between 1980 and 2010 by Edward Ziff, a retired neurobiologist, author and painter, who lives full time in Swan Lake.

The face jug style includes bulging eyes, pointed teeth, grotesque smiles and an overall horrifying look.

The windows in the Museum are well lit so they can be visited at any time. This is an opportunity to view these jugs up close and at your leisure. They will be on display until the Museum opens formally in May.. The Museum is located across the street from the newly renovated Liberty Theater.



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Defensive Driving Course

Opened to all Community Members

Sponsored by: Claryville Vol. Fire Dept

Date: Saturday, March 23rd, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Cost: \$45 per a person

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

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



Sundown
United
Methodist
Church



April 6, 2024

5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share
Enjoy good food and fellowship

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

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

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

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

(From Pg. 19) These fires were caused by debris burning with wind carrying the fire to grassy and wooded areas.

Since the ban was established, the eight-year annual average number of spring fires decreased by 42.6 percent, from 2,649 in 2009, to 1,521 in 2018. Warming temperatures can quickly cause wildfire conditions. Open burning of debris is the single-largest cause of spring wildfires in New York State. When temperatures warm and the past fall's debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily, further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation. Each year, DEC Forest Rangers extinguish dozens of wildfires that burn hundreds of acres. In addition, local fire departments, many of which are staffed by volunteers, all too often have to leave their jobs and families to respond to wildfires caused by illegal debris fires. DEC will post the Fire Danger Map for the 2024 fire season on DEC's website once there is a moderate risk anywhere in New York.

New York first enacted strict restrictions on open burning in 2009 to help prevent wildfires and reduce air pollution. The regulations allow residential brush fires in towns with fewer than 20,000 residents during most of the year, but prohibit such burning in spring when most wildfires occur. Backyard fire pits and campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width, or diameter are allowed, as are small cooking fires. Only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated, or unpainted wood can be burned. People should never leave these fires unattended and must extinguish them. Burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round in New York State. For more information about fire safety and prevention, visit DEC's FIREWISE New York webpage.

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

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

Soundbites/quotes from Forest Ranger Lieutenant Timothy Carpenter are available for download (video, 374 MB).

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

B-Roll of firefighting equipment used by Forest Rangers is available for download (video, 93 MB).

https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/fs/programs/press/ForestRangers/NYSDEC_BurnBanBRoll_2023.mp4

DEC Now Accepting Applications for Annual Buffer in a Bag Program Free Seedlings Available to Qualified Landowners for Streamside Plantings

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the application period for the agency's 'Buffer in a Bag' program opens on Friday, March 1. The Buffer in a Bag program supports Governor Hochul's 2024 State of the State com-

mitment to plant 25 million trees by 2033 to invigorate New York State's tree planting efforts, advance steps to meet the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act's net-zero goal, and grow the state's vital forest products industry.

"Planting along streams creates woodland buffers that are critically important for keeping soil in place, slowing floodwaters, intercepting pollution, and providing food and shelter for wildlife," said Commissioner Seggos. "Buffer in a Bag participants are helping to advance New York State's efforts to achieve our statewide 25 million tree planting commitment and reforest riparian areas, making these areas more resilient to severe weather impacts."

Qualifying private and public landowners may apply for a free bag of 25 tree and shrub seedlings for planting near streams, rivers, or lakes to help stabilize banks, protect water quality, combat climate change, and improve wildlife habitat.

To qualify, landowners must have property in New York State with at least 50 feet bordering a stream, river, or lake. Previous recipients are encouraged to reapply to continue to build riparian buffers. Applicants are eligible for one bag of 25 seedlings and recipients are chosen on a first-come, first-served basis. A total of 250 bags will be available statewide during this round of applications.

Seedlings are provided by DEC's Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery. The Buffer in a Bag Program is managed by DEC's Division of Lands and Forests and supported by the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). Governor Kathy Hochul's 2024-25 Executive Budget sustains the EPF at a historic \$400 million. The EPF provides funding for critical environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, enhanced recreational access, water quality improvement, and an aggressive environmental justice agenda.

The application period closes at 3 p.m. on April 17, 2024, or when supply runs out, whichever comes first. Visit DEC's website for more information about the Buffer in a Bag application process and requirements.

Landowners in the Hudson River Estuary watershed (PDF) https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/docs/remediation_hudson_pdf/hre-grantmap.pdf

may be eligible for additional free trees and planting assistance through the Hudson Estuary Trees for Tribes Program. The next application due date for the Hudson River Estuary program is Aug. 1. Visit DEC's website for more information.

DEC Forest Rangers Week in Review Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions



Cellular Analysis Survey Team training

Cellular Analysis Survey Team (CAST). CAST is a program led by the FBI to support state, local, and tribal agencies with investigations through the analysis of cellular phone records and associated tower information. Forest Rangers use this technology to help find people lost in the wilderness.

New Paltz, Ulster County: On Feb. 23, members of DEC's Department of Forest Protection's Search Advisory Committee joined local Forest Rangers and supervisors for a presentation by the



COMMUNITY TAKEOUT CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, May 18, 2024

4 to 6 p.m.

Museum and Library Parking Lot
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Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740
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All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, March 17, 2024

Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$13

Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs: \$13

Call 845-985-7270

The Easter Bunny will be here!

**Pancakes, French Toast, 3 eggs any style, Hash brown, Sausage,
Man-n-moon, Spud-eggo, Oj, Coffee / Tea**

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

Daniel Pierce Library

5 HOUR PRE-LICENSING CLASS FOR PERMIT HOLDERS

DMV approved class and mandatory for unlicensed students 16 and up looking to get their license. Students must hold a NYS "photo" permit to attend.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Class fee is \$45 per student. To secure registration submit checks to DPL payable to J & J Driving School prior to class date. Please stop in to the library today. Space is limited.

*** Snow Date Saturday April 27, 2024**

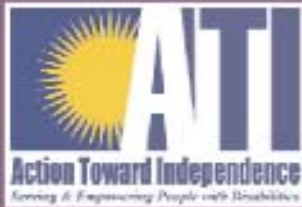
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ELEMENTARY SOCIAL SKILLS

Registration is open for Grades K-5.

