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The Tri-Valley Lions would like to THANK one and all who supported our Journey For Sight Walk on Saturday, May 6, 2023. SPECIAL THANKS to our friends at THE NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE, which provided coffee, rolls, bagels, and cakes for our event. Chris, Jaime, Angel, and Mark - what an incredible and delicious spread, which was enjoyed by Walkers and Volunteers alike. Thank you, thank you, thank you. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Dominick Scanna Throws Out the Opening Day First Pitch as TV Little League Starts the 2023 Season



As quoted by Larry Whipple:

"In 2023 Tri Valley Little League created a mission statement, to describe our league's purpose and our overall intentions. The following is our New Mission Statement. With everyone's support we can and will achieve our mission."

"Tri Valley Little League's Mission is to provide a safe, enjoyable environment for all children, regardless of ability, to learn how to play and enjoy Baseball/Softball." (Contd. Pg 8)

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On the Front Burner: Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

Days of Yore... Today's History

May 13, 1953

Vail J. Curry, 81, died Friday, May 8th at Liberty Loomis Hospital after suffering an accident at his home near Neversink while he was at work near his house. Mr. Curry was born March 19, 1873 at Halls Mills, the son of David and Mary Donaldson Curry. He was married 55 years ago to May Purvis who died in 1928. Two sons, James Vail Curry and Chandler Purvis Curry both of Neversink, survive as well as a sister, Mrs. Wilbert Roosa of Liberty and a brother, Bruce Curry of Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Slater are the parents of a son, 10 lbs. 4 oz. born on May 10th. He has been named Kirklyn Richard. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Slater of Claryville are the paternal grandparents.

May 8, 1963

Dale W. Ross, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. Eugene Ross, formerly of Grahamsville, has been elected a member of Eta Kappa Nu, the national society honoring scholarship in electrical engineering. Ross, a junior in electrical engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is also on the Dean's List there.

May 16, 1973

Airman Ronald L. Klinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Klinger of Woodbourne, N.Y. has been assigned to Keeler AFB, Miss. after completing Air Force Basic Training. Airman Klinger, a 1972 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School, attended Sullivan County Community College. His wife, Judy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wright of Sundown, N.Y.

May 12, 1983

Grahamsville artist Dan Smythe has his sculpture on exhibition at Troy, N.Y. through May 24th. This invitational on-person show is at the Dietel Gallery at the Emma Willard School there.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

On looking back to the many changes we have seen through the years, I am wondering if we will ever see another real Five and Ten Cent store again.

The year I was fourteen I obtained a working certificate from school and found employment in Richmond Hill, LI. and on Jamaica Ave. there was this beautiful Five and Ten Cent store. It was like a fairy land to me. I'd just like to saunter down those aisles once more and see the wares like they were in those bins. I shopped there for stockings, perfume, stationary, material to send home to mother and jewelry and toys for my sisters and brothers.

You could buy nothing in that store over 10 cents. You could buy anything the department stores sold for 5 or 10 cents including staple items like canned goods; they were small but they had them for sale.

I recall canaries that sang so sweetly from their cages which hung aloft Their soda fountain was great with soda and ice cream cones and pops and when you grew tired of shopping, you could walk in back and sit down at the counter. There you could treat yourself to a hot dog or hamburger for a dime and a nice large root beer for another dime. You could relax, no one to push you off the stool, there was plenty of room for everyone.

It would be great to turn back time and meander once more through the wonders of an old five and dime store. *

Fallsburg Pop-up Food Pantry Pilot Program

Fallsburg, NY - The Town of Fallsburg is proud to announce the launch of a new pop-up food pantry program. The program will be a six (6) month test, aimed at addressing food insecurity in the community. This program is part of the town's ongoing commitment to supporting its residents during difficult times.

The program is open to all residents of the Town of Fallsburg and will provide access to fresh, nutritious food. The pop-up food pantry will be located at River Valley Estates (Foxcroft Village) during this pilot phase of the program. Based on the use of the program it will rotate between different locations in the town, making it easily accessible to those who need it most.

According to Kathy Rappaport, Town of Fallsburg Supervisor, "The increase in the price of food has highlighted the need for food assistance in our community, and this new pop-up food pantry pilot program will help address that need. We are proud to partner with the Foodbank of the Hudson Valley to make fresh, healthy food more accessible to all our residents."

The pilot program is made possible through partnerships with local organizations, including the Foodbank of the Hudson Valley, Sullivan ARC, and River valley Estates.

The pop-up food pantry pilot program is set to begin on Tuesday, May 30th, 2023, from 10am - Noon at 3 Piccadilly East Loch Sheldrake NY. The pop-up will occur the last Tuesday of every month for the next six months. The program will be evaluated at the end of the six-month period, and the town will make any necessary adjustments based on feedback from participants.

"We are excited to launch this program and provide a much-needed resource to our community," said Rappaport. "We hope that the program will not only address food insecurity but also bring our community together in support of one another."

Residents of the Town of Fallsburg who are interested in participating in the pop-up food pantry pilot program can find more information on the town's website or by contacting the Town Hall.

Household Hint:

Neutralize Garden Lime

Rinse your hands liberally with vinegar after working with garden lime to avoid rough and flaking skin.

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

Pros and Cons of Garlic Mustard

You don't have to take a walk in the woods to find Garlic Mustard. It grows just about everywhere and it has become quite visible the past several days.

Until recently, Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) was considered just a weed but now it is considered one of the worst invaders of forests in the American Northeast and Midwest. You will notice it along the roadsides, in the forest and even in the garden. Its rapid spread has allowed it to become the dominant plant in the undergrowth of some forests, greatly reducing the diversity of all species. Garlic mustard is one of very few non-native plants that has been able to successfully invade forest understories.

Historically it is believed that Garlic Mustard was introduced our country from Europe and Asia around 1868 when settlers in the Long Island, NY area used it for food and medicinal purposes. It has since spread through the Eastern United States and heading westward.



Garlic mustard has a biennial life cycle, that is, it takes two years to fully mature and produce seeds. Seeds germinate in February to early March of the first year and grow into a short rosette by the middle of the summer. In the plant's second year, a stalk develops, flowers form, and the plant dies by June. Siliques, four-sided seedpods, develop in late May. They contain small black seeds lined up in a row. On average, a garlic mustard plant will produce 22 siliques, each of which can contain as many as 28 seeds. The seeds generally germinate within one to two years, but may remain viable for up to five years.

First year plants may be difficult to identify. Crushing the leaves makes this task easier as the smell of garlic is very distinguishable.

The basal leaves of an immature plant are dark-green and kidney shaped with round teeth (scalloped) along the edges; average size of the leaves is 2 to 3.5 inches in diameter. In its second year, the alternating stem leaves become more triangular shaped, 1 to 2 inches long, and have sharper teeth, with leaves becoming gradually smaller towards the top of the stalk. Leaf stalks of mature plants are hairy. As with the younger plants, second year plants have a garlic odor when crushed but the odor is less obvious with increasing age.

Like everything in Nature, there are two sides and there is a good side to Garlic Mustard! Garlic mustard is great served raw in salads, mixed with milder greens or it can be steamed, simmered or sautéed. Garlic Mustard is considered to have the highest levels of nutrients of any leafy green so far analyzed! It's high in vitamin A, beta-carotene, zinc, manganese and fiber.

Garlic Mustard can be easily harvested for FREE with no concern of damaging its plant population, which helps to balance the native ecosystems and save native plants from being crowded out by the invasive ones.

Learn to identify Garlic Mustard and harvest away!*



THANK YOU FROM THE TRI-VALLEY LIONS for your support for this year's Journey For Sight Walk on May 6, 2023



(From Pg. 1)

We would also like to thank The Grahamsville Fire Department for their generous donation of \$150, but more importantly, for JOINING US FOR THE WALK. It was so very nice and special to Walk side-by-side with the Fire Department folks - you make our community proud to have the wonderful men and women always there and ready to handle

emergencies as they occur. Thank you to The Grahamsville Deli for the bagels. But most of all, THANK YOU to All the Walkers, Volunteers, and those who donated to The Journey For Sight Walk and accompanying TAG DAY. It is your ongoing support and donations that allow the Tri-Valley Lions to contribute to Local Food Pantries, do eye screenings at our schools, support organizations like Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Diabetes, the annual Heart-A-Thon, The Rock Hill Run and Ramble which supports Leukemia and Lymphoma causes, and local assistance for our community in event of catastrophic medical or personal needs where insurance may not be available. This is just a partial list of what The Tri-Valley Lions do on an annual basis.

The Journey For Sight Walk is held each year on the FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY, so "SAVE THE DATE" and come walk with us again next year. For more information about the Walk or Tri-Valley Lions and how to become a member, please contact Lion President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com or membership chairperson, Patricia Menje at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com or Esta Jacob at 845-866-1579 or ejacob4848@gmail.com.

Also, please plan to visit our new SODA BOOTH at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds during this year's Little World's Fair at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds and all other Fairground events. Stay well and safe!!



New staff at Vet 2 Vet of Sullivan County

MONTICELLO, NY - Two new staff members have joined the PFC Joseph P Dwyer Vet 2 Vet Program of Sullivan County (V2V).

The V2V program is a peer-run component of Action Toward Independence (ATI) that seeks to assist Veterans and their family members through advocacy, benefits advisement, mental health education, peer counseling, and a free service dog program for those who are eligible.

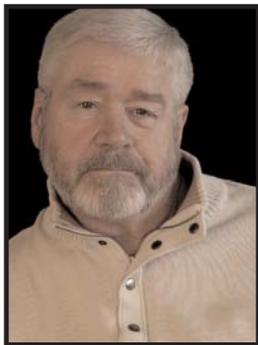
V2V recently welcomed James "Jimmy" Raftery and Stephen Murphy to the staff.

Jimmy Raftery is the newest Veteran Peer Services Coordinator. He will be taking over from Ryan Fuller, who recently left to pursue his educational journey. Born in Astoria, Queens on Veteran's Day, Jimmy is naturally led to serve others. A graduate of Carmel High School in Carmel, NY, his passion for helping led to his 1992 enlistment in the U.S. Coast Guard. "There was a desire to do something different than my friends and my family," Raftery said.

After basic training, he was assigned to the Coast Guard Cutter Dallas, Governor's Island, NY, where he served as an engineer, repairing machinery inside and outside of the engine room. This would explain his penchant for plumbing. In 1994, Jimmy transferred to Coast Guard Station Manasquan Inlet in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ, where his for helping others grew, while learning how to assist stranded mariners via Marine Radio Bands. He finished his enlistment at Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook, NJ in 1996. (Contd. Pg. 14)



James "Jimmy" Raftery (left) and Steve Murphy are the newest staff members at Action Toward Independence / Vet 2 Vet in Monticello.



Just in case you're wondering, we'll be re-running some of our best and most popular book reviews every other week from now on. They will be described as our Legacy Mysterious Book Reports. Send us a quick request if you have a favorite that you'd like to see again and we'll do our best to re-publish it.

Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 33

Published November 19, 2015

Palace of Treason

Mysterious Book Report No. 220

by John Dwaine McKenna



Is there any doubt amongst well-informed people, that the tectonic plates of government spheres of influence are being shifted these days in ways we couldn't even imagine as little as twenty-five years ago? Would you have thought for example, back in 1990 when the Soviet Union was collapsing and the U.S. led coalition was busy kicking Sudan Hussein out of Kuwait, that by the year 2015 a resurgent Russia would be superseding America in critical areas of the globe as the dominant world power? Or that we would be smack-dab in the middle of an emerging cold war, vying for world hegemony with a renewed sense of urgency . . . because the potential for a nuclear catastrophe is growing exponentially as more nations, some of whom are politically unstable, or run by fanatical regimes join what is ruefully called a Club? . . . meaning of course, the nations who possess nuclear weapons. It's the kind of conflict that makes for the absolute best spy yarns . . . those which are based in fact and take place on a world stage while civilization itself teeters on the edge of destruction. MBR No. 220 covers just such a novel. It rings with veracity and authenticity because the author was a real-life, card-carrying CIA case officer for more than thirty years, working in denied-access areas of the world such as Russia, eastern Europe and the Middle East. He's retired now and has turned his hand to writing novels about the clandestine services. *Red Sparrow*, Jason Matthews Edgar Award winning debut novel, electrified readers and hit the *New York Times* best seller list a little less than a year ago. It featured a brave and fearless woman espionage agent named Dominika Egorova of the Russian Intelligence Service (SVR) and American CIA agent Nate Nash in a classic spy novel that left readers wiping sweat from their faces and begging for more. I'm happy to say our wishes have been granted.

Palace of Treason, (Scribner/Simon & Shuster, \$26.99, 468 pages, ISBN 978-1-4767-9374-0) by Jason Matthews is now out and continues the story, picking up where the first novel ended. Egorova, now promoted to captain in the SVR, has been incomunicado for nearly a year. Nash, stationed in Athens, Greece, doesn't know if she's alive or dead. But Dominika is not only healthy and well . . . she's come to the attention of President Putin himself . . . which has put her in conflict with a sadistic, jealous and sociopathic SVR colonel who's bent on destroying her. He's obsessed, hunting for the mole he thinks is giving away state secrets, but hasn't been able to catch, and believes is Dominika Egorova. The tension begins in the first chapter and never lets up, intensifying with each new revelation. The plot is serpentine, the tradecraft exact and the action non-stop –with treachery, double-agents, mole hunts, sex, danger, venality, double-crosses and gunfights enough to make *Palace of Treason* stand as an equal to any of the greatest spy yarns ever written. Huge praise indeed, but it's so well done I doubt that anyone will be able to stop reading once they get to the last seventy-five pages. Jason Matthews will soon be recognized as one of the greatest thriller writers ever. He's that good!