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- Manners
- Listening
- Hygiene
- Emotions

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

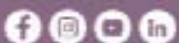
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Family Peer Advocate
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Visit our website at

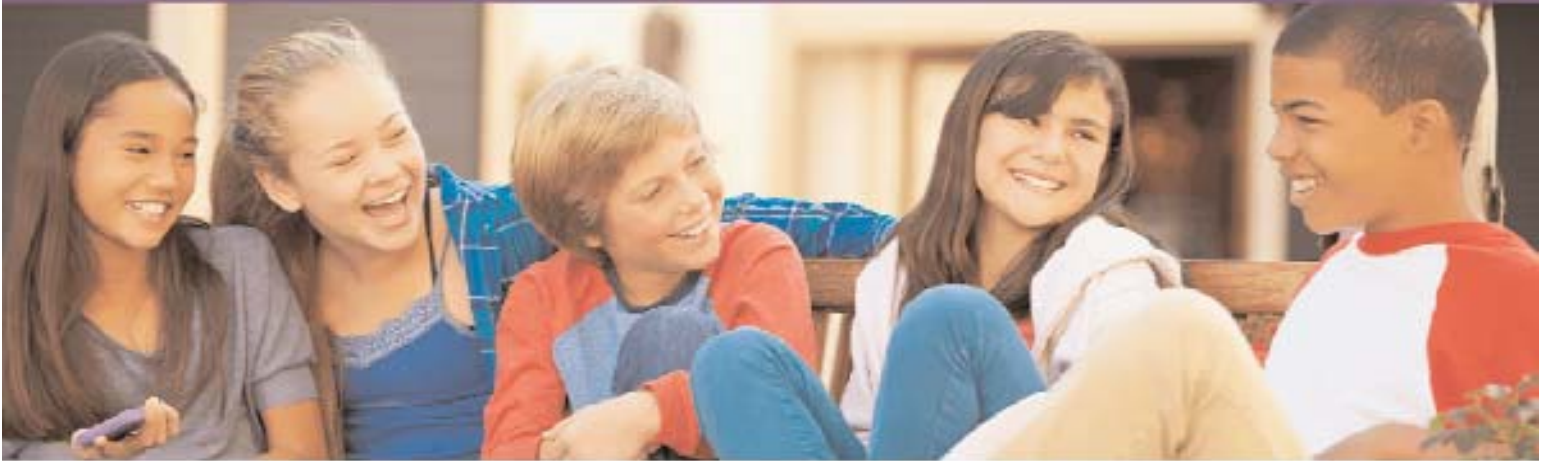
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Middle School Social Skills



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

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

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

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

*For any other questions
845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com*

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Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Appoints Amberly Jane Campbell as Assistant Deputy to the County Executive



KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger announced today that she has appointed Amberly Jane Campbell to the position of Assistant Deputy County Executive. As Assistant Deputy County Executive, Campbell will lead the communications and community outreach work of the County Executive's Office, and help direct, advise, and support the communications efforts of County departments more broadly. Campbell brings a wealth of experience to this position and a thorough

understanding of journalistic practices and community outreach strategies, having served as Publisher of the Shawangunk Journal, Co-Founder of Kingston Wire, and, before that, as an On-Air Reporter for Capital Radio/Audible Broadcasting Co.

"I am thrilled that Amberly has joined our team, bringing decades of experience as a communications professional to her new position with the County, along with a deep personal commitment to the betterment of our communities," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "I have known Amberly for many years through both her professional and community volunteer work, and have long admired her contributions to local independent journalism as well as the energy and dedication she has brought to local economic and community development initiatives. She is a fantastic addition to our team. I want to thank Evan Menist, who previously served in this position, for his dedicated service, and wish him all the best in his next professional endeavors."

In this role, Campbell will be instrumental in identifying opportunities to engage communities with the work of the County, offering information that is accessible, transparent, and reliable to the public, while also cultivating and maintaining relationships with community stakeholders and local press organizations. Campbell's professional career is marked by a diverse array of accomplishments in editorial and news media, showcasing her ability to take charge and craft a comprehensive content strategy to disseminate news to the public. As the Publisher of the Shawangunk Journal and Co-founder of Kingston Wire, she has been instrumental in evolving and accelerating print and digital content strategy informed by data, analytics, and citizen experience; cultivating relationships across cultures, sectors, and communities; and driving editorial innovation, managing cross-functional teams.

"Coming from a background in journalism, especially with such quality news outlets as the Shawangunk Journal and Kingston Wire, I've had the privilege of hearing from and working closely with our fellow citizens firsthand on a wide variety of concerns, often being entrusted by them with their personal and sometimes painful stories, seeking answers and resolutions on their behalf," said Assistant Deputy County Executive

Campbell. "As both a watchdog and cheerleader for our communities, I will always believe in the public's right to know what's going on in their government, and I've always been impressed, from a journalistic perspective, how open and accessible Jen has been, and how she leads with empathy. I'm thrilled to be part of this highly talented executive team, dedicated to making a positive difference. I look forward to engaging with and showcasing the community to continue with our essential mission of leaving no one behind."

In addition to her media endeavors, Campbell has demonstrated a commitment to public service and cultural enrichment. She currently serves on the Rosendale Economic Development Committee and is an active member of the Mid-Hudson Misfits Roller Derby Team. Her involvement in such initiatives as the Kingston Marijuana Task Force underscores her dedication to economic development and community empowerment.

Campbell holds a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, graduating summa cum laude from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, with additional studies at La Sorbonne, Paris. Her diverse background in journalism, anthropology, and the arts will enrich her work with the County.



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

HOSTING A TELEPHONE TOWN HALL AND HEARING DIRECTLY FROM YOU

Hearing directly from you is how I can best fight for your priorities in Congress and I want to hear from each and every voice in the Hudson Valley.

That's why last week, I hosted a telephone town hall, so that everyone from our community could join and have the opportunity to ask me questions, and make their voices heard.

Thank you to the over 5,500 people who joined! If you couldn't join, but want to make your voice heard or need assistance with a federal agency, please reach out to my office at (845) 443-2930 or here on my website .

WORKING TOGETHER WITH MY FRIENDS IN LABOR

Thanks to the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation, CWA 1, NYSUT, 1199SEIU, NYSNA, and other union leaders for meeting with me for a productive conversation on protecting our union workers from the classroom to the hospital and everywhere in between.

Proud to always stand with my friends in labor.

HONORING NY-18'S INSPIRING AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN

A huge congratulations to Toni Llanos, Nicole "Su" McArthur, Sanaa Omondi, Rendesia Scott, Bettina "Poet Gold" Wilkerson, and Joy Rene` Young on your well-deserved awards at the Black Achievers Award Ceremony.

It was an honor to celebrate your inspiring works and thank you for uplifting our NY-18 communities. Read more about the celebration and their amazing accomplishments here .

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

Thanks to everyone who came to February's great C.A.R.E.S. Van events, Cornwall-on-Hudson Mayor Gagliano even stopped by last week. (Contd. Pg 54)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 53)

Friday, March 8th kicks off March's Van events and my team is joining with the office of State Senator Michelle Hinchey to bring assistance with both federal and state agencies to Dutchess County. Hope you'll join in Red Hook and Rhinebeck!

SUPPORTING OUR FIREFIGHTERS

Always great meeting with friends at the Arlington and Fairview fire departments.

Know that every day, I'm working to deliver the resources you need to keep Hudson Valley families safe.

FIGHTING FOR CLEAN WATER

No parent should turn on the faucet and worry whether the water that is coming out is safe for their children.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law created historic funding opportunities to ensure every American has the clean drinking water they have the right to, including announcing just last week that another \$420 million is coming to New York State for water infrastructure upgrades.

I'm fighting like hell to bring these investments to communities across the Hudson Valley.

New York State's Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) and Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grant (IMG) programs' applications are now open - learn more about the grants here and find the application here . Contact my office at 845-443-2930 or here on my website for additional application assistance!

STANDING UP FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

Every day, I'm working to ensure that your kids and mine can grow up with the clean water, air, and soil they deserve.

I'm proud to have earned a 100% rating from the League of Conservation Voters.

I'll keep fighting back against the big corporations that are putting their profits ahead of the environment.

PROTECTING FUNDAMENTAL AMERICAN FREEDOMS

Last week, CVS and Walgreens announced that they will begin providing the abortion medication Mifepristone, but still say they will not dispense it in states where laws are unclear.

The Protecting Reproductive Freedom Act that I introduced would make it clear: Mifepristone is safe, effective, and every woman has the right to access it.

I will keep fighting to get it passed and protect women's foundational freedoms.

STANDING WITH UKRAINE

Last weekend marked two years since Putin's invasion of Ukraine. Proud of my hometown for standing strong with Ukraine.

It's time for politicians in Congress to quit being provocateurs and come together as Patriots to pass aid to our critical ally.

We cannot waver in our role as an unrelenting partner in democracy.

OFFERING CONGRATULATIONS ON A HARD-EARNED GRADUATION

I was honored to recently celebrate the graduation of veterans from the Newburgh Veterans Drug Treatment Court, a truly inspiring program.

We owe our veterans a debt that can never be repaid - I'm working every day to deliver the support they deserve.

CELEBRATING LEAP OF KINDNESS DAY

Grateful that my team could join the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce and Westchester Medical Center on Thursday to present them with a Congressional Record honoring their efforts to celebrate the day as Leap of Kindness Day.

Thank you for using the extra day to spread kindness across NY-18!

GRANTS CORNER NEW!

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds regional and local initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and injuries. Application webinars are available here . The FY2024 application has multiple deadlines depending on the grant type:

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

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

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

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

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

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

The 2024 Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program provides student loan repayment assistance to over 1,2000 awardees who commit to work at eligible healthcare facilities or schools of nursing. The purpose of the Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program is to assist in the recruitment and retention of professional Registered Nurses, including Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, dedicated to working in health care facilities with a critical shortage of nurses or working as nurse faculty in eligible schools of nursing. Applications are due by March 7, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. ET.

The Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant Program provides critical funding to strengthen volunteer fire departments and districts statewide. Eligible applicants can apply for up to \$1,000,000 if proposing projects for construction, renovation, or purchase costs for critical facilities (buildings, training facilities, etc.) that support fire operations, or up to \$500,000 if proposing projects for allowable fire service equipment to upgrade and improve their response capabilities. Application due April 30.

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

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion in Inflation Reduction Act funding available through its Community Change Grants Program to support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy. This opportunity will be available for a year, closing on November 21, 2024, and EPA will review applications on a rolling basis. This allows applicants to utilize technical assistance and possibly resubmit a new application if not initially selected. EPA encourages applicants to apply as early as possible (Contd. Pg. 55).

Pat Ryan

(From Pg. 54) If you want to stay up-to-date on all of that my office is doing, I encourage you to follow along on our social media channels: Facebook and Twitter .

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



President Biden MUST Immediately Close our Borders

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XBTMNuPp_sl

The number one issue voiced to me while I travel around our community is the Biden administration's failure to address the migrant crisis at our borders. Since Biden took office, there have been over 8.7 million illegal crossings nationwide. Of these 8.7 million, 7.4 million have been released into our country with no way to track their movements. This has cost taxpayers BILLIONS. Here is the math to prove it:

Estimated cost of each illegal immigrant to the taxpayer: \$8,776 per year.

Number of illegal immigrants released into our county: 7.4 million.

Total: \$65 billion.

With many families barely able to afford the skyrocketing cost of living thanks to Biden's reckless economic policies, it's unacceptable to burden Americans with the responsibility of funding these illegal immigrants.

President Biden must immediately close our borders and get this crisis under control.

It's Time to End the Left's Oppressive EV Mandate

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pi2Nhttps%3A%2F>

Joe Biden and his far-left administration continue to push their Green New Deal Agenda on hard-working Americans, trying to dictate what you can use to cook your food, heat your home, and what car you can drive. Under his administration's recent EV Mandate, Biden proved that he would rather force American families to buy unreliable and expensive electric vehicles than allow families to choose the best car or truck for their needs, businesses, and farms at an affordable price.

The lack of vehicle charging infrastructure in many parts of the country, especially rural areas like NY-24, makes electric vehicles impractical for many Americans. That's why I recently sent a letter alongside 130 of my colleagues urging the Biden administration to immediately withdraw the proposed rule to attempt to replace liquid fuels and combustion engines with unreliable and unaffordable electric vehicle.

READ MORE: 130+ House, Senate Republicans join forces in opposition of Biden's upcoming EV mandate

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/130-house-senate-republicans-join-forces-opposition-bidens-upcoming-ev-mandate>

Congress MUST Recognize the Rightful Name of Judea and Samaria

The Israeli people have an undeniable and indisputable historical and legal claim over Judea and Samaria, and at this critical moment in history, the United States must reaffirm this. The term Judea and Samaria dates back millennia to the ancient Kingdoms of Judah and Samaria. In 1967, after Israel's Arab neighbors launched the Six-Day War, Israel reclaimed Judea and Samaria from Jordan. The term "West Bank" is used to delegitimize Israel's historical claim to this land. In November 2019, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced that the United States would formally recognize Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights and Judea and Samaria. Secretary of State Antony Blinken recently reversed this position, stating the Biden administration's disappointment in Israel's recent decision to expand its settlements in the region. This misguided decision by the Biden administration to undermine our greatest ally in the Middle East.

I introduced the RECOGNIZING Judea and Samaria Act this week to require all U.S. legal documents to use the rightful term "Judea and Samaria" to refer to this territory instead of the "West Bank." This bill reaffirms Israel's rightful claim to its territory. I remain committed to defending the integrity of the Jewish state and fully supporting Israel's sovereignty over Judea and Samaria.