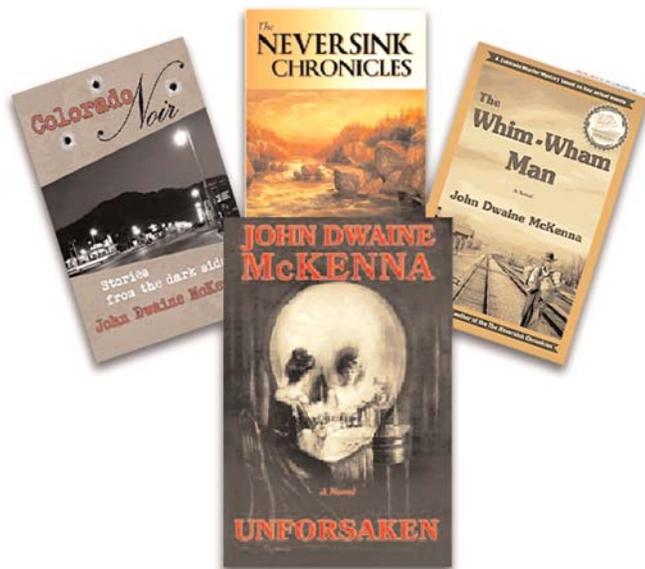
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are now available at the
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The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda

“The Earth Laughs in Flowers”

“The earth laughs in flowers.” _
Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Last week was one of the most unpleasant weeks, weather-wise, with cold, dark, rainy days. Today the sun peeked out, and tomorrow promises to move into the seventies. Today was a perfect day to move



out the house plants and the three baker racks they live upon. Watered and bathed, they silently thanked me for the sun and wind and new summer home on the deck.

I also stopped at the Mount Tremper Vegetable Stand and bought a flat of colorful annuals to be planted in big pots on the deck.

Inside my house I have two huge bouquets of flowers from my surprise birthday party Peggy Haug threw at our Senior Art Group, I also picked a bunch of lilacs. My house smells like times in the past when I worked as a florist's assistant in Baldwin, Long Island and in Dalton, Massachusetts. My perks were to take home any still-looking-good flowers that were not fresh enough to be sold.

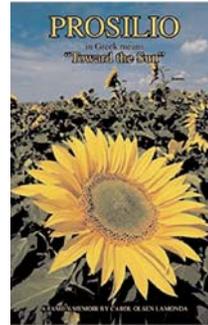


There is an earthy, floral fragrance that is fraught with procreation in a florist shop or in a spring garden. Digging in the dirt is a primal delight with a promise of growth and beauty. I have gardening gloves which I never wear because I like the feel of moist soil. One secret I learned in the florist shop was how to clean hands that have cut flowers or planted anything. A tablespoon of sugar and a dollop of Dawn dish detergent will remove the grime, black residue, and leave hands as smooth as a baby's bottom. Vaseline on your nails spares a manicure too.

With my birthday, Mother's Day, and the Flower Moon, the time is right to enjoy the brightness of flowers.

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



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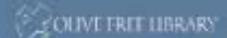
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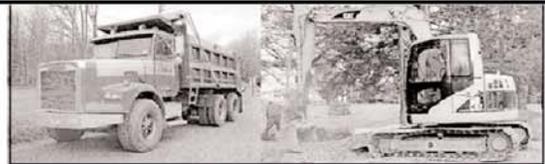
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Dominick Scanna Throws Out the Opening Day First Pitch as TV Little League Starts the 2023 Season

(From Pg. 1) “The objective of the Tri Valley Little League is to instill in the youth of our community ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, and courage, through hard work and dedication, with the hope that they will grow to be contributing, healthy adults.”

“Tri Valley Little League and it's Board Member's will lead the way by working hard and showing our dedication, to our league, our

program, to our local community and to all children in our program or in our community. We are committed to creating a culture in which coaches, parents, umpires, fans and athletes work together to achieve our mission.”



“We are just 5 days from our opening weekend and honoring our 2023 Hall of Fame Class. I am proud to announce the class of 2023,”

“Jerry Scanna, coached in TVLL 1982-1987, and also helped Tom Mitchell design the fields at our old park. Jerry was a huge supporter not only of Little League but all TVCS sports.”



“Tami Short was a coach in TVLL for many years as her children went through the program. After her coaching years, Tami became the league's cook for many of nights in our concession for years to come, a position that her son Devin has now fulfilled for many years.”

“Chris Crowfoot was a league umpire for many years. I personally coached for 13 years and Chris umpired the majority of my games, and he was umpiring many years before I started coaching. One thing I learned from Chris, was no matter what happened on the field between coaches and him, he never held a grudge.”

“Our Little League is a great place for our children to learn how to play baseball and to have fun, and to learn life lesson's, not because of our fields, or park, or our equipment or uniforms. It's because we have had great volunteers over the years, who want to give back to our children, our program, and our community.”

“Congratulations to the Tri Valley Little League Class of 2023 !”

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Sullivan 180 Turtle Awards are presented annually to organizations and individuals who are leading the way in helping to build a healthy Sullivan County. The awards recognize those who are making a positive impact on the community by promoting healthy eating, active living, and community engagement.

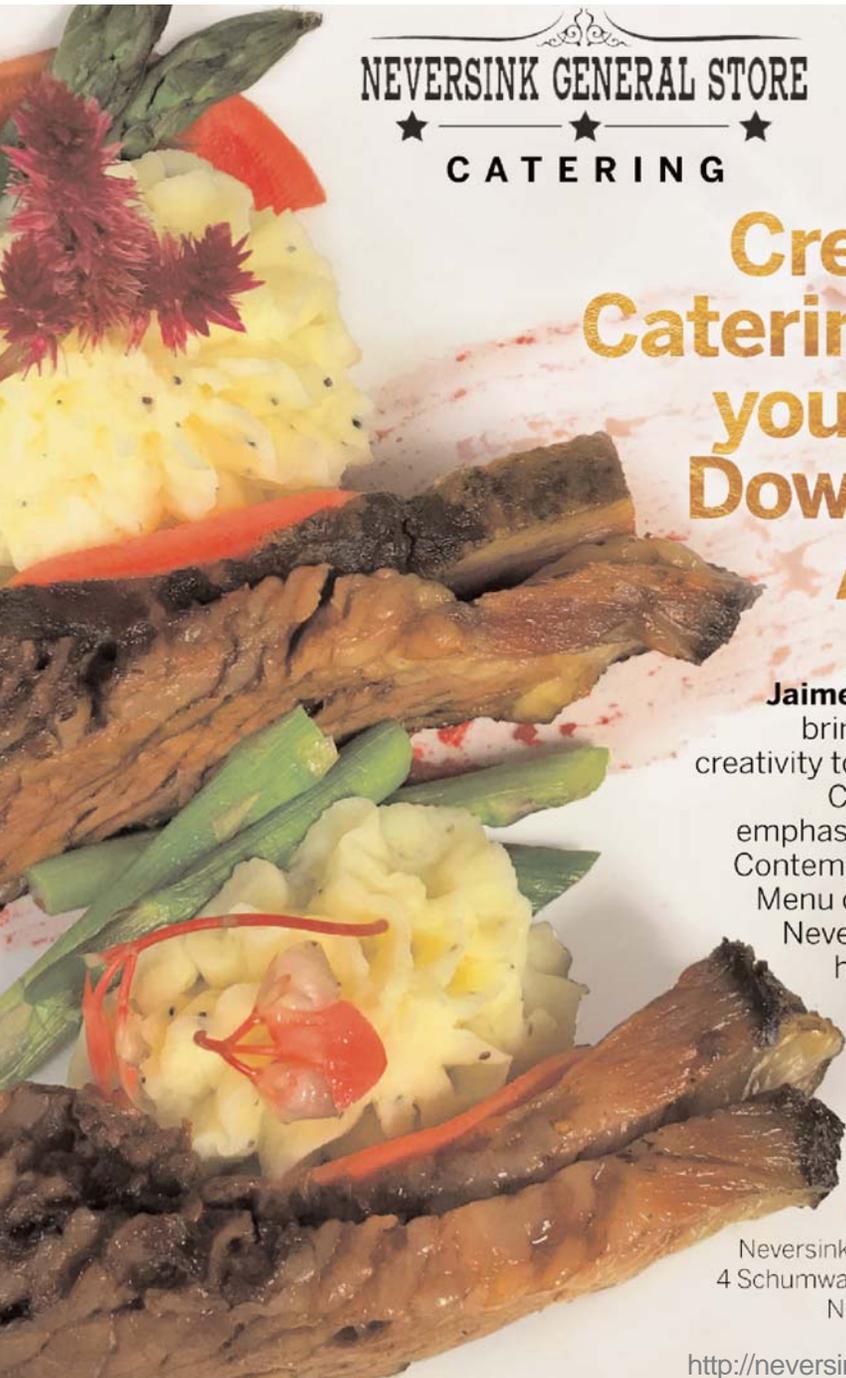
Turtle Awards in the amount of \$500 are offered in the school based Empowering a Healthier Generation Program and the community based Healthiest Fire Department Challenge. Turtle Awards are reinvested at more schools for resources to empower students to lead healthy lifestyles; and emergency responders to be in the best physical condition.

Empowering a Healthier Generation provides funding and resources to schools in Sullivan County to help promote healthy habits among students. The Healthiest Fire Department Challenge, with support from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, engages fire departments in a range of activities focused on health improvement. To learn more about Empowering a Healthier Generation and the Healthiest Fire Department Challenge visit www.sullivan180.org.

By contributing to the Turtle Award Fund, you will be supporting Sullivan 180's mission to build a healthy community, one degree at a time. "The intent of this fund is to acknowledge efforts in prevention and health improvement," said Shanna Nigro Gonzalez, Development Director at Sullivan 180. "Supporters will have the gratification of knowing that they are making a positive impact among the youth and emergency responders in our community."

How to Donate: To support the Turtle Award Fund, simply visit Hudson Valley Gives at <https://www.hvgives.org/organizations/sullivan-180> and select the Sullivan 180 page. From there click on the "Donate Now" button. Your donation will go directly to supporting health and wellness initiatives in Sullivan County.

For more information on how to contribute, contact Shanna Nigro-Gonzalez, Development Director at 845-295-2682 or Shanna@sullivan180.org. For information about grants or how to get involved email info@sullivan180.org or call 845.295.2680.



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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

A week ago Saturday, I was just 'done' with everything, the rain, the cold, and let's throw cooking in that mix. THE JOHNNY JULES BAND was out at CABERNET FRANK'S so it seemed like a win win situation. The constant rain that night played havoc in with the band, stranding the drummer and the second guitar player in Pennsylvania so it became a duo of JOHNNY and BOBBY D. I don't remember the last time I saw just the two of them but let me tell you that was one rollicking good night! The weather kept the audience small, some I knew, some I didn't, and we all stayed longer than we planned..



And somehow that set the tone for this last weekend. What a whirlwind!



It started with THE KITE FESTIVAL on Saturday at SUNY SULLIVAN in Hurleyville. No live music there, but I've been trying to get to it for years!! Everyone should attend this.



It's just so freedom affirming! I have never flown a kite, wouldn't know where to begin. But there on this field were moms, dads, grandparents showing little ones how they could get theirs up in the air. And then there were the experienced adults, turning this way and that, catching the fickle wind to keep their magnificent pieces aloft. What a marvelous afternoon!

But it wasn't over as I popped into STORY'S PLANT COMPANY OF NEVERSINK. After all, their Facebook post said they'd be open all day....that will teach them!! I truly love visiting there, I always learn so much.

They have these wonderful little cement pots that they make themselves that contain certain fibers that keep them from crumbling. And did you know



there is a b i t t y w h i t e daffodil that is the only one with a whiff of fragrance? Or that the bloodroot has white flowers reminiscent of a lotus or water lily? And as delightful as all this was to a notorious

plant killer like myself, it was an herb that I never knew existed that really blew me away. Lovage. Lovage with the delicious celery fragrance that out-celerys celery. THIS is something I really need to learn to grow!!

Then on Sunday, it was off to the ARROWHEAD RANCH AND RETREAT in Parksville for the Horse tack ad swap meet. Horse people are a lot like cat people. Put a bunch of them together and it's all



about horses. THE JOHNNY JULES (full) BAND took the stage around noon and they sounded really great. This is a huge outside space and whoever did the sound did a spectacular job, with the tunes reaching the furthest back corners, a fact that was not lost on those that lined the drive. What I missed, though, were guitarist BILL GRIESBECK and fiddle player LIL SCOLES who filled in a break with some old time country that I was told got as much applause as Johnny!

And where was I? At the CORNHOLE MIXER at the SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM where I had missed the music



of LITTLE SPARROW and their two guests but came in on the last rounds for the win. Essentially this is a bean bag toss with rules and regulations.



Who knew this was a real thing? There were actual teams involved with people who took this very seriously. Anyway, it was great fun with more spectators than teams and a good time was had by all.

And now, dear reader, I am tired and if this is how the summer will go, you will have an incredible number of diverse events to choose from.

Stay well, stay safe and go have some fun!! Until next time.....

Let's talk about Ticks

Join us for a virtual information session about ticks and tick-borne illnesses with Senator Hinchey and local experts! On Thursday, May 18, at 6pm, tune in LIVE on Senator Hinchey's Facebook page to learn more about ways you can protect yourself and your family (including pets!)

Panelists include:

- Dr. Richard Ostfeld, Disease Ecologist with the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies
- Kathy Nolan, MD, MSL, Senior Research Director with Catskill Mountainkeeper
- John Thompson, Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) Director with the Catskill Center
- Barbara Campbell, Master Gardener with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County

Questions can be submitted in advance to Hinchey@nyse-nate.gov and there will be a Q&A session during the event. If you can't make it, a recording of the presentation will be available on Senator Hinchey's Facebook.