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

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

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7463, Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024 (FY24). Over the past few months House Republicans have been deep in negotiation with Senate Democrats to fund the federal government for the remainder of the 2024 fiscal year and to undo many of the harmful Biden Administration's policies that are harming our nation. However, even though Congress is close to a finalized deal, it will most likely still take a week to draft text and current funding for many federal agencies expire on Friday March 1st. In response this bill avoids a short-term government shutdown by extending funding for the USDA, FDA, HUD, Veterans Affairs, and the US DOT through March 8th and extending the remaining government departments through March 22nd. In addition to these funding extensions, this bill also blocks the Biden Administrations unilateral and costly Pell Grant expansion to 280,000 new borrowers, saving taxpayers billions of dollars. My hope is Congress can soon release text for a FY24 funding deal that can secure much needed wins for the American people. This bill passed the House by a vote of 320-99.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7102, the Native American Entrepreneurial Opportunity Act. For years, the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of Native American Affairs has worked to advance small businesses run by members of Indian tribes and to promote economic development in Indian country. However, it has not yet been authorized by Congress. To address this, H.R. 7102 brings the office under congressional control and requires it to be overseen by an existing SBA function. These reforms will allow this office to continue to do its work under adequate oversight, ensuring it is achieving its mission while responsibly using taxpayer resources. H.R. 7102 passed the House by a vote of 402-16.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7454, the Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2024. H.R. 7454 extends various expiring Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) programs and authorizations until May 10, 2024. (Contd. Pg 56)



(From Pg. 55) This will ensure our local airports have the funds they need to improve and grow, while keeping our airspace safe. In addition, H.R. 7454 gives Congress more time to negotiate a long-term extension of these authorities so we can improve air travel and innovation for years to come. H.R. 7454 passed the House by a vote of 401-19.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4984, the D.C. Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus Revitalization Act. This bill would transfer the jurisdiction of RFK stadium, which is currently controlled by the National Park Service, to the District of Columbia government. This allows Washington, DC to revitalize this land for economic growth, and saves the federal government thousands of dollars in environmental and maintenance costs. Importantly, this bill also prohibits any federal funds from being used to build another stadium on this land. This bill passed the House by a vote of 348-55.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6544, the Atomic Energy Advancement Act. This bill would reform to current regulations set forth by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to accelerate growth in the nuclear energy industry as a clean, reliable, and affordable source of power. For far too long the construction of new nuclear reactors and new nuclear technologies have been held up in red tape, resulting in billions in extra costs and countless canceled projects. This is even though nuclear power is one of the safest and most reliable sources of power known to humankind. In response to these challenges, the bill will update the NRC's mission statement to state that it cannot unnecessarily limit the potential of nuclear energy to improve the general welfare, give the NRC direct hiring authority to help expand the nuclear workforce, lower annual fees for advanced nuclear reactor license applications, and establish a pilot program for nuclear power purchase agreements. Additionally, the bill will include policies designed to expedite the approval of construction and operation permits needed for nuclear reactors. Finally, the bill will allow the NRC to deny licenses based on whether covered fuel is sourced from China or Russia, as well as lift the prohibition on licensing nuclear reactors to foreign individuals, corporations, or governments-in select circumstances. These reforms will help create a stronger and more innovative American nuclear industry that can benefit both current and future Americans with clean and reliable power. This bill passed the House by a vote of 365-36 with 1 voting present.

Introducing the Ensuring States Support Law Enforcement Act

Illegal immigrants have swarmed our state, causing chaos in our streets. Yet, current state law does not allow the DMV to share critical records with Customs and Border Patrol agents, making it nearly impossible to track down dangerous criminals. I recently hosted multiple law enforcement roundtables, where I met with local CBP agents and police officers. One of the top issues they shared with me was this inability to cross-check and share information across law enforcement agencies. I introduced the Ensuring States Support Law Enforcement Act this week as a solution to the problems outlined by local law enforcement by

promoting cooperation among the multiple levels of law enforcement. I will continue to ensure the brave men and women dedicated to protecting our communities have the resources and information they need to do their jobs effectively and safely.



STATEMENT FROM SENATOR OBERACKER

ALBANY, 02/28/24 -- State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenectady) today commented on the new congressional district maps:

"New York voters have consistently called for fair election districts, but tone-deaf Albany Democrats only care about their own political well-being. Once again this week, the proof was on full display as independently drawn maps, as called for in the state constitution, were jettisoned by the Democrat majority and swiftly replaced by district lines they concocted.

"Along with making changes to favor Democrat congressional candidates, the lines were rushed to the senate floor, with help from co-conspirator Governor Hochul, before the ink was even dry - a maneuver to ensure the public would not have time to review the changes and offer informed comments.

"I voted in favor of the congressional maps developed by the Independent Redistricting Commission because they were developed through the constitutional process. However, I voted NO on the backroom maps that were drawn by Albany Democrats in total disregard for the will of the people."



Rep. Molinaro Secures Federal Funding for Water Infrastructure Upgrades in Chenango & Sullivan Counties

Liberty, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced federal funding is being delivered to the Village of Greene in Chenango County to upgrade its water systems and to the Town of Woodridge in Sullivan County to make improvements to its Wastewater Treatment Plant.

These funds are available through the U.S Department of Agriculture's Rural Development (USDA) Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants Program. In Congress, Rep. Molinaro serves on the House Agriculture Committee, which has oversight over the USDA. He also specifically advocated for funding for the Village of Greene's water system improvements project.

With the funds, the Village of Greene will replace the water mains, the majority of which are over 100 years old. It will also replace fire hydrants and update water meters. The project will provide safe and reliable water service to the village's residents, businesses, and visitors. (Contd. 57)

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(From Pg. 56) The Town of Woodridge will use the funds to make upgrades and repairs to its waste water treatment plant. There is currently a need to expand the plant to meet current demands and account for future growth.

Rep. Molinaro said, "These are necessary water infrastructure upgrades and I'm happy to have helped secure federal funds to make this happen. The upgrades will help preserve access to clean drinking water and contribute to sustainable growth for these communities."

Jessup DuMond, Mayor of the Village of Greene said, "The Village of Greene is grateful for this funding, and we look forward to updating the water infrastructure in our Village to last another 100 years. We continue to pursue additional funding to ensure success. We are encouraged by the support and interest expressed by the office of Congressman Molinaro, and look forward to hosting the Congressman here in the Village in spring 2024."

Joan Collins, Mayor of the Village of Woodridge said, "The Village of Woodridge gratefully appreciates the assistance of the offices of Sen Gillibrand, Sen Schumer and Congressman Molinaro in obtaining a grant and low interest loan to upgrade our waste water treatment plant. The Village is growing and the financial assistance will go a long way to accommodate the well being and needs of our residents."

Molinaro Secures \$27.6 Million in Funding for NY-19 Community Projects through Bipartisan Government Funding Deal

Molinaro: Bipartisan Deal Is Sensible, Delivers Investments for Upstate NY, Prevents Deep Cuts & Restrictions

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced the bipartisan Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations bills includes \$27,625,000 million in federal funding for community development projects in New York's 19th Congressional District as well as numerous policy wins for Upstate New Yorkers. Rep. Molinaro advocated for these funds and has been leading efforts in Congress to get a bipartisan deal that prevents deep cuts to vital programs and restrictions.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I'm proud to report that \$27.6 million is now coming back to Upstate New York for community development projects that will improve roadways and water infrastructure, provide housing to veterans, expand mental healthcare, and help EMS agencies upgrade equipment and facilities. From the start, I've been arguing for more give and take, and more bipartisanship in government funding negotiations. The end result is the product of the good governing approach I've advocated for. This bill is smart, fiscally sensible, and doesn't include any of the deep cuts or restrictions that I stood against."