Matt McPhillips Legislative Candidate District 1 Sullivan County, NY

McPhillips Announces His Candidacy for District 1 Sullivan County Legislator BETHEL, NY

In front of a standing-room only crowd, Town of Liberty native Matt McPhillips declared his candidacy for District 1 Legislator on May 4 at Sorella's Restaurant in the Town of Bethel. The announcement launched his campaign for the district, including the Town of Bethel, Town of Highland, Village of Jeffersonville, and parts of the Towns of Thompson, and Liberty.

McPhillips said, "I'm running for District 1 legislator because I believe we can be a model for the rest of the state where a shared vision leads to a bright and prosperous future."

His campaign platform focuses on affordable housing, improved health care, the environment, economic development, and transparency and civility in county government.

McPhillips was born and raised in Liberty. He is a graduate of Liberty High School and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Currently, he serves as Legislative Liaison for Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther. He has worked cooperatively across the aisle for Congressman Faso and Senator Gillibrand.

Matt and his wife Vanessa are building a home in Bethel. Vanessa is the Director of Economic Development

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and Strategic Planning at the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development.

County Democratic Committee Chair Anne said, "Matt is a capable and intelligent person whose experience shows that he knows how government is supposed to work. He cares deeply about the community and is committed to working for a better future for all our residents." Look for Matt along the campaign trail in the coming weeks and months and follow his candidacy on Facebook, Instagram, and his website, MattMcPhillips.com. Paid for by the Committee to elect Matt McPhillips.



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New Staff at Vet 2 Vet of Sullivan County

(From Pg. 4) Jimmy was a lifeboat crewman, engineer, and search and rescue radio operator. Skills that served him well soon after.

In April of 1997, he was appointed to the New York City Fire Department as a Fire Alarm Dispatcher. A position he describes as the "First Line of Defense" or, "The 'First' First Responder." He served as a Dispatcher in Brooklyn, The Bronx, and Manhattan. He found his passion for "The Job" in Manhattan, where "if it can happen, it will." He was an integral part of many rescues and fire emergencies in New York City over the course of 25 years, most famously, the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001.

During his final tour of duty on January 9th, 2022, Jimmy assisted in coordinating response and coverage of empty firehouses during a massive apartment building blaze in the Bronx that took the lives of 17 people. Four hours after the fire was declared "under control," Jimmy signed off for the last time.

"Service is the family business," Raftery said. He's a fourth-generation public servant, along with his brothers and many relatives. His compassion for others led to his strong convictions and desires to help others. "It's what we do. We help others. Now that I'm retired, I can truly devote my time to my fellow Veterans and help in ways I couldn't before." A former firefighter/EMT in the Lake Carmel Fire Department, Jimmy resides in Port Jervis with his partner and elementary school crush, Kristine, his stepson, Connor, his daughter, Cassandra, the cats, Bean and Tiger, and his beloved mutt, Harry.

Stephen Murphy has joined ATI/V2V as a Veteran Peer Advocate with the Wounded Warrior Service Dog Program.

Born and raised in Orange County, Steve graduated from Minisink Valley High School with the class of 2007. Two years later, at the age of 20, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps, serving for five years in the Infantry with 1st Battalion 8th weapons company. His battalion did two combat tours in Afghanistan, in 2010 and again in 2011-2012.

Stephen was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant, E-5, and spend a few years in a nursing program before studying nutrition and dietetics at the University of the District of Columbia. He moved back to Orange County in 2020 and married his wife, Tara. They are expecting their first child this September.

Upon his discharge from the service, he was diagnosed with PTSD and fell in line with the thousands of other veterans who downplayed the idea of being mentally unwell and refusing to seek out help. He dealt with varied and prolonged issues, which impacted his everyday activities. Finally, after years of suffering, he sought out help through the VA and other local groups.

A fellow local veteran advocate, who Stephen was deployed with in Afghanistan was working at ATI at the time. "He got me involved with their V2V program, and I started working with them with my dog, Eva. She is now my service dog. Having Eva work with me throughout the day has greatly improved my ability to function, my mobility, and quality of life.

"What really drew me to V2V was the fact that it's a peer run organization. Meaning the Veteran Advocates that you work with are themselves Veterans of the armed services," Steve explained. "Our veteran advocate services include benefits advisement, peer counseling, family support, classes (art/music therapy, writing workshop), housing assistance, and many others."

Having gone through the program himself, and having recently graduated with Eva, Steve is excited about taking charge of the service dog program. "After personally going through the program, which is at no cost to qualifying Veterans, I understand the benefits very well. I am most looking forward to helping other Veterans to achieve independence and improve their quality of lives, accomplishing whatever future goals they may have."

For more information about Action Toward Independence, Vet 2 Vet or the Wounded Warrior Project Service Dog Program, please call 845-794-4228 or visit ATItoday.org.

CCE Sullivan seeking Input to Guide Trail Enhancement Projects!

HURLEYVILLE, NY - Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s Creating Healthy Schools and Communities (CHSC) program works with community partners to improve health and physical activity standards in Sullivan County. CCESC's Creating Healthy Communities Coordinator Wanda Cruz will host a pedestrian count and focus group at the Hurleyville Trail Head of the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail on Saturday, May 6th from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, and Wednesday, May 10th from 3:00 PM to 5:00.

Walkers, bikers, wheelers, and all Sullivan County residents alike are welcome to visit the Hurleyville - Sullivan O&W Rail Trail on these days to provide feedback and input on how often participants visit the trail, when they prefer to use it, how they use it, why they use it, and whether they feel the trail is safe for pedestrians. Participants' input will be utilized to plan future CHSC program projects aimed towards improving the trail's accessibility as an option for physical activity and exercise.

There is no fee, and preregistration is not required to participate. To find out more about this event, visit the events page on CCESC's website at <http://sullivanccesc.org/events>. Those with related questions can email sullivan@cornell.edu or call 845-292-6180.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. The public can contact the office to request accommodations.

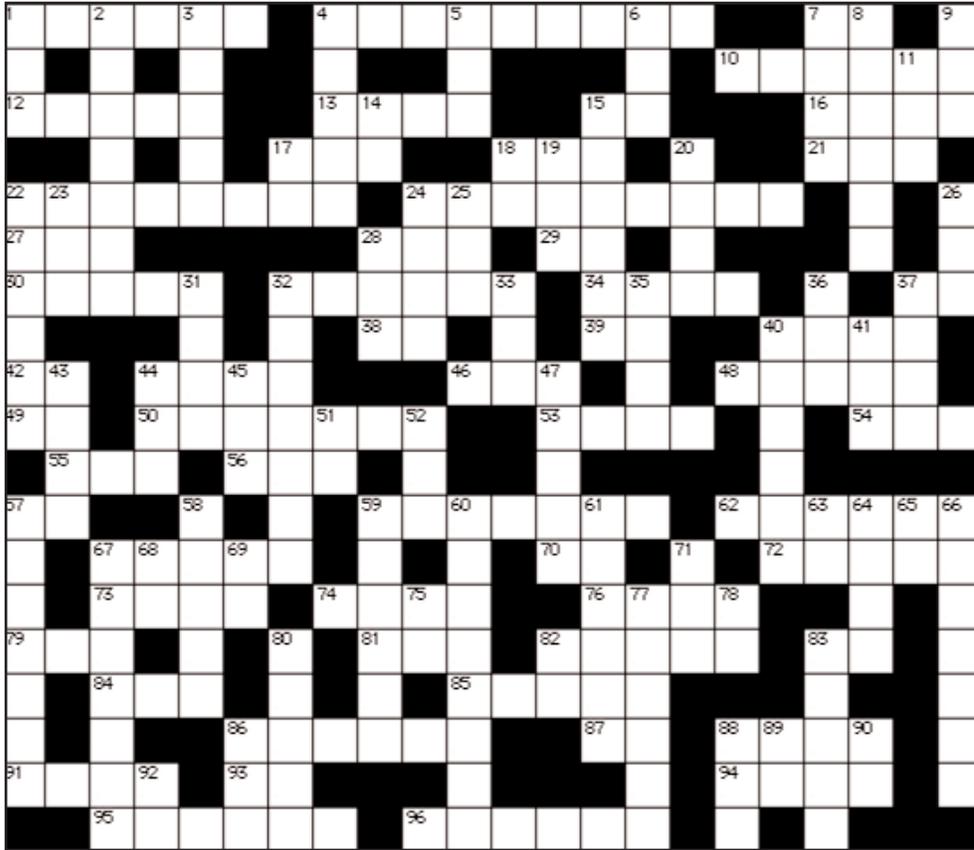
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Second Consecutive Year with a Tax Levy Decrease for the Fallsburg Central School District

Good news for taxpayers of the Fallsburg Central School District! On May 3, the Board of Education showcased a budget for the 2023-2024 year that will now include a tax decrease of 0.56%. This comes as a result of a budget season where the district worked hard to balance the needs of the school district with the capacity of taxpayers to provide a quality educational experience for students. The recently enacted New York State budget was an important piece of this outcome as their boost in school aid allowed for the district to go from a 0% tax levy impact to a decrease in the tax levy.

This budget, if approved by the voters, will mark five consecutive years without any tax increase. It will also be the second consecutive budget with a tax decrease.

"M" is for the Million Things She Gave Me-L. Comando



ACROSS

- 1 Power of recall
- 4 Mother's Day flower
- 7 To the extent of something
- 10 Tropical flower worn as a corsage
- 12 Object
- 13 Respiratory organ of a fish
- 15 Common Era
- 16 Rabbit
- 17 Head covering
- 18 Even one before a woman's surname
- 21 Before
- 22 Painted "The Artist's Mother"
- 24 Mark an event
- 27 Electrically charged atom
- 28 Trademark for testing academic skills

- 29 Tellurium
- 30 Lawful
- 32 Building used for Christian worship
- 34 Shakespeare's legendary king
- 37 One's mother
- 38 Northeast
- 39 Each
- 40 Imitative of child's first syllables for mother
- 42 Emergency Room
- 44 Round elongated shape
- 46 Curve
- 48 Esteem
- 49 District
- 50 Convivial
- 53 Hindu goddess of fire
- 54 Informal 'goodbye'
- 55 Graphic Interchange Format
- 56 Type of joke
- 57 Chem ele-

- ment iron
- 59 Female deity
- 62 Relating to the Celts
- 67 Blaze
- 70 Saint
- 72 See and comprehend
- 73 Narrow road
- 74 Prohibited social practices
- 76 "So be it"
- 79 Grande
- 81 Ardent
- 82 Permit
- 83 Connecticut
- 84 Method of doing something
- 85 Perceived with the ear
- 86 Napoleon supporters's secret symbol
- 87 Non-standard 'you'
- 88 Where Napoleon was banished to
- 91 Cause change in

- direction
- 93 Expressing a particular place
- 94 Warm-blooded egg-laying vertebrate
- 95 Not later
- 96 Infant's bed

DOWN

- 1 Small rug
- 2 Something sent via mail
- 3 Morally good
- 4 Cylinder of tobacco rolled in tobacco leaves for smoking
- 5 Noting
- 6 Single digit
- 7 Pain
- 8 Give a portion
- 9 Lyric poem
- 11 Rage
- 14 Referring to something previously mentioned
- 15 Goddess and wife of Cronus
- 17 Referring

- to a man
- 18 Man's name
- 19 Open meshed material
- 20 May goddess
- 22 Lost one's vigor
- 23 Gardening tool
- 24 Safekeeping
- 25 Etcetera
- 26 Epoch
- 28 Sol
- 31 Intense feeling of affection
- 32 Collective manifestations of human intellectual achievements
- 33 Feminine third person singular pronoun
- 35 Gain in return for one's behavior
- 36 Admirer
- 37 Grand Old Name
- 40 Female parent
- 41 Large

- crowded of people
- 43 Violent anger
- 44 On leave
- 45 Venomous snake
- 47 Sweet baked foods
- 51 Expressing a period of time which an

- event takes place
- 52 Self-esteem
- 57 Person who sells plants and flowers
- 58 Sweet treat
- 59 Pebbles
- 60 Female child
- 61 Full of stars

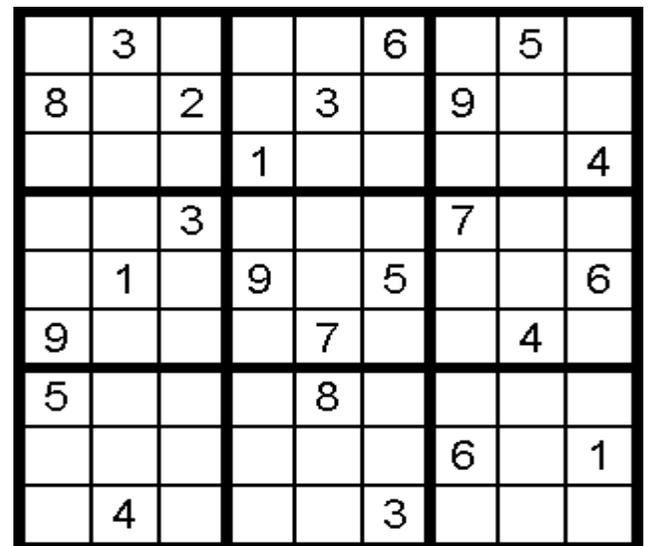
- 63 Language engineering
- 64 Sour
- 65 Part of the human mind
- 66 Hungarian dance
- 67 Blossoms
- 68 Los Angeles
- 69 Main
- 71 Decade
- 75 Combining form of two
- 77 French female title
- 78 New Testament
- 80 Common place
- 82 Georgia
- 83 Hooded viper
- 86 Covered box-like vehicle used for transporting
- 88 Flow back
- 89 Long Island
- 90 Commercial
- 92 Not any

French Toast Casserole for Mothers' Day

- 1 loaf French bread (13 to 16 ounces)
- 8 large eggs
- 2 cups half-and-half
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Dash salt

On Saturday, slice French bread into 20 slices, 1-inch each. Arrange slices in a generously buttered 9 by 13-inch flat baking dish in 2 rows, overlapping the slices. In a large bowl, combine the eggs, half-and-half, milk, sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt and beat with a rotary beater or whisk until blended but not too bubbly. Pour mixture over the bread slices, making sure all are covered evenly with the milk-egg mixture. Spoon some of the mixture in between the slices. Cover with foil and refrigerate overnight. On Mother's Day preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Warm French Toast, then serve with maple syrup.