A list of the requests Rep. Molinaro made and brief descriptions of the projects can be found below:

\$5,000,000 for the City of Binghamton Henry Street Connective Corridor Improvements. The funding would be used for a complete reconstruction and streetscape improvements including narrowing the travel lanes of Henry Street and eliminat-

ing unnecessary slip lanes, addressing the perceived impact on safety due to lack of lighting, pedestrian crossings, ADA dropped curbs, and storm management.

\$4,200,000 for the Oneonta West Main Street Water & Sewer Extension Project. The funding would be used for installation of 7,000 linear feet of sewer and water lines and associated laterals, meters, and hookups.

\$3,500,000 for the Trumansburg New Emergency Medical Services and Fire Station Building. The funding would be used for construction of a new Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) facility to provide sufficient space for both Fire/EMS staff and add more garage bays for Emergency Service Vehicles.

\$2,000,000 for the Greene County's Leeds Main Street Improvement Project. The funding would be used for stormwater and road improvements and curb and sidewalk improvements.

\$2,000,000 for the Town of Chenango Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. The funding would be used to improve water infrastructure and address significant water quality issues.

\$2,000,000 for the Village of Monticello Water Treatment Plant Improvements. The funding would be used to build a new water treatment plant with all new treatment units, sodium hypochlorite instead of gas chlorine for disinfection, all new distribution pumps, and a new clear well.

\$1,250,000 for the City of Norwich Sanitary Sewer System Repairs. The funding would be used for the replacement of the sewer system.

\$1,250,000 for the Roxbury and Grand Gorge Water System Improvements. The funding would be used for stormwater and road improvements and curb and sidewalk improvements.

\$1,250,000 for the Village of Athens Wastewater Plant Rehabilitation. The funding would be used for repair of the wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure which is currently operating over capacity and has major repair needs due to cracked pipes.

\$1,200,000 for the Town of Kinderhook Water System Improvement Project. The funding would be used for a new water source, add roughly two miles of new water line, and replace a section of existing, end-of-life water line.

\$1,000,000 for the Broome County Veterans Resource Center. The funding would be used to supplement the construction costs of new housing to be built on an empty residential lot along a county-owned bus route in downtown Binghamton, where any veteran may find temporary/permanent shelter.

\$1,000,000 for the Town of Ulster's Water District Tank Replacement Project. The funding would be used for the replacement of a water tank.

\$1,000,000 for Sullivan County's Old Route 17 Corridor Infrastructure Project. The funding would be used to advance critical water upgrades to resolve existing water quality issues and for the extension and upgrade of the water distribution line, town water line and to connect it to the Commercial Industrial Zone on Old Route 17 in Liberty.

\$975,000 for Marathon Area Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc.'s New Ambulance Station Construction Project. The funding would be used for a new ambulance station.

A list of provisions Rep. Molinaro fought to include in the bill can be found below:

The Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Crisis Hotline, Veterans' Homeless Assistance Grants, and veterans' mental health programs will be fully funded.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) will receive increased funding. The emergency food assistance program (TEFAP), which funds food banks, will receive increased funding.

COPS grants, which provide funding to local law enforcement, will receive increased funding. (Contd. Pg. 58)

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(From Pg. 57) Section 8 Housing Vouchers, will receive increased funding.

Amtrak will receive increased funding, with \$1.14 billion going to the Northeast Corridor.

Restrictions on Chinese ownership of American farmland. A list of provisions Rep. Molinaro stood against and stopped from passing can be found here:

Restrictions on mifepristone and birth control. Rep. Molinaro announced he would prevent a government funding bill from advancing if it included these restrictions.

Cuts to Social Security & Medicare. Rep. Molinaro drew a 'red line', and vowed to oppose any cuts to these programs.

Deep cuts to programs for farmers, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and the Hazardous Substances Superfund, which supports the Hudson River cleanup.

Rep. Molinaro to Host Second Workshops in Leeds to Assist Central Hudson Customers

Leeds, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced his office is hosting another in-person workshop for Central Hudson customers. Representatives from Central Hudson will be available at Rep. Molinaro's Leeds District Office on Thursday, March 14 from 1:30pm to 4:00pm to provide customers with personalized assistance.

Appointments will be scheduled in 30-minute increments. Customers can make an appointment by filling out the form here or by calling (518) 625-2100. Upon completion of the form, customers will receive an email from Rep. Molinaro's office to confirm their appointment time.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Following the success of last year's workshop to connect individuals with personalized assistance, I am happy to announce I'm hosting another one. Central Hudson representatives will be ready to help customers with any issues they may be facing."

Details for the workshop can be found below:

Date: Thursday, March 14

Time: 1:30pm to 4:00pm

Address:

Rep. Marc Molinaro's District Office

49 Gilfeather Road 0Unit 1

Leeds, NY 12541

Molinaro Statement on Antisemitism on Binghamton University Campus

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) released the following statement reacting to a NY Post article that outlines fears SUNY Binghamton students have with the rising tide of antisemitism on campus:

"This new report on Binghamton University unfortunately isn't unique right now. Jewish students at BU and universities across the country are not free to be themselves without fear of bullying, academic retribution, or physical threats.

"Adding fuel to the fire, unsanctioned groups like 'SUNY BDS' are taking cues from the international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, promoting lies and antisemitic tropes on campus.

"There must be sustained pressure to force these groups off campus, more support for Jewish students, and harsh penalties for any student or faculty promoting antisemitic causes. This must end."

UlsterCorps Upcoming Events

Mohonk Preserve

Volunteer Orientations and Trainings

Our volunteer orientations are designed to give you all the information you need about a particular volunteer activity. It is a great opportunity to meet with the coordinator, learn about the activity, and meet other volunteers. Please feel free to attend any or all orientations. To register, visit <https://www.mohonkpreserve.org/volunteer/training/>

All orientations take place at the Mohonk Preserve Visitor Center or online on Zoom. For more information or to register for an orientation by email, contact Andy Reynolds, Volunteer Programs Manager, at volunteers@mohonkpreserve.org or 845-255-0919, ext. 1269.

Upcoming Repair Cafes

Kingston Repair Cafe

Saturday, March 9, 2024, 11am-3pm

Redemer Lutheran Church

104 Wurts Street, Kingston

New Paltz Repair Cafe

Saturday, March 16, 2024, 10am-2pm

United Methodist Church

1 Grove Street, New Paltz

Esopus Repair Cafe

Saturday, March 23, 2024, 10am-2pm

Ascension Church

1585 Route 9W, West Park

A Repair Cafe is a free community event. You bring your broken but beloved items and together with volunteer repair coaches, WE FIX THEM! People bring all kinds of things to a repair cafe: clocks and other mechanical items; chairs, frames, and other wooden items; electrical items and small appliances; digital devices; clothing and textiles; dolls, stuffed animals, and toys, tools in need of sharpening; jewelry and watches; and so much more! Most items get fixed, and even when they don't - we have a good time trying!

We are looking for "Repair Coaches" to guide people in fixing all kinds of things. Repair coaches bring their own tools and supplies and offer repairs at no cost. If you would like to volunteer, the commitment can be on a per-event basis. Questions? Contact suziefromer@gmail.com or visit www.repaircafehvh.org. (Contd. Pg. 59)

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(From Pg. 58)

New Paltz Youth Program's 35th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

when: Saturday March 23rd, 2024

where: Historic Huguenot Street, New Paltz

Volunteers are needed for the New Paltz Youth Program's 35th Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 23rd beginning at 10am for setup.

If you can help out please call 845-325-2593 or email newpaltzyp@gmail.com

14th Annual UlsterCorps Service Summit

when: Wednesday April 17th, 2024, 8:30am-12:30pm

where: SUNY New Paltz

The 14th Annual UlsterCorps Service Summit will be held Wednesday April 17th, 2024 from 8:30am - 12:30pm at SUNY New Paltz and is co-sponsored by the Center for Student Engagement and the Benjamin Center for Public Policy at SUNY New Paltz.

Each year since our founding in 2009, UlsterCorps has hosted a Service Summit at SUNY New Paltz bringing together students, volunteers and community leaders from the nonprofit, business, higher education and governmental sectors to address the work and value of volunteerism and collaborative projects in Ulster County. The focus for the 2024 Summit will be environmental issues and sustainability, specifically ways that young people can and are making a difference.

It will feature panel discussions of successful case studies, new models, and best practices. As always it will include roundtable discussions giving all attendees an opportunity to participate and network. Members of the community interested in volunteering with these initiatives are welcome to attend.

The Summit, which is free to participants, is part of the on-going work of UlsterCorps to deepen the knowledge about volunteerism and to find ways to strengthen a culture of service and collaboration in Ulster County. A locally-sourced, healthy breakfast is included. Registration is limited to the first 55 individuals to register by emailing register@ulstercorps.org or calling/texting 845-481-0331.

Kingston YMCA Farm Project Volunteer Days

when: Wednesday April 17th, 2024, 2:30-6pm

where: 507 Broadway, Kingston

help us get the Y Park public playground ready for the season

when: Saturday May 18th, 2024, 10am-noon

where: 507 Broadway, Kingston

pick up some seedlings at the Seedling Sale then help us in the Pollinator Garden

Also: June 6, September 26 & October 17

more information: <https://www.kingstonymcafarmproject.org/>

Join Raising HOP

Women Mentoring Women to Success

Raising HOPE (Help, Opportunity, Passion, Empowerment) is a free women's mentoring program United Way created in response to a community need. Mentors help Mentees develop and achieve educational, entrepreneurial or career goals to become financially stable and self-sufficient. Our experience has proven that having a mentor to guide, advise, and encourage is a powerful instrument of change.

Mentees, apply here: ulsterunitedway.org/raising_hope-main/mentees/ Spring Training is on 4/20/24 & Orientation is on 5/4/24, both from 11am-2:30pm.

Mentors, apply here: ulsterunitedway.org/raising_hope-main/mentors/ Spring Training is on 4/13/24 & Orientation is on 5/4/24 both from 11am-2:30pm. For more information: (845) 392-4989

asummers@ulsterunitedway.org
ulsterunitedway.org/raising_hope-main/

Help Us Build Futures!

Are you interested in helping local families gain strength, stability, and self-reliance through homeownership?

VOLUNTEER WITH ULSTER HABITAT AND HELP BUILD HOMES

Volunteers are needed on our construction sites. Building opportunities are available Wednesday through Saturday. No construction experience necessary. You must be 18 years of age or older to help on our construction sites. To find out more call 845-340-0907 x 105 to speak with our Volunteer Coordinator.

For more information about Ulster County Habitat for Humanity, please visit our website at <https://ulsterhabitat.org/volunteer/> or email volunteers@ulsterhabitat.org.

A Home Within, Ulster County

A Home Within is a national nonprofit founded to provide free psychotherapy "for as long as it takes" for any child or adult who has spent time in foster care or kinship care. Continuity in psychotherapy is important for all children and adolescents. This is especially true for children who have had disruptions in care by their family. A Home Within therapists commit to working with their child pro bono once weekly until the child no longer needs them.

AHW therapists work closely with the Ulster County Department of Social Services (DSS). Most of our clients are children or adolescents who are in kinship care or foster care. Therapists must have completed a post-graduate training in psychotherapy and be certified, licensed, or working under supervision. To support their work every therapist participates weekly in a supervision group that meets mostly on zoom. Our therapists find the experience of working with AHW clients and the supervision groups to be a rich and rewarding experience.

Volunteering with A Home Within "gave more than it took...It helped me, hands on, to be a better therapist." Tim Rodier, AHW Volunteer Therapist and Consultation Group Leader.

In the video below Dennis McCarthy, a consultant to AHW and founder of the Metamorpos Institute, and Julie Rose and Nina Tantillo, therapist volunteers for AHW for over 10 years, share their experiences. https://youtu.be/Jomq-D_qWU8

If you would like to know more or are considering volunteering for AHW please contact Julie Rose at julielyonrose@gmail.com or go to ahomewithin.org and click Volunteer With Us.

Rosendale Heart and Soul

Have you ever wished you could harness the collective wisdom of our community and help make our best ideas a reality?

Rosendale Heart & Soul is a group of regular folks who care deeply about our town. Our mission is simple: we want to empower the full diversity of Rosendalians to contribute their ideas about the future of Rosendale. We accomplish this by listening to people, asking what they value most, and recording their ideas and desires. Whether meeting up with folks at our fun story-gathering parties, around-town community events, or on virtual chats, you'll be helping everyone's voice to be heard. We supply the training and support to make sure you are comfortable. This is a great opportunity for the curious to get to know our community in a deeper way- and people love to tell their stories!

So, if you are up for an adventure and want to be a part of keeping Rosendale a special place to live, join us-and bring a friend!

Email or call Ruthie: hello@rosendaleheartsoul.org (845) 443-5048 or visit <https://www.rosendaleheartsoul.org/>

HomeShare Woodstock is expanding!

HomeShare Woodstock connects home providers and home seekers to help people remain in their communities, strengthen bonds between neighbors, and create mutually beneficial, affordable housing solutions.

HomeShare Woodstock is an innovative program matching homeowners who have extra living space with home seekers looking for safe and affordable rental situations. Ours is the first home sharing program in the state outside of New York City and the concept is new for people in our area. We serve towns within a 10 mile radius of Woodstock and currently have six Matches benefitting sixteen people!

"I am delighted to have welcomed my new housemate into my home, as his contributions extend beyond mere assistance; he has become a genuine pleasure to be around. The Homeshare program has not only facilitated a mutually beneficial living arrangement but has also enriched my life with a compatible and amiable companion. (Contd. Pg. 60)

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Kudos to Family of Woodstock for orchestrating such a well-organized and supportive program.”
We need Volunteers!

HomeShare Woodstock is a program of Family of Woodstock. Our volunteers conduct intake interviews and assist with reference checking. If you have experience such as social work training, we would love to introduce you to our Woodstock Area Interview Team!