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Kids' Mother's Day Fun Page

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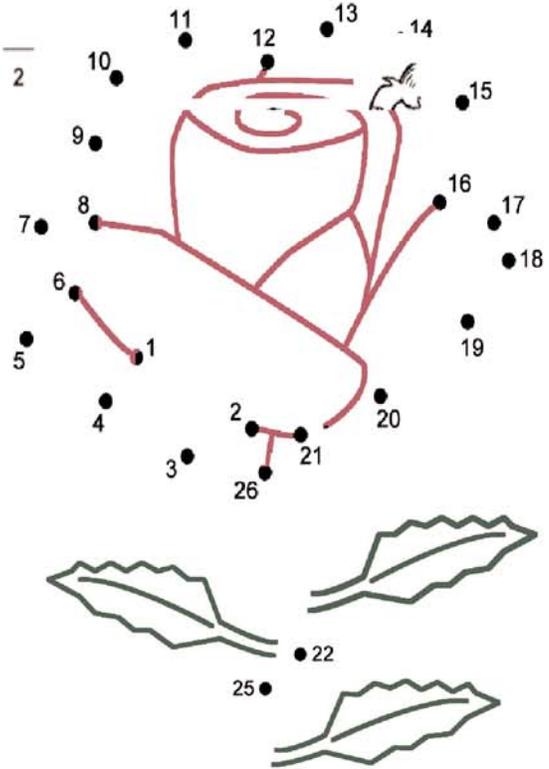
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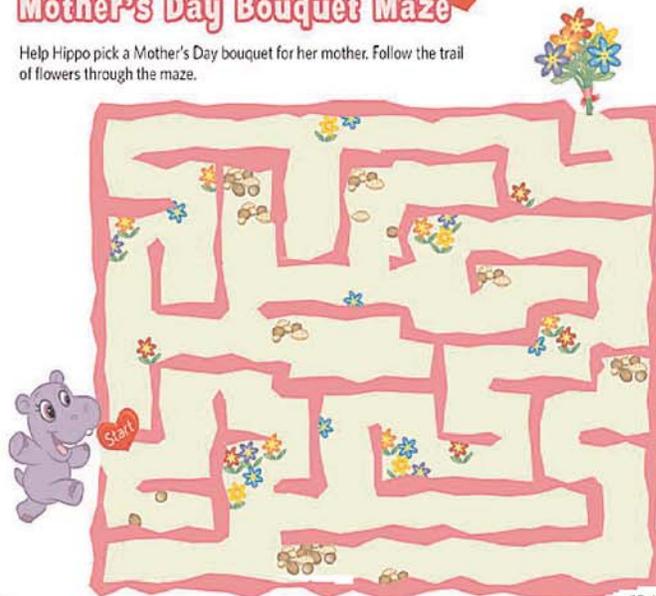
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- MOTHER
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- CARING
- CARNATIONS
- CAKE
- FLOWERS
- FAMILY
- CHILDREN
- DINNER

Mother's Day Bouquet Maze

Help Hippo pick a Mother's Day bouquet for her mother. Follow the trail of flowers through the maze.



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By: Mr. Robert Whitaker
Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Human Resources

Date: May 4, 2023

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Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Announces the Winners of the School Bus Driver of the Year Award

Tersa Faso and Larry Borelli Receive Recognition for their Dedication to Service and Safety

KINGSTON, NY - On Thursday, April 27, 2023, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger announced the Ulster County School Bus Driver of the Year Award winner, Tersa Faso of the New Paltz Central School District. The runner-up is Larry Borelli, a driver for Ulster County BOCES. The School Bus Driver of the Year Award recognizes drivers with exceptional service and safety records and is issued in conjunction with the Ulster County Traffic Safety Board and "Operation Safe Stop." Operation Safe Stop is a cooperative project in New York State that seeks to promote school bus safety through education and enforcement efforts to ensure that motorists do not pass a stopped school bus when the red lights are flashing, indicating that the bus is picking up or dropping off students.

"Congratulations to Tersa Faso and Larry Borelli for receiving these well-deserved honors, and know that we are grateful for your dedication, care, and commitment to the well-being of the children you transport every school day," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "Our school bus drivers fulfill a vitally important role in getting our children to and from school safely and without incident, and these two individuals exemplify the best of the profession."

The awards ceremony was held at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center Rotunda, and was attended by County and local elected officials, school officials, and the family and friends of awardees. Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger presented awards to the following winners:

- o Tersa Faso received the Ulster County School Bus Driver of the Year Award, receiving an Arthur Mulligan Award and a gift certificate to Savona's Trattoria. Ms. Faso has 13 years of experience as a school bus driver and has driven for grades K-12. Tersa has participated in the Kindergarten reception day where she introduced pre-K children to the school bus, gave them basic safety instructions, and took them for their first ride. She is well respected by her peers and has served as a leader among her fellow bus drivers and as a parent in the community. On her daily bus route, Tersa uses two phrases, "Respect" and "Be Kind." Reflecting on Tersa's service, one parent wrote, "She isn't just a bus driver, she is an extension of my child's school experience and one of her favorite people." A number of parents submitted heartfelt letters of support on Tersa's behalf, making her a clear stand-out among applicants. Mrs. Faso was nominated by Maureen Ryan, Director of Transportation for the New Paltz Central School District.

Tersa's mother, Kathy Buley, a retired school bus driver for over 30 years and a previous runner-up for this award, attended the ceremony, along with many other family members.

- o Mr. Borelli received an honorable mention as well for his outstanding bus-driving performance. Mr. Borelli drives for Ulster County BOCES and has 11 years of experience and was nominated by Lawrence McCauley. He received strong support for his dedication at the transportation department; it was noted that his name is "synonymous with safety and production."

Also on Thursday, law enforcement officers around the state participated in Operation Safe Stop Day, where police officers in marked and unmarked patrol units monitor selected bus routes that have a history of illegal passing complaints, and issue tickets to drivers who pass stopped school buses.

"I want to thank the County's law enforcement community for their participation in Operation Safe Stop and their continued efforts to enforce stopped-school bus laws to keep our children and staff safe," said County Executive Metzger. "And I want to remind motorists that passing a school bus when the red lights are flashing is dangerous and potentially deadly, and it is critical that you follow the law and stop your vehicle, whether you are approaching from the front or the rear of the school bus."

New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law states:

- o It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus when the large red lights located on top of the bus are flashing. Flashing lights mean the bus is picking up or discharging students.
- o You must stop whether you are approaching the school bus from the front or overtaking it from the rear.
- o You must always stop for flashing red lights, even on divided and multilane highways and on school grounds.

The first-time fine for illegally passing a school bus is a \$250 to \$400 fine, 5 points on your license, and/or possibly 30 days in jail. Penalties for passing a stopped school bus include:

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Second Conviction (within 3 years)	\$600.00	\$750.00	Up to 180 days
Third or Subsequent Convictions (within 3 years)	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	Up to 180 days

Operation Safe Stop is a cooperative project supported by the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, New York State Education Department, New York Association for Pupil Transportation, New York State School Bus Contractors Association, Dutchess and Ulster Traffic Safety Boards, student transportation industry and state, county, city and local law enforcement agencies.

For further information, visit <https://trafficsafety.ny.gov/operation-safe-stop>.

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May 20th, 2023
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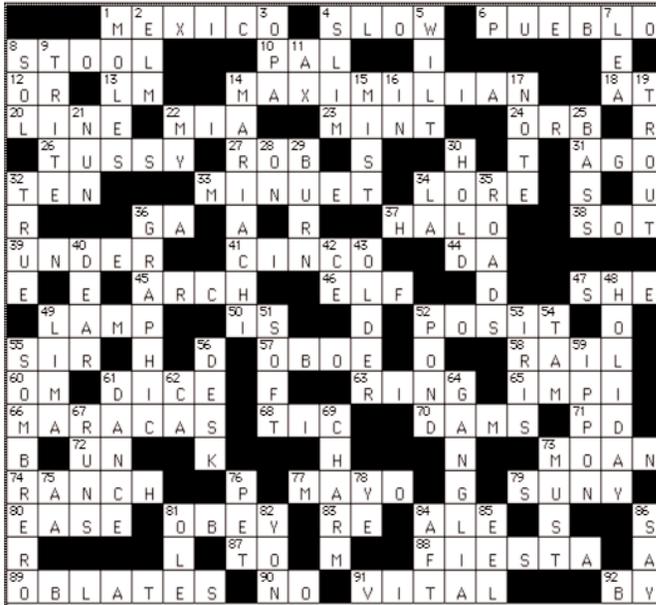
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Ans to last week's Crossword



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Sight & Sound Theater - Ronks, PA

Holy Cross Church in Callicoon is sponsoring a trip to see the show "Moses" on July 12th. The cost is \$155/adults and \$110 children 5-12. This includes admission to the show, transportation, and a smorgasbord lunch. Tickets must be paid for by June 1st. The bus leaves Holy Cross parking lot at 6:00 am and returns at approximately 7:30 pm. For info/reservations call: Pam Reinhardt 845-887-4714.

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/10/23	Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
5/14/23	Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon
5/16/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
5/18/23	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
5/18/23	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
5/20/23	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon
5/26 & 27/23	Sundown Ladies Memorial Day Weekend Indoor Yard Sale 9 am - 12 noon Sundown UMC Hall
5/29/23	Town of Neversink Holiday - Memorial Day
6/3/23	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
6/6/23	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
6/7/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
6/13/23	Denning Town Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

Save the Date!

May 20, 2023 Time in the Valleys Museum Community Takeout Chicken BBQ 4- 6 pm

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update

May 8 - May 12, 2023

Monday, May 8

- o **5:00 PM - Community Services Board**, at 239 Golden Hill Ln., 2nd Floor Conference Room, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, May 9

- o **8:00 AM - Workforce Development Board**, at 535 Boices Ln, Kingston
- o **3:00 PM - Audit Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **4:00 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Governance Committee**, in the Senior Hub, 3 Development Ct., Kingston, 925 Sonoma Way, Sacramento, CA, 920 Broadway, NY, NY, and Zoom, Meeting ID: 859 6025 0240
- o **4:15 PM** (or immediately following the UC EDA Governance Comm) - **Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board Meeting**, in the Senior Hub, 3 Development Ct., Kingston, 925 Sonoma Way, Sacramento, CA, 920 Broadway, NY, NY, and Zoom, Meeting ID: 859 6025 0240
- o **5:00 PM -Board of Health**, at 239 Golden Hill Ln., 1st Floor Conference Room, Kingston
- o **5:00 PM - Ways and Means Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:30 PM - Special Session of the Ulster County Legislature**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston and 5321 Route 28, Mt. Tremper, NY. Legislative Session is available via vimeo livestream at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>
- o **6:45 PM** (or immediately following the Special Legislative Session) - **Caucuses: Democrats**, in the Legislative Chambers

Wednesday, May 10

- o **5:30 PM - County Executive Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023: A Local Law To Allow Enrolled Volunteer Firefighters And Volunteer Ambulance Workers To Be Eligible For A Real Property Tax Exemption Under Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) § 466-a**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:45 PM - County Executive Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2023: A Local Law Designating Affordable Housing As An Ulster County Public Purpose**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, May 11

- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Charter Revision Commission**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 80 East Harmon Ave, Las Vegas, NV, and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 840 4292 4344
- o **6:00 PM - Laws, Rules and Government Services Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Friday, May 12

- o No Meetings

Prime Timers of Temple Sholom of Monticello Plan Summer Trips and Events

The Prime Timers of Temple Sholom of Monticello are planning some interesting and fun-filled trips and events in the next few months, as follows:

Wed., June 21st - Day on Your Own Round Trip Bus to NYC. With tip \$45 pp.

Wed., June 28th - Guided Tour of Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum in Livingston Manor followed by lunch on your own and then Tour of DeBruce Fishing Hatchery. \$25 pp.

Wed., July 12th - Bus Trip to New Paltz - guided tour of Huguenot St. & other places of interest - \$55 pp.

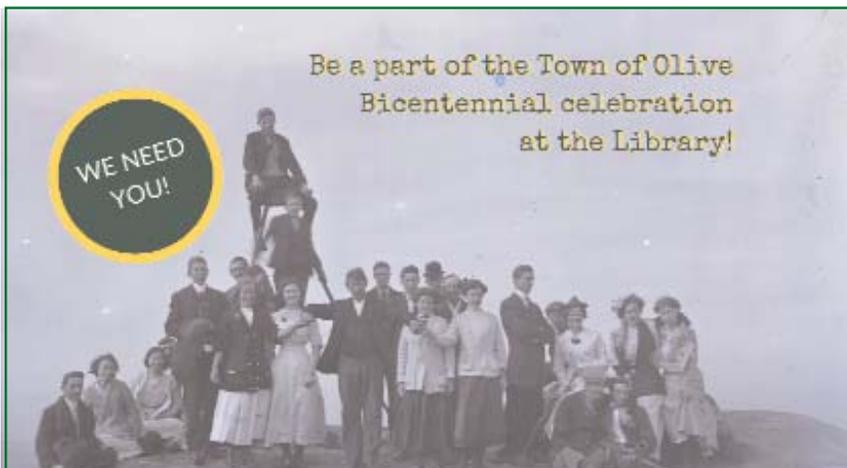
Thurs., July 27th - Shadowland Theater Night - "Always Patsy Cline" - \$40 pp.

Monday, July 31st - Temple Sholom Card and Mah Jongg Luncheon - \$30 pp.

Wed., Aug. 16th - Day on Your Own Round Trip Bus to NYC - With tip \$45 pp.

Thurs., Aug. 31st - Bus Trip to Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem, PA. with many outlet stores and \$25 free slot play. Only \$50 pp.

Call Paula for further information and reservations at 561-504-7192



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Monticello Elks Soccer Shoot

(Monticello, NY) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 is holding its Soccer Shoot competition for boys and girls ages 13 and under (as of 1/1/23) on Sunday, June 11th at Somerville Field in Monticello. The contest begins at 11:30am. The Elks Soccer Shoot is an annual competition held nationally to provide a fun, positive character-building activity for local youth.

Winners from this local competition advance to the East Central District Championship. The Elks Lodge will cover travel expenses for those advancing beyond the district level. For more information regarding the Soccer Shoot contact bjconaty@outlook.com.

Shana Bruestle Hired as Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School Principal

Fallsburg Central School is proud to announce that Shana Bruestle has been selected as their next junior-senior high school principal. She previously served as the interim junior-senior high school principal and assistant junior-senior high school principal.



Prior to her arrival at Fallsburg, Ms. Bruestle worked in the New York City public school system for fifteen years. She taught middle and high school English, then served as assistant principal for the Coalition School for Social Change in 2017 and P.S. 123 in 2018.

It was not until early 2020 when Ms. Bruestle made the move to upstate New York. She decided to permanently resettle in Sullivan County with her family to seek a fresh start.

Throughout her tenure as assistant principal, Ms. Bruestle prioritized improving the student's safety, health, and academic performance. She utilized methods of restorative justice, which uses mediation practices rather than traditional forms of discipline. It was her mission to maintain a collaborative and supportive environment despite the many challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, as the newly selected principal, she intends to continue and expand on her student development techniques.

The Fallsburg community is excited to welcome Ms. Shana Bruestle as their newest principal. The Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Katz, also wished her the best of luck in her new role.

2023 Student Art & Poetry Contest Winners Recognized During Series of Celebrations

Winning entries can be viewed on DEP's Flickr Page

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection

(DEP) hosted a series of celebrations this past weekend for student participants in the 37th Annual Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest. This year, DEP received more than 1,700 entries from second through twelfth grade students representing more than 100 public, independent, and parochial schools in New York City and the East and West-of-Hudson Watersheds. Student entries beautifully depicted a genuine understanding of and appreciation for New York's water resources, the drinking water supply, harbor water, wastewater treatment, and the



importance of water conservation. Student entries also raised awareness about the importance of maintaining New York City's critical water supply and wastewater infrastructure.

"I want to thank all the students and teachers who participated in this year's contest. The beautiful art and thoughtful poetry serve as inspiring reminders of the important work DEP does every day to protect our vital water resources," said DEP Commissioner Rohit T. Aggarwala. "These young water ambassadors will grow up to be great environmental stewards, helping us confront the challenges posed by climate change."

During the events, which included a virtual celebration held on Friday and an in-person program held on Saturday at the Visitor Center at the Newtown Creek Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility, the contest winners - called Water Champions - were honored for their outstanding work in the presence of family members, teachers, and school administrators.

The celebrations also featured remarks and a poetry reading from guest speaker Stephanie Pacheco, 2023 NYC Youth Poet Laureate, and a special tour of the Newtown Creek Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility for students and their guests. Through paintings, haikus, collages, videos and more, students creatively depicted the importance of water, NYC's drinking water supply and wastewater treatment systems, marine ecosystems, climate resiliency, and environmental stewardship. A group of judges selected about 80 entries as this year's Water Champions. All student participants will receive a certificate recognizing their contribution, and the Water Champions will also receive a gift bag from DEP and its partners (including a reusable bag, water bottle, Art & Poetry wallet, Art & Poetry journal, Art & Poetry button, field guides, museum passes, coloring books and more) before the end of the school year.

The 2023 contest focused on five central themes that incorporate STEM and humanities disciplines:

Water, A Precious Resource: To recognize the importance of a clean and plentiful supply of water.

New York City Water Supply System: To explore the history of the New York City Water Supply System and its present-day source, operation, delivery, protection and maintenance.

New York City Wastewater Treatment System: To understand our sewer infrastructure; the purpose of, and process for, cleaning wastewater in New York City and in the East and West of Hudson Watersheds.

Harbor Water Quality and Healthy Marine Ecosystems: To discover the richness of our marine life, and opportunities for recreation and commerce on local waterbodies; to understand the work that is being done to monitor and ensure healthy water quality.

Water Stewardship and Climate Change: To consider our influence on the environment and how we can address and take action on environmental issues that influence our neighborhoods, our city, and beyond.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing approximately 1 billion gallons of high-quality drinking water each day to nearly 10 million residents, including 8.5 million in New York City. The water is delivered from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles from the city, comprising 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes. Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and aqueducts bring water to homes and businesses throughout the five boroughs, and 7,500 miles of sewer lines and 96 pump stations take wastewater to 14 in-city treatment plants. DEP also protects the health and safety of New Yorkers by enforcing the Air and Noise Codes and asbestos rules. DEP has a robust capital program, with a planned \$29 billion in investments over the next 10 years. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter.

TAKE OUT CHICKEN BARBEQUE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 20, 4 to 6 p.m.

Time and the Valleys Museum, Grahamsville

The 4th annual TAKE OUT Chicken Barbeque will be held on Saturday, May 20th, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum parking lot, 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville NY.



Volunteers Penny Coombe, Bonnie Lewis, Stacie Rodriguez and Event Chair, Anne-Marie Kremer packing up delicious chicken dinner meals.

Tickets for the Chicken Barbeque are \$15 per meal and are available on line:

<http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org> or by sending a check to: Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door. Funds raised will go towards the Museum's educational programs. Please call 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org for more information.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: *Connecting Water, people and the Catskills*, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open Memorial Day through the end of September, weekends, from noon to 4 p.m.

Exhibitions:

o *Water and the Valleys*, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

o *Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story*, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

o *1930s Lost Catskill Farm* an outdoor experience with farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with working waterwheel!

o **NEW THIS YEAR - Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds** an augmented reality enhanced art exhibit of properties taken to build New York City reservoirs.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is \$5, Children: \$2, and children under six are free. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

The BBQ includes Murray's Chicken BBQ'd to perfection by the Neversink Fire Department, delicious sides (baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, split top roll) from Wilson's Deli in Ellenville, brownie from Frost Valley YMCA and ice cream from Gillette Creamery. Enjoy a delicious dinner, support the Museum and never leave your car!



Museum President Richard Coombe from Grahamsville bringing dinners to cars - it runs like clockwork, no waiting!

Shadowland Stages Seeks Local Actors for Its 2023 Mainstage Season

Read about our 2023 Season Local Auditions on BroadwayWorld.com

ELLENVILLE, NY - SHADOWLAND STAGES is proud to announce its round of local auditions for Saturday, May 13 from 10 AM to 6 PM at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY. The Shadowland Stages 2023 season includes JUST ANOTHER DAY written by and starring Dan Lauria, THE 39 STEPS adapted by Patrick Barlow, ALWAYS...PATSY CLINE created and originally directed by Ted Swindley, MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET book by Colin Escott and Floyd Mutrux, OFF PEAK by Brenda Withers, SKELETON CREW by Dominique Morisseau, and MISS BENNET: CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon.

Both Equity and non-Equity actors are welcome and encouraged to audition anytime Saturday May 13th from 10 AM to 6 PM and no appointments are necessary. Please bring a picture and resume, stapled together. All actors are paid.

For dramatic auditions, please prepare a brief monologue. For musical auditions, please prepare a brief song. An accompanist will be provided.

More information about the MainStage season shows and character descriptions for available roles are available at shadowlandstages.org/auditions.

NYC Equity Principle Auditions will be held May 15th from 10 AM to 6 PM at Ripley Grier Studios. More information on the NYC EPA can be found on our website.

Shadowland Stages, entering its 38th year, is a professional Equity theatre located in New

York's beautiful Hudson Valley. The theatre produces a season between May and December of seven shows. Shadowland also houses the Academy at Shadowland Stages, a separate education program providing classes in acting, dance, and music for kids and adults.

The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES is located at 157 Canal Street in Ellenville, NY.

The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES is located at 14 Market Street in Ellenville, NY. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at (845) 647-5511 or online at shadowlandstages.org.

The Forestburgh Playhouse Presents: Under the Stars 2023

Forestburgh, NY - The Forestburgh Playhouse is thrilled to announce the return of Under the Stars for its triumphant 4th season. Join us in our award-winning gardens Fridays and Saturdays in June to celebrate the joy of music and live entertainment. With a lineup of Broadway Stars and Supreme Talents, you'll want to venture to the Playhouse every weekend!

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treats and enjoy 5 Star Entertainment! And this year, we're offering Broadway Bundles, new ticket packages to save you some money and get you to the performances you want to see!

The season kicks off on June 2nd with Drag Diva Lagoon Bloo starring in "Into The Bloo". Join Mermaid Pop Star, Lagoon Bloo, as she takes you on a journey into the songs that brought this singing siren sensation to life!

On June 3rd, Still Within the Sound of My Voice: The Music of Linda Ronstadt starring Broadway's Elizabeth Ward Land. Winner of the 2020 Bistro Award, Still Within the Sound of My Voice touches on genres ranging from rock, country, folk, light opera, big band and mariachi, with Elizabeth Ward Land finding her perfect vocal match in this salute to the great Linda Ronstadt.

June 9th brings Slam Allen Live in Concert! The internationally renowned Slam Allen is a messenger of love. This dynamic entertainer uses the genres of Blues, Soul, R&B, and a touch of Rock and Roll to deliver powerful soul-stirring performances!

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Governor Hochul Highlights \$1 Billion Plan to Overhaul NYS's Continuum of Mental Health Care

Governor Kathy Hochul today highlighted her \$1 billion transformative, multi-year investment to overhaul the State's continuum of mental health care and drastically reduce the number of New Yorkers with unmet mental health needs. The Mental Health Care Plan was passed as part of the FY 2024 Budget, and will increase inpatient psychiatric treatment capacity, dramatically expand outpatient services, boost insurance coverage, and develop thousands of more units of supportive and transitional housing for people with mental illness. Governor Hochul made the announcement at the Delavan Grider Community Center in Buffalo, and was joined by Congressman Brian Higgins, Mayor Byron Brown, and mental health and community leaders.

"Since the onset of the pandemic, more than one in three New Yorkers has either personally sought or knows someone in need of mental health care, and our young people are reporting distress at rates unlike anything we've ever seen," Governor Hochul said. "My Mental Health Care Plan marks an historic shift in our approach towards addressing mental health challenges, reversing years of neglect to our system and bringing bold investments to ensure that every New Yorker has access to high-quality care. This plan uses an all-hands-on-deck approach that utilizes community resources at every level to meet the needs all New Yorkers in every corner of our state."

Governor Hochul also issued proclamations making May Mental Health Awareness Month and the week of May 7 to 13, Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

The FY 2024 Budget provides \$890 million in capital and \$120 million in operating funding to establish and operate 3,500 new residential units serving those with mental health challenges. It also includes \$30 million to expand mental health services for school-aged children throughout the state, including \$20 million for school-based mental health services and \$10 million to implement wraparound services training. Additionally, the Budget includes \$10 million to strengthen suicide prevention programs for high-risk youth.

In addition to providing funding for new residential units and investing in mental health services for school-aged youth, the Mental Health Care Plan will invest in peer-based outreach, close gaps in insurance coverage for behavioral health services, and significantly expand outpatient services. The Plan delivers for New Yorkers in need through:

- o Providing \$18 million capital and \$30 million operating funding to expand inpatient psychiatric beds, including opening 150 new adult beds in State-operated psychiatric hospitals, representing the largest expansion at these facilities in decades
- o Investing \$60 million in capital and \$121.6 million operating funding, which will establish 12 new comprehensive psychiatric emergency programs providing hospital-level crisis care and triple the number of State-funded Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics statewide -from 13 to 39 -that offer walk-in, immediate integrated mental health and substance use disorder services for New Yorkers of all ages and insurance status

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- o Funding 42 additional Assertive Community Treatment teams for children and adults to provide mobile, high intensity services to the most at-risk New Yorkers and eight additional Safe Options Support teams - five in New York City and three in the rest of state
- o Providing \$28 million to help create 50 new Critical Time Intervention care coordination teams to provide wrap-around services, from housing to job supports, for individuals needing transition assistance, including children and adults discharged from hospitals and emergency rooms
- o Building on investments made in the FY 2023 Budget, including \$12 million for HealthySteps and home-based crisis intervention programs to promote early childhood development and treatment for children and teens; and \$3.1 million to bolster treatment for individuals with eating disorders
- o Allocating \$2.8 million to expand the Intensive and Sustained Engagement Treatment program to offer peer-based outreach and engagement for adults with serious mental illness
- o Providing \$18 million over two years to reimburse providers for family preventive mental health services for parents and their children; and \$24 million over two years to reimburse providers for adverse childhood experience screenings
- o Supporting the workforce with a 4 percent cost of living adjustment and \$14 million for the Office of Mental Health's Community Mental Health Loan Repayment Program, expanding the eligibility for the program to include licensed mental health professionals.
- o Additionally, the Budget closes gaps in insurance coverage that have posed a barrier to New Yorkers needing mental health care and substance use disorder services

The FY 2024 Budget also provides an additional \$60 million to support the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline - an increase of \$25 million from the prior Budget.