Contact homesharewoodstock@familyofwoodstockinc.org for more information and sign up for our newsletter. Or call Family at 845.679.2485 for our Project Director, Janice LaMotta.

Our BIG NEWS is HOME SHARE IS PLANNING AN EXPANSION TO KINGSTON! We are collaborating with the Kingston Housing Task Force on a Survey to see if there is interest in home sharing in Kingston. Would you be interested in helping to create Matches? Getting the word out? Or becoming a Home Provider or Seeker? For more information about the Kingston survey contact us at homesharekingston@familyofwoodstockinc.org and look for us on FaceBook.

Ulster County Office for the Aging

Seeks Volunteers
Ulster County Office for the Aging seeks volunteers in the following areas:

Warm Callers - folks who are willing to call isolated seniors regularly so they hear a friendly voice, have someone to speak to

Volunteer drivers for our Neighbor to Neighbor Medical appt driving program

Help at various pantries like Angel Food East, People's Place, Rondout Valley Food Pantry

Drivers for those pantries, maybe cooks

Caregiver group respite

Help at area nursing home for transporting, activities, companionship

Volunteers willing to be trained to be ombudsmen in nursing homes

Volunteers willing to assist as shoppers or with grocery pick-up, chore doers, light maintenance volunteers for area seniors

Coaches for evidence-based programming which help folks learn to live more safely and wholly

To learn more please contact Sue Koppenhaver at skop@co.ulster.ny.us or 845-340-3456.

WURTSBORO BOARD OF TRADE EVENTS 2024

The Wurtsboro Board of Trade invites you to the beautiful Village of Wurtsboro for our upcoming 2024 events.

Please save the date for:

Saturday, April 27th from 12pm to 3:00pm for Spring Fling (Flyer attached)

Music in the Park will start mid-June weekly through August on Thursday nights starting at 6:30pm

Saturday, July 13th from 12pm to 5pm for the Founders Day Street Fair

Thursday, August 8th at 6pm for the Duck Race)

Saturday, October 26th from 12pm to 3pm for Halloweenfest

And Saturday, November 30th from 1pm-4pm for Joy to Wurtsboro

Please join us! For more information and updates as they occur, visit www.wurtsboro.org and on Facebook.

DUCK RACE
Thursday, August 8th, 6 PM
Veterans' Park • Wurtsboro, NY

\$5.00 A Duck

Ducks are Available for Purchase at Music in the Park, Founders' Day Street Fair & On our Website www.Wurtsboro.org

★ PRIZES ★
1st Place \$200
2nd Place \$100
3rd Place \$50
UnLucky Duck \$10

All Proceeds go to the WBOT Scholarship Fund!

WURTSBORO BOARD OF TRADE
SPRING FLING
SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH
12PM-3PM
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with Lisa Titus



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Tuesday, March 19, 2024

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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Engage in conversation with author, Lisa Titus, as she shares her poetry and the inspiration behind her work. Her poems have been a labor of love, a true reflection on how a poet looks at the world.

The title of the book, *First Time, Every Time* not only comes from a line in one of the 72 poems in the book, but it also has a much deeper meaning. Don't miss getting a glimpse into her writing and the stories behind her poems.

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For more information please contact Amanda at (845)-798-8648 or James at (845)-423-3910 or
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January 31st

February 14th

February 28th

March 13th

March 27th

Via Zoom or Phone

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



ANGER MANAGEMENT

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Join us for this six-week course, which will provide you with effective tools for managing your anger. Learn how to identify anger re-activators and gain valuable tips to help you stay calm and in control.

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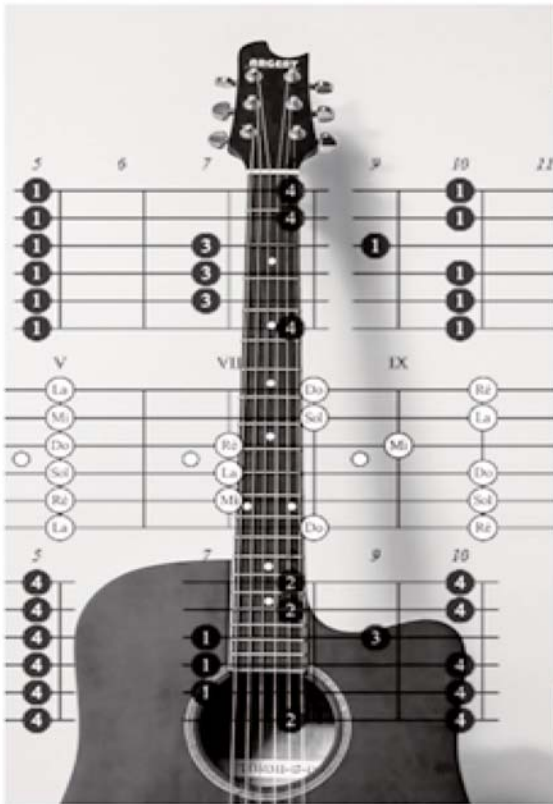
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Governor Hochul Launches NY's First Training Stipend Program for Volunteer Firefighters

Governor Kathy Hochul today launched New York's first training stipend program for volunteer firefighters. The program's draft regulations were accepted following a 60-day public comment period and support Governor Hochul's efforts to strengthen and stabilize New York's volunteer fire service. A total of \$10 million will help offset the costs of training courses which volunteer firefighters are required to complete.

"Volunteer firefighters put their lives on the line to protect those in their communities, and it is time that we recognize and compensate them for the work that they have done," Governor Hochul said. "These stipends will allow our firefighters to continue serving their communities while also being able to provide for their families."

Volunteer fire departments serve approximately nine million New Yorkers, nearly half of the State's population. In recent years, however, more than three-quarters of these departments have reported a decrease in the number of individuals willing to volunteer and serve. This is further compounded by the increased operational responsibilities beyond fire protection to include vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, hazardous material spills, and weather-related rescue operations. At the same time, calls for service have increased 29 percent from 1997 to 2020.

As part of the effort to strengthen and stabilize the state's volunteer fire service, the Division's Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) will administer the stipend to volunteer firefighters for completion of the following training courses completed on or after August 31, 2023.

New York State Homeland Security and Emergency Services Commissioner Jackie Bray said, "New York's volunteer fire service plays a critical role in protecting our communities but,

departments statewide face serious recruitment and retention challenges. That's why Governor Hochul prioritized rewriting the rules to allow our Division to provide stipends for the foundation training courses. These stipends will allow more New Yorkers will be able to sign up to become volunteer fire fighters and strengthen our more than one thousand volunteer departments across the state."

Volunteer Firefighter Training Course Stipends

Course	Stipend
Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations	\$750.00
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus / Interior Firefighting Operations	\$1,250.00
Fire Officer 1	\$1,000

Additionally, a local fire training stipend may be authorized for the completion of any OFPC training course or equivalents, as determined by OFPC, up to \$500.

Stipends are for first time course completions of the listed OFPC course or equivalency as determined by OFPC. Students must be a member of good standing as determined by their department and stipend applications are submitted by the fire chief.