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Calls for Halt to Emergency Housing Placements at Rodeway Inn, Citing DEC Violation and Other Concerns

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has directed the Department of Social Services to halt emergency housing placements at the Rodeway Inn in the Town of Ulster. On Thursday, April 27, the Ulster County Department of Health communicated to the County Executive's office that the State Department of Environmental Conservation served the Rodeway Inn with a violation of their wastewater operating permit. On Friday April 28, County Executive Metzger conducted an unannounced visit to the motel to inspect the conditions for herself, and made the decision to end all emergency housing placements at the location.

"I am concerned that this facility is not being adequately maintained, and have directed the Department of Social Services to refrain from placing anyone else there and to find new placements for people currently housed at the motel at other locations," said Ulster County Executive Metzger. "The well-being of our residents in need of emergency housing is our primary concern."

On Thursday, the Ulster County Department of Health received a notice of violation from the NYS DEC following a March inspection of the facility finding that it was in violation of the State's Water Quality Standard. The motel's State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit, which is required by law, was found to have expired in 2018.

"The failure to comply with State law regarding the SPDES permit is a serious red flag, especially on the heels of other concerns that have been raised about conditions at the motel," said County Executive Metzger.

Ulster County is experiencing a housing crisis that has made it difficult for many individuals and families to stay in their homes. The Ulster County Department of Social Services places approximately 300-400 unhoused individual adults and families with children in emergency housing facilities each month. These facilities include two local shelters and approximately 20 motels and hotels. The County is authorized through a New York State program to use local hotels and motels as emergency housing, and the cost of these hotel and motel rooms is shared by New York State and Ulster County.

"We need to move away from the current system of using motels for emergency housing, and create alternatives that are more stable and that provide services for emergency housing residents on site," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "This will take time, but we have two projects in the works that take us in the right direction, including development of a County-owned emergency housing facility for families and a County-supported project by RUPCO to create transitional housing with wrap-around services at the former Quality Inn in the Town of Ulster. At the same time, we have to tackle the root cause by expanding the supply of permanent housing that people can afford, and I will be presenting a proposal to the Legislature for a new Housing Action Fund in the coming weeks."

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In the meantime, to address immediate needs in the current system, the County has taken a number of actions to improve emergency housing services for residents, including:

- o Providing more predictable transportation to emergency housing placements, for those without a car.
- o Providing additional support to residents in emergency housing who are eligible for Adult Protective Services.
- o Contracting with Community Action to make regular well-checks at all motels and hotels where emergency housing clients reside.
- o Initiating Human Rights investigations by the Ulster County Human Rights Commission into motels and hotels that exhibit discriminatory practices against our emergency housing clients by refusing to provide them rooms.

The County Executive's office has also initiated an independent evaluation of Ulster County's emergency housing system, in partnership with Legislator Abe Uchitelle, Chair of the Health, Human Services, and Housing Standing Committee and other members of the Legislature. The goal of the evaluation is to ensure services are delivered as efficiently, effectively, and equitably as possible. The evaluation will review the landscape of emergency and transitional housing, including but not limited to the use of motels, hotels, emergency shelters, and boarding houses. The review will make sure to consult all relevant stakeholders, including emergency housing clients, the Ulster County Continuum of Care, Department of Social Services, Department of Mental Health, Veteran's Services Agency, nonprofit partners, and all other service providers who provide housing support to people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. On Thursday, April 27, the County released a request for proposals for an agency to conduct this independent evaluation.

Governor Hochul Announces More than \$7 Million to Support Medication for Addiction Treatment

15 Providers to Receive Funding to Establish Programs Designed to Facilitate Same-Day Access to Buprenorphine and Addiction Care Management

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced more than \$7 million for 15 providers across New York State to support medication for addiction treatment by establishing comprehensive, low-threshold buprenorphine services. These programs are designed to meet the ongoing need for medication and other addiction services by providing same-day, immediate enrollment in buprenorphine treatment and care management. This funding is being distributed through New York State's Opioid Settlement Fund.

"Improving access to life-saving resources and support like medication is a critical part of helping New Yorkers affected by addiction and addressing this crisis," Governor Hochul said. "Through this funding for addiction treatment programs and providers across New York, my administration remains committed to meeting the ongoing need for treatment services to help save lives and support communities as they combat the opioid epidemic."

A comprehensive approach to combat addiction and support those affected by the opioid epidemic is necessary. Research shows that buprenorphine is a safe and effective way to treat opioid use disorder, however many providers have rigid requirements for entering and continuing treatment. This can limit the number of individuals who receive this medication. Comprehensive low threshold programs are designed to help address this issue by allowing for same-day, immediate buprenorphine treatment and care management services.

Awardees are listed below and include providers certified by either OASAS, the Office of Mental Health, or the Department of Health. Each provider is receiving an award of up to \$500,000.

New York State is receiving more than \$2 billion through various settlement agreements with opioid manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies that were secured by Attorney General Letitia James. A portion of the funding from these settlements will go directly to municipalities, with the remainder deposited into a dedicated fund to support prevention, treatment, harm reduction and recovery efforts to address the ongoing opioid epidemic.

The same legislation that established the dedicated fund also created the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board, which is tasked with making recommendations on how settlement dollars should be allocated to best serve those in need. Board members issued their first recommendations on November 1, 2022, identifying the expansion of harm reduction services and treatment as top priorities.

New York State has instituted an aggressive, multi-pronged approach to addressing the overdose epidemic, and created a nation-leading continuum of addiction care with full prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services. The state has worked to expand access to traditional services, including crisis services, inpatient, outpatient, and residential treatment programs, as well as medication to treat addiction, and mobile treatment and transportation services.

Governor Hochul was a member of the NYS Heroin and

Opioid Task Force, which in 2016, recommended new, non-traditional services, including recovery centers, youth clubhouses, expanded peer services, and open access centers, which provide immediate assessments and referrals to care. These services have since been established in numerous communities around the state and have helped people in need access care closer to where they live.

The New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports oversees one of the nation's largest substance use disorder systems of care with approximately 1,700 prevention, treatment and recovery programs serving over 731,000 individuals per year. This includes the direct operation of 12 Addiction Treatment Centers where our doctors, nurses, and clinical staff provide inpatient and residential services to approximately 8,000 individuals per year.

New Yorkers struggling with an addiction, or whose loved ones are struggling, can find help and hope by calling the state's toll-free, 24-hour, 7-day-a-week HOPEline at **1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369)** or by **texting HOPENY (Short Code 467369)**.

Available addiction treatment including crisis/detox, inpatient, residential, or outpatient care can be found using the NYS OASAS Treatment Availability Dashboard at FindAddictionTreatment.ny.gov or through the NYS OASAS website.



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Olive Free Library will host an early-summer Library Fair

The Olive Free Library will host an early-summer Library Fair on Saturday, June 3rd, from 10 am to 3 pm that includes live music, food, kids' activities, and a plant and book sale.

The Friends of the Olive Free Library, Staff, and Board of Directors have organized to offer an all-day, early-summer Library Fair at the library on Saturday, June 3rd, from 10 am to 3 pm.

A plant sale of perennials, shrubs, and seedlings will take place outside—weather permitting—made possible by a community effort that includes seedlings from local Girl Scout troop #60059, as well as plants from local community members' gardens. The library's basement will be the setting for a book sale with titles in every genre—from children's books to recent fiction, mystery, and nonfiction.

Kevin Vines BBQ will provide food for the Library Fair. Ice cream and maple popcorn are also on the menu during the Fair.

Live music will kick off with local singer/songwriter Bill Melvin at 11 am. Melvin plays guitar, harmonica, and sings in the folk-rock style, sometimes referred to as Americana. Attendees can expect a mix of Melvin's favorite songs with some originals sprinkled in.

Gilles Malkine takes the stage at noon. Malkine is a veteran of the legendary 1969 Woodstock Festival. His songs are touching, heartfelt, poetic—and sometimes direct and pointed—as he sings of hopes and dreams, and of ideas for a better world. Live music continues throughout the day with The Nuggs at 1pm. Consisting of musical talent Jon Coghill, Amit Shamir, and Sean Tarleton—all residents of Olive—The Nuggs will delight the audience with their tasty groove music, perfect for a summer afternoon of dancing or just enjoying the sounds.

There will be fun for the kids as well, including balloon animals, face painting, and crafts.

The Library Fair will take place rain or shine, and be set up in a combination of the library's ample indoor and outdoor spaces. All proceeds from the plant and book sale will benefit the Olive Free Library to help with the many services it provides to the community. PO Box 59, West Shokan, NY 12494 845-657-2482 olivefreelibrary.org

Catskill Forest History Unearthed

Loch Sheldrake, NY Sunday, May 21, the public is invited to a two-part program with Dr. Michael Kudish, one indoors and one outdoors, focused on Catskill bogs and fens. They tell us much about the history of the Catskills, but unlike written records and tree rings, these wetlands can tell us about events going as far back as 15,000 years. The indoor program begins at 11:00 AM at SUNY Sullivan, 112 College Road, Loch Sheldrake, NY. At 1:00 PM, the limited group field trip with Dr. Kudish continues to Flying Trillium Preserve in nearby Bradley, NY. The field trip group size is limited to 20.

The morning indoor slide show at SUNY Sullivan will introduce bogs and fens to the participants and define these wetlands as different from swamps and marshes.

The afternoon limited group field trip at Flying Trillium Preserve's bog and fen will include a demonstration of peat sampling techniques. Many people are amazed when they see for the first time peat that is thousands of years old emerge from the wetland. Flying Trillium's bog happens to be the deepest in the Catskills at 10 meters (about 33 feet).

To reserve a seat for the talk and, if interested, register for the optional limited group field trip, call Lisa at 845 693 4181 or email



Dr. Kudish and team getting ready to pull the peat sampler up out of the bog.

Dr. Kudish is Professor Emeritus at Paul Smith's College and the author of *The Catskill Forest: A History* (2000, Purple Mountain Press), a seminal work based on 30 years of research. Dr. Kudish taught in the Forestry Department there from 1971 to 2005. He holds a B.S. from City College of New York, an M.S. from Cornell University and a Ph.D. from New York College of Forestry at Syracuse.

DEC Announces 'Create a Watershed Super Hero' Poster Contest Winner

Artwork by Westchester County Student Selected as 2023 Poster Contest Winner

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos and the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) are pleased to announce the 2023 winner of the annual "Create a Watershed Superhero" poster contest for middle school students, Mudanvit Goyal, from Mildred E. Strang Middle School in Yorktown Heights.

"This year's poster contest winner's artwork reminds us of the everyday actions we can take to protect our and watersheds and conserve water," said Commissioner Seggos. "DEC congratulates Mudanvit and appreciates all the student poster contest participants for their creative submissions."

"NYWEA is proud to take part in this poster contest with the DEC every year, and even more proud of all of the Watershed Superheroes we now have because of the involvement of the students and teachers who participated this year," said Khristina Dodson, NYWEA's Executive Director Designee.

The annual poster contest encourages middle school students to learn about their role in the watershed they live in and how to conserve and protect our water resources, now and for future generations. The 14 winning posters will be featured in DEC and NYWEA's 2023 annual calendar.

New York State teachers, schools, and clubs that wish to participate in the next contest can visit DEC's website for more information.



Watershed Superhero Poster Contest Winner, Mudanvit Goyal

Lisa@morgan-outdoors.com.

Space is limited for both. More event details are posted at morgan-outdoors.com.

Claryville Vol. Fire Department Craft and Vendor Fair, Community Yard Sale, and Open House



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When: Saturday, August 26th, 2023

Rain or Shine

Where: Claryville Fire Dept.
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Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

Setup start time: 8 AM

Break Down by 3 PM - *vendors must stay until 3pm*

Regulations for Sellers:

- Open to all sellers, artisans, antique dealers, and crafts on a first come first serve basis.
- Food will be available for sale throughout the day
- **FEE** \$15 per table. Tables are 8ft long or 8ft picnic table (If you require the use of an outlet \$20 per table)- **tables are provided.**
- ****Claryville Fire Dept is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen merchandise****

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

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



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Saturday, August 26th, 2023

Rain or Shine

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

Signature of vendor: _____ Date: _____

Cost: \$15.00 per 8ft table or \$20.00 an 8ft table with *electricity*. *Please note vendor spot fee is nonrefundable * Initials _____ Donation for door prize (an item raffled off for vendors) Yes ___ No ___

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

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

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

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

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

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UPK Registration

**Do you have a child that will be 4 years old by
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**When you call or email please leave your name, your child's name
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Special Session of the Ulster County Legislature

At the direction of Chair Tracey A. Bartels, a Special Session of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:30 in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York. The meeting is also available to members of the public via vimeo livestream at

<https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>

The purpose of the 6:30 PM Special Session will be to consider the following resolution:

o RESOLUTION NO. 216 - APPOINTING ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATOR, DISTRICT NO. 20

The tentative schedule for the day is currently set as follows:

- o 3:00 PM - Audit Committee, Karen L. Binder Library
- 5:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee, Karen L. Binder Library
- 6:30 PM - Special Session, Legislative Chambers
- 6:45 PM (or immediately following the Special Session) - Caucus/Democrats in Legislative Chambers

New Citizens to Take Oath in Ulster County

County Clerk Nina Postupack announces that a naturalization ceremony will take place at the historic Ulster County Courthouse on Wall Street in Kingston on Friday, May 12th at 11:00 a.m.