To be eligible, fire departments must have submitted fire reporting for the previous calendar year and complete the annual fire department demographics form. This regulation also authorizes volunteer fire departments to pay volunteer firefighters a training stipend, subject to local funding, for the completions of certain courses, identified by the Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

Visit the State Office of Fire Prevention and Control home-page for more information on the program.

About the State Office of Fire Prevention and Control

The Office of Fire Prevention and Control delivers a wide breadth of essential services to firefighters, emergency responders, state and local government agencies, public and private colleges, and the citizens of New York to help ensure the safety of all stakeholders. The office advances public safety through firefighter training, education, fire prevention, investigative, special operations, and technical rescue programs.



Native American Drumming and Stories

WHEN: Friday, March 8th from 1:00 - 3:30

WHERE: 26 Academy St, Pine Hill, NY 12465

Whats Happening:

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for more information call:

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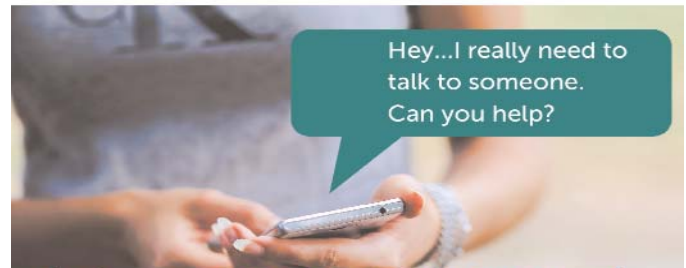
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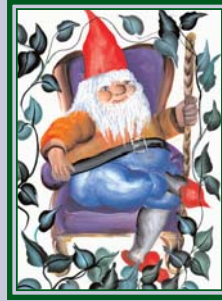
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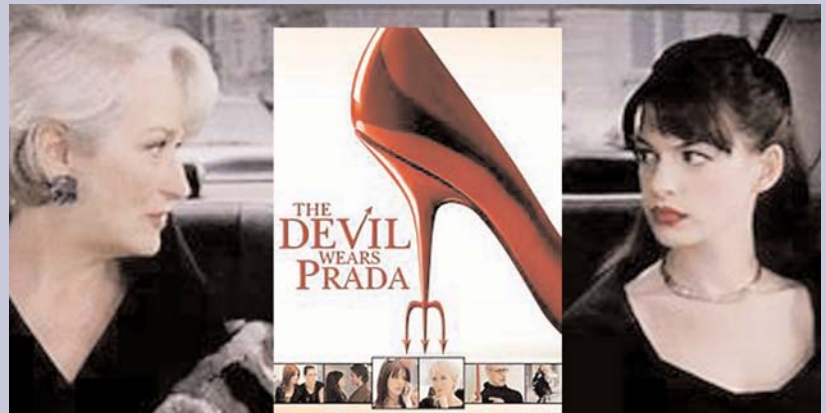
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THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA

(PG-13 · 2006 · 1HR 49MIN ·
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The Devil Wears Prada is a 2006 American comedy-drama film directed by **David Frankel** and produced by **Wendy Finerman**. The screenplay, written by **Aline Brosh McKenna**, is based on **Lauren Weisberger's** 2003 novel of the same name.



The film adaptation stars **Meryl Streep** as Miranda Priestly, a powerful fashion magazine editor, and **Anne Hathaway** as Andrea "Andy" Sachs.

Andrea "Andy" Sachs is an aspiring journalist fresh out of Northwestern University. Despite her ridicule for the shallowness of the fashion industry, she lands a job as junior personal assistant to Miranda Priestly, the editor-in-chief of *Runway Magazine*, a job that "millions of girls would kill for". Andy plans to put up with Miranda's excessive demands and humiliating treatment for a high paying position in the fashion industry.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Patty Duke

This weeks' Trivia question: Coal Miner's Daughter is the film biography of what country singer?

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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S ON AMAZON PRIME

MULHOLLAND FALLS

American neo-noir crime thriller film directed by **Lee Tamahori**, written by **Pete Dexter**, and starring an ensemble cast featuring **Nick Nolte**, **Jennifer Connelly**, **Chazz Palminteri**, **Michael Madsen**, **Chris Penn**, **Melanie Griffith**, **Andrew McCarthy**, **Treat Williams**, and **John Malkovich**



Nick Nolte plays the head of an elite group of four Los Angeles Police Department detectives (based on the real life 'Hat Squad') who are known for stopping at nothing to maintain control of their

jurisdiction. Their work has the tacit approval of LA's police chief (Bruce Dern). A similar theme is the basis of a 2012 film, *Gangster Squad* (in which Nolte also appeared), as well as the television miniseries, *Mob City*.

In the early 1950s, a four-man squad of unorthodox Los Angeles Police Department detectives begins throwing its weight around by tossing Jack Flynn, an organized crime figure from Chicago, off a cliff on Mulholland Drive, nicknamed 'Mulholland Falls' for all the men they have thrown off it.

Detective Lieutenant Maxwell Hoover and his partners Coolidge, Hall, and Relyea are called to investigate the suspicious death of a young woman found at a construction site. The evidence shows that every bone in her body is broken. A coroner deduces that she looks as though she 'jumped off a cliff', even though there are no cliffs nearby. The woman turns out to be someone Hoover knew very well: Allison Pond.

The detectives receive a film of Allison having sex in a motel room, taken by a secretly hidden camera behind a two-way mirror. Allison's friend Jimmy Fields admits to making this film and more, including one with Hoover in it. Fields is murdered while being guarded by Hall and Relyea.

Even the FBI gets involved in an attempted coverup.

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S ON AMAZON, IMOB, NETFLIX

One of the funniest films from the 1980's

Victor/Victoria (2h 14m / 1982 / Rated PG)

Victor/Victoria is a 1982 British-American musical comedy film directed by Blake Edwards and starring Julie Andrews, James Garner, Robert Preston, Lesley Ann Warren, Alex Karras, and John Rhys-Davies. The film was produced by Tony Adams and scored by Henry Mancini, with lyrics by Leslie Bricusse. Released by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, it was adapted in 1995 as a Broadway musical. The film was nominated for seven Academy Awards and won the Academy Award for Best Original Score. It is a remake of the 1933 German film *Viktor und Viktoria*.

Taking place in Paris, it's 1934 -Carroll "Toddy" Todd,



an aging gay performer at Chez Lui in Paris, sees Labisse, the club owner, auditioning a frail, impoverished soprano, Victoria Grant. After her failed audition, Victoria returns to her hotel room to find herself evicted, unable to pay rent. That night, when Richard, a hustler with whom Toddy is romantically involved, comes to Chez Lui as part of a straight foursome, Toddy incites a brawl. Labisse fires Toddy and bans him from the club. Walking home, he spots Victoria in a restaurant. She invites him to join her. As neither of them can pay for the meal, she dumps a cockroach in her salad to avoid paying, but it escapes and mayhem ensues. That is how this hilarious film begins!

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