Approximately 27 new citizens will take their Oaths of Allegiance accepting the responsibilities of an American, while also gaining the rights and privileges afforded to most Americans by birth. "I am honored to be a part of such a special ceremony," states Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack. "It's a moving experience to watch as people are finally able to realize their dream of becoming a U.S. citizen."

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

Presiding over the ceremony will be the Honorable Julian D. Schreiberman, Justice of the Supreme Court. Judge Schreiberman will be the keynote speaker welcoming our 27 participants as newly naturalized American Citizens.

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

Fly-Fishing Clinic to Benefit Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills

Garnet Health Foundation - Catskills is pleased to announce a Fly-Fishing Clinic to benefit Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills. The event will take place at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023 (rain or shine), at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum, 1301 Old Route 17, Livingston, New York.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes instruction for fly-rod casting, fly tying, fly-fishing fundamentals, a bamboo fly-rod handcrafting studio and museum tour, and a one-year membership to the Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum (valued at \$40). Additionally, lunch will be provided and will include spirits, music and a message from Garnet Health leaders.

"We are so grateful to the Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum for allowing us the opportunity to bring the community

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together in a unique way and for a great cause," said Jerry Dunlavy, interim president and CEO for Garnet Health. "We anticipate a fantastic day and encourage community members to join us for this interactive, educational and enjoyable afternoon. All proceeds will benefit Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills and the incredible work we do here in Sullivan County."

Sponsorships are available. For more information and to register, visit garnethealth.org/flyfishing.

About the Garnet Health Foundation - Catskills
The Garnet Health Foundation - Catskills is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization whose sole purpose is to encourage philanthropic support for Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills. Funds raised through the foundation's activities are used to acquire state-of-the-art medical equipment and support a wide range of healthcare programs for the community. Garnet Health Foundation - Catskills is a member of Garnet Health.

Governor Hochul Announces Investments to Create A Stronger Health Care System for the Future

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the passage of transformative measures to create a stronger health care system for New York State, both today and into the future, as part of the FY 2024 Enacted Budget. The Enacted Budget provides an additional \$22 billion multi-year investment to support the State's health care system, including an additional \$1 billion in health care capital funding for providers and expanded Medicaid benefits for more than 7.8 million low-income New Yorkers.

"Through New York's nation-leading health care system, we continue the important work of eliminating disparities and ensuring everyone in our state has access to the best care available," Governor Hochul said. "These initiatives will improve the quality of our health care system, make access to care more equitable, and ensure we are well-prepared to address the future health care needs throughout New York State."

The FY 2024 Enacted Budget includes substantial Medicaid reimbursement rate increases - a 7.5 percent increase for inpatient hospital services, an up to 7.5 percent increase for nursing homes, and a 6.5 percent increase for outpatient hospital services and assisted living providers, marking the largest rate increase in two decades. This transformational change to stabilize New York State's health care system will result in a \$1.2 billion annual gross benefit to health care providers, on top of a State investment of \$500 million to support financially distressed hospitals.

The Budget provides a \$1 billion multi-year health care capital program to drive transformative health care investments, including \$500 million to support investments in technology and cybersecurity.

The Budget invests \$1.7 billion to fully fund the consolidation of Wadsworth Laboratories' five unconnected sites to one site on the W. Averell Harriman Campus in Albany by 2030. This consolidation will ensure that our nation-leading public health research laboratory remains on the cutting-edge of biomedical and environmental research critical to protecting the health of New Yorkers.

As part of Governor Hochul's focus on health equity, this year's Budget includes a \$419 million gross investment to improve coverage and expand access to preventive and primary care services for Medicaid beneficiaries. These investments include coverage of doulas, community health workers, nutritionists, therapy services for children, and screenings for children and pregnant individuals, access to supportive housing, and increased rates for primary care, school-based health centers, and vaccine administration, among other funding.

The Budget also includes a \$120 million gross investment to expand the Medicaid buy-in program beginning in FY2025 so that more New Yorkers with disabilities can work and still qualify for their health care coverage.

To protect children in the highest risk areas across the state from lead poisoning, the Budget provides \$39 million to reduce the risk of lead exposure in rental properties. Local health departments will implement a new housing inspection and enforcement program that requires owners of two-family and multi-family rental units built before 1980 to certify their unit as lead safe every three years in 24 high-priority and high-risk municipalities.

The Budget makes significant investments to strengthen the EMS system. This includes investing \$8 million to revitalize the State's Emergency Medical Services system and a \$36 million gross investment to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for medical transportation.

The Budget supports the creation of a new nation-leading health monitoring and surveillance system to inform targeted and appropriate responses to public health crises and to drive broader health care insight by investing \$28 million in the next two years to begin building a new platform that combines real-time health information with other key data like social and chronic condition risk factors, along with additional

investments to increase electronic health record connectivity.

The Budget also includes an increase to the cigarette tax by \$1.00, to reduce tobacco use - especially amongst young people - and incentivize quitting. This will make NYS the state with the strongest cigarette tax in the nation.

Sullivan County's Financial Reporting Continues to Win Awards

Monticello, NY - For the 32nd consecutive time, the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office has been accorded the Financial Reporting Achievement Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The County also received a



Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the GFOA.

The award was given after an impartial panel of judges determined the County's 2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) met GFOA's high standards, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" in communicating financial details and motivating people to read it.

"I never take this award for granted, nor do I tire of receiving it. This much-appreciated recognition represents a significant amount of daily work that County staff - particularly Senior Fiscal Administrator Shannan Armbrust - are required to perform," said County Treasurer Nancy Buck. "I am deeply grateful for my entire team, not only for the diligence in which they carry out their duties, but for the way they conduct themselves every day with the public they serve."

The GFOA is a national nonprofit association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals, with offices in Chicago and Washington, DC.

Text-to-9-1-1 Service Launched by Ulster County Department of Emergency Services

KINGSTON, NY - On Monday, May 1, 2023, the Ulster County Department of Emergency Services, Division of Emergency Communications launched a Text-to-9-1-1 service for Ulster County. This new service allows wireless customers to send a text-to-9-1-1 in an emergency when voice calls are inappropriate, ineffective, or unsafe. The Ulster County Department of Emergency Services launched a soft go-live last week and began receiving text messages. Of the three 9-1-1 text messages received, two of them resulted in arrests.

"I am thrilled to announce that our Department of Emergency Services has launched a new Text-to-9-1-1 service, which will enable people to get the help they need in an emergency situation when calling is not a viable or safe option," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "This new service can save lives when the caller is deaf, hearing or speech-impaired, or in situations that are too dangerous to make a voice call. I want to commend Ulster County Emergency Services Director Everett Erichsen and Deputy Director and 9-1-1 Coordinator Andrew Cafaldo for introducing this public safety service."

"In today's world, there are many technological tools at people's disposal to make their lives easier. In the case of Text-to-9-1-1, this gives the residents and visitors of Ulster County an alternative means to initiate Emergency Services in the event it is needed when they are not able to call 9-1-1 and remain on the line to speak," said Deputy Director of Emergency Services/9-1-1 Coordinator Andrew Cafaldo. "Dialing 9-1-1 and talking to our dispatchers should still be the primary means of initiating Emergency Services as it will be the fastest, but having this alternative is a huge step forward for Ulster County,"

"Implementing Text-to-9-1-1 is a critical step forward in improving accessibility to Emergency Services for individuals who may not be able to make a voice call in an emergency situation. It is important that we continue to leverage technology to ensure that Emergency Services are available to everyone in need, regardless of their communication abilities," said Director of Emergency Services Everett Erichsen.

Voice calls to 9-1-1 are still the best and fastest way to contact emergency services. Text to 9-1-1 should only be used in an emergency when placing a call is not possible: for instance, if the caller is deaf, hard-of-hearing, speech impaired, or when speaking out loud would put the caller in danger. Text-to-9-1-1 is specific to Ulster County and not available everywhere in New York State and the U.S.

If there is an emergency and you are unable to make a call, remember these steps:

- o Don't text and drive.
- o In the first text message, send the location and type of emergency.

- o Text in simple words - send a short text message in English without abbreviations or slang. If a translator is needed, you must call 911.
- o Be prepared to answer questions and follow instructions from the 9-1-1 call taker.

Don't Abuse 9-1-1-Text-to-9-1-1 service is ONLY for emergencies.

- o It is a crime to text or call 9-1-1 with a false report.

The Text-to-9-1-1 service may have many challenges.

- o A text or data plan is required to place a Text-to-9-1-1
- o As with all text messages, messages to 9-1-1 may take longer to receive and process, may get out of order, or may not be received at all.
- o If you do not receive a text response from 9-1-1, try to contact 9-1-1 another way.
- o Photos, videos, and emojis cannot be sent to 9-1-1 at this time.
- o Text-to-9-1-1 cannot include more than one person. Do not send your emergency text to anyone other than 9-1-1.

We are launching a Chess Club

at the Daniel Pierce Library

Grades 3 and Up
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9 and May 23
Tuesday, June 6 and June 20



Interested in learning how to play chess or improving your game? Then join our resident chess expert Mr. Eusi Rodney, who will be leading the students. Friendly games for those who wish to learn, practice, and share. All skill levels are welcome. Any questions please email dmchugh@rcls.org or call 845 985-7233 x105

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Advanced online registration is required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org

⁴ [Click Here to Register for the Chess Club:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBqYLnpuHWEt18Y62Vm1Vss4N5Sk4IyaDsTMCUSTdCoSfvqw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBqYLnpuHWEt18Y62Vm1Vss4N5Sk4IyaDsTMCUSTdCoSfvqw/viewform)



CALLING ALL CRAFT & YARD SALE VENDORS

Do you have crafts you want to sell?
Do you have treasures you no longer need or want?
Then this is the SHOW FOR YOU!

Come Join us at the **NEWLY IMPROVED BIGGER & BETTER**
Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association
Annual Antique Tractor Show

In addition to everything we've had in the past this year we will have many new activities including **Tractor Obstacle Course, Petting Zoo, Old Time Games, Machinery Workshops, Grahamsville Fire Dept. Chicken Barb-B-Q** and a **Beer Garden** featuring local breweries.

WHEN IS THE SHOW? **Saturday September 16 from 10 am to 6 pm**
WHERE IS THE SHOW? **Grahamsville Fairgrounds**

If you're interested in participating as a craft or yard sale vendor contact Cher at cwparksandrec@gmail.com.
Cost per space is \$10.

Spaces will be a minimum of 10'x12' located on the grassy areas of the fairgrounds. You will need to bring your own tables, chairs and tent/canopy.



Iconic Bagel Festival Expanding to Include Live Mural Art on Broadway

Monticello, NY - May 8, 2023 - The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the Iconic Bagel Festival will be expanded and improved this year with the addition of the Catskill ReVibe Mural, Arts and Culture Festival presented by Lowkey Creative. The Bagel Festival, now in its tenth year, is the largest "Main Street" focused event in the county, drawing nearly 20,000 visitors and residents to Broadway in Monticello, the Sullivan County seat. This year, the festival will also feature live mural art created by local and national artists.



Lowkey Creative founder and artist, Josh Deitchman, says the Catskill ReVibe Mural, Arts and Culture component, as part of the 2023 Bagel Festival, will "beautify and revitalize Main Street, celebrate and inspire local arts and artists from a very diverse socio-economic background, as well as engaging community youth in the artistic process."

The Bagel Festival will take place on August 13, 2023, from 9am to 4pm on Broadway in Monticello, NY. The event will include over 130 food, craft, and entertainment vendors, a car show, and the RadioBold Music Festival. The call for Mural Artists both near and far has been announced by Lowkey Creative. Interested artists can apply to be part of this year's festival by visiting thebagelfestival.org and filling out the short application and submitting past work samples to be considered for selection. Applications are due by May 22nd, and selected artists will be notified by May 31st.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with Lowkey Creative to bring this exciting new addition to the Iconic Bagel Festival," said Jaime Schmeiser, president of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce. "We look forward to showcasing the creativity and talent of local and national artists, and to further enhancing the festival experience for all attendees."

For more information on the Iconic Bagel Festival and the Catskill ReVibe Mural, Arts and Culture Festival, please visit thebagelfestival.org

If you'd like more information on this topic, please contact Geri at (845) 791-4200 or office@catskills.com.




NEW FOR 2023!
LIVE MURAL PAINTING ON BROADWAY!

Lowkey Creative and a select few talented artists will be painting huge murals throughout the week leading up to the Bagel Festival, with the culmination of their work happening LIVE throughout the day of the Bagel Festival.

DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?
Submit your portfolio and ideas for a mural and one of those talented artists could be YOU!

CALL FOR MURAL ARTISTS

Be featured at the Iconic Bagel Festival, among a diverse selection of local and national artists painting murals.

Now in its 10th year in Monticello, NY, the Bagel Festival draws over 20,000 visitors from near and far. This year we are expanding the Festival to include a mural art component.

The festival will take place August 13, 2023. Fill out our application and submit past work samples to be considered for selection. **Applications are due May 22nd. Selected artists will be notified by May 31st.**



MURAL FESTIVAL/BAGEL FESTIVAL APPLICATION

Name _____

Artist Name (if different) _____

Instagram/Website _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Artist Statement/Style Description _____

YOU CAN ALSO APPLY ONLINE AT: THEBAGELFESTIVAL.ORG

For more info or questions please contact The Sullivan County Chamber Of Commerce at:

www.catskills.com
office@catskills.com
845-791-4200

WANT TO BE A VENDOR AT THIS YEARS BAGEL FESTIVAL?
RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW AT: THEBAGELFESTIVAL.ORG



Friday, May 26 & Saturday, May 27

9:00 am to 12 Noon

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

Intersection of Sundown, Peekamoose & Greenville Roads

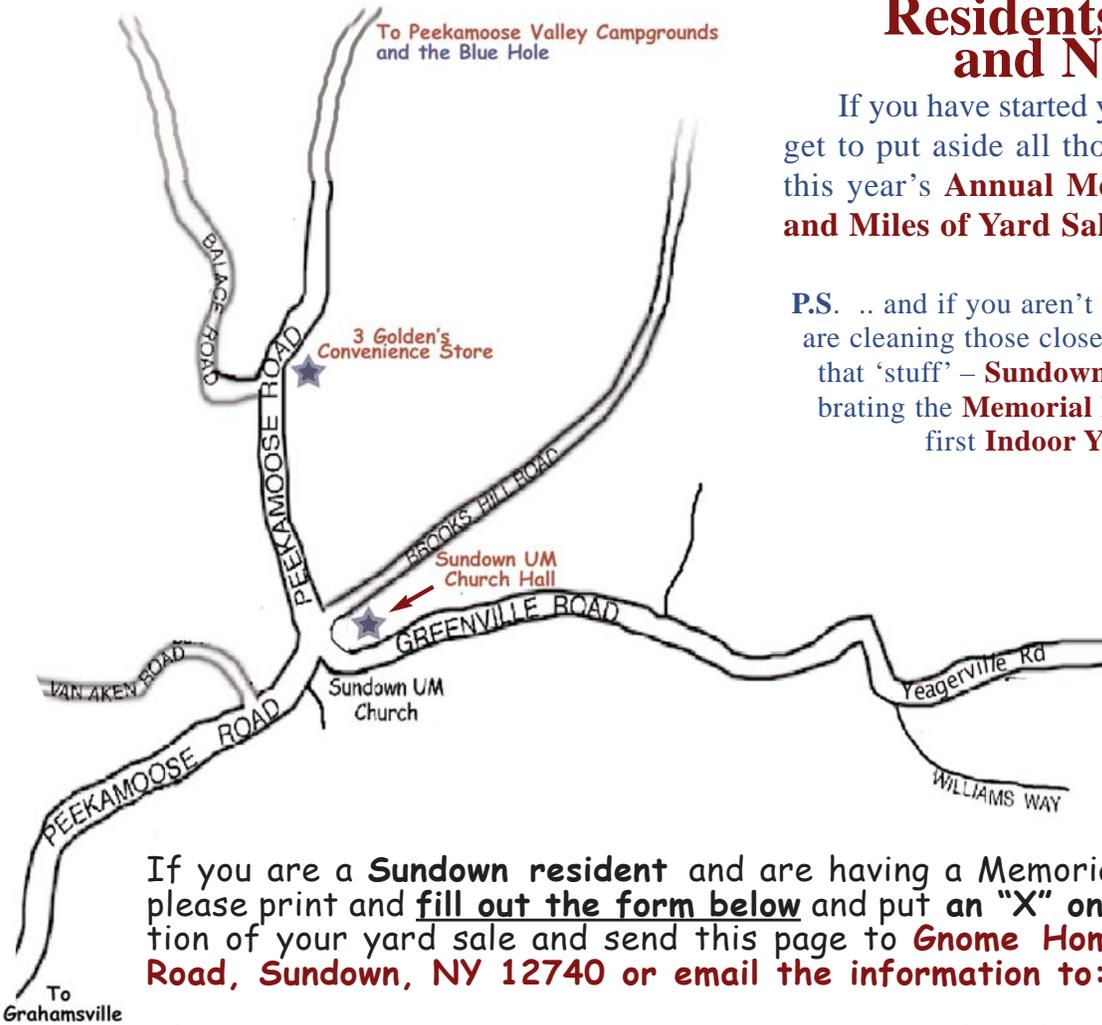
Sundown, NY 12740

Residents of Sundown and Neighbors –

If you have started your Spring cleaning, don't forget to put aside all those things you want to sell for this year's **Annual Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!**

P.S. .. and if you aren't planning to have a **Yard Sale** and are cleaning those closets and wonder what to do with all that 'stuff' – **Sundown Methodist Church** will be celebrating the **Memorial Day Weekend** and will hold their first **Indoor Yard Sale on Friday, May 26 and Saturday, May 27 from 9 am to 12 Noon**

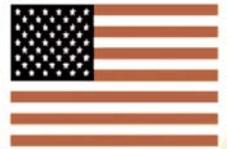
The **Sundown UMC Ladies** will continue to open their **Indoor Yard Sales every Friday and Saturday from 9 am to 12 Noon** throughout the summer season!



If you are a **Sundown resident** and are having a Memorial Day Weekend Yard Sale please print and fill out the form below and put an "X" on the map showing the location of your yard sale and send this page to **Gnome Home Inc., 131 Peekamoose Road, Sundown, NY 12740** or email the information to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com

If you are from a neighboring community and wish to have your Memorial Day Weekend yard sale added to our list of Yard Sales, please print and fill out the form below (be sure to include your Zip Code as it helps those who will use GPS) -and return it to **Gnome Home Inc., 131 Peekamoose Road, Sundown, NY 12740** or email the information to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com

Sundown Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sales
Let's Have Fun and Make America Peaceful and Happy Again!!



Sundown Residents & Neighbors,

If you are planning a Yard Sale over the Memorial Day Weekend, let us know and we will post your sale in The Townsman.

Physical address where you will have your Yard Sale. _____

Date(s) of Yard Sale — Fri, May 26 — Sat, May 27 — Sun, May 28 — Mon, May 29

Time(s) of Yard Sale: _____

Optional:

Type of Items you are selling: Crafts; household items; clothing; other _____

Sundown UMC Ladies Indoor Thrift & Yard Sale Every Friday and Saturday starting May 26 & 27, 2023

All NEW items this year!
Come have some fun!
... and look for that special bargain or treasure



9am to 12 Noon

We appreciate donations for our White Elephant table
Sundown United Methodist Church Hall
(Intersection of Sundown Rd, Peekamoose Rd & Greenville Rd, Sundown, NY 12740)

The Daniel Pierce Library

— Presents —

"BOUJEE"

Feeling Lucky?

What happens at BINGO stays at BINGO!



Fundraiser

Celebrating our 125th Year Anniversary

Friday, May 19, 2023

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Calling begins at 7:00 p.m.

\$40 per Person

Includes 7 games, door prize entry & light refreshments

\$5 tickets available for more chances to win

7 PRIZES

One winner per game over \$2,500 worth of prizes including:

- Meat Package
- Hotel Stay
- Splash Pass
- Smart TV
- Spa Package
- Dining Package

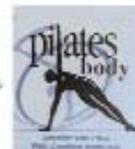
Tickets on sale NOW

Must be 18 or older

Reserve tables of 8 or 10 per request

Tricky Tray chances available for an additional purchase

Seating is limited, call 845.985.7233 today!



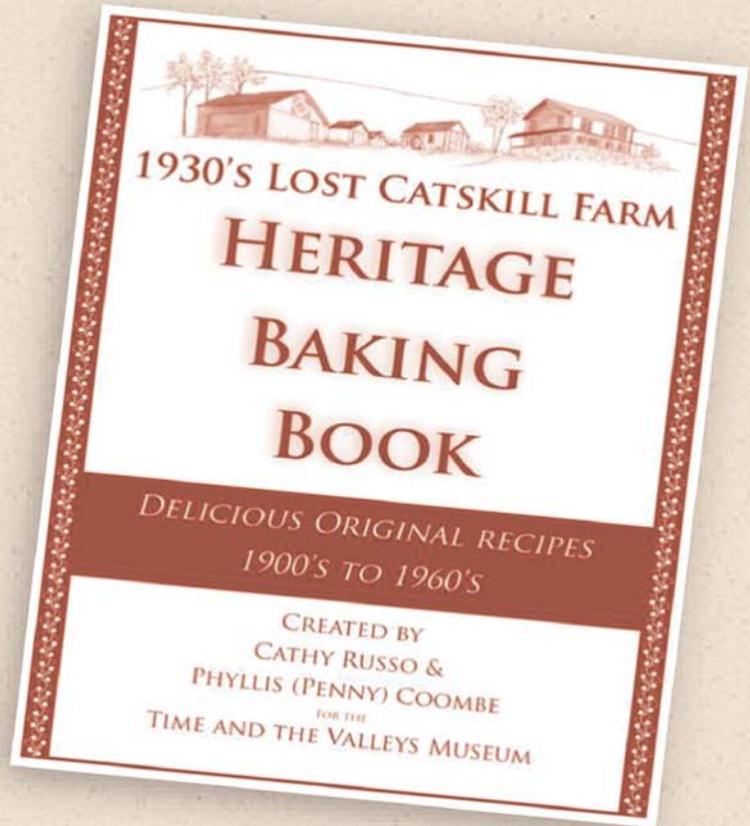
NEW HERITAGE BAKING BOOK

It Makes a Unique Gift

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

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

\$15 Each
\$12 for Museum Members



IT MAKES A UNIQUE GIFT
AND HELPS FUND PHASE II OF THE 1930S LOST CATSKILL FARM

Time and the Valleys Museum Baking Book Order Form

Name: _____

Shipping Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

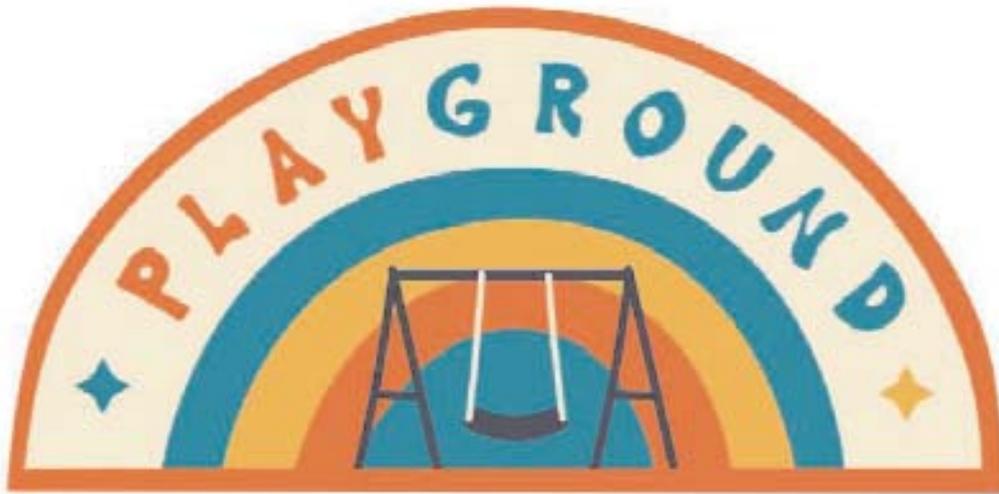
Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

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

of copies: _____ Shipping/Handling please add: \$5 for the first book and \$1.00 for each additional book

Total enclosed: _____ **Books can also be picked up by appointment to eliminate shipping - Just call 845 985 7700 or email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.TIMEANDTHEVALLEYSMUSEUM.ORG/SHOP
MEMBERS USE TATVM20 FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT



WE ARE BUILDING A PLAYGROUND!!!

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

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

DONATIONS Can be made out to:

TV Bears PTO

PO Box 43 Grahamsville, NY 12740

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

LIFE AFTER LOSS

A 5-WEEK BEREAVEMENT SERIES

Mondays, starting April 24, 2023

7:00-8:15 pm

Facilitated by Jennifer Perito

St. Mary's St. Andrew's Catholic Church Hall

137 South Main Street, Ellenville

It has been said that grief does not change you, it only reveals you. The truth is, you never really "get over" the loss of someone you love, but there *are* ways to understand the powerful and sometimes confusing feelings that come with grief. This 5-week series is open to adults who have suffered the loss of a loved one, regardless of how recently or long ago the loss occurred.

There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is encouraged.

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





Fallsburg CSD 2023-2024 Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

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

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

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

****PLEASE NOTE:**

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

****TENGA EN CUENTA:**

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

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

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

Time and the Valleys Museum

Grahamsville, NY

Are you interested in local history?

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

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



Join now & get 10% off!

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

Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, New York 12740
845 985-7700 www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$25 \$22.50	Name: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Double	\$40 \$36	Address: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$50 \$45	City: _____ State & Zip: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$100 \$90	Phone: _____ e-mail: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Silver	\$200 \$180	
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Gold	\$500 \$450	

Thank you for supporting local history and the Museum.



BONUS - Free Art Catalogue!

VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP



JOIN US!

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

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD
WEDNESDAY
@ 6:30PM





VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP



JOIN US!

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

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

EVERY 2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAY
@ 6:30PM






Please join us in:
NYS Rural Issues Forum Series
for the Southcentral Catskills Region

Featuring:
David Little, Executive Director of the Rural Schools Association of NYS

Why:
In this Public Forum, Mr. Little will provide updates on the state of our rural schools and communities from a position of legislative advocacy. Participants will then engage in an open dialogue regarding their thoughts, concerns, and priorities regarding issues faced in our rural schools and the communities that support them. The feedback received will be reviewed by a statewide task force of experts, culminating in a policy brief/advocacy platform to be presented to state and national leaders.

Who:
Free & open to the Public including School and Community Leaders and Stakeholders

When:
Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:00pm

Where:
Delaware Academy CSD is proud to host this event:
High School Auditorium, 2 Sheldon Drive, Delhi, NY

Registration:
Use the camera on your phone to click this QR code for the registration form or call (607) 746-1306.



Please join us in serving as a voice for our rural schools and communities.





2023
SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

PAID WORK EXPERIENCE FOR AGES 14-20!

July 10th - August 18th
Application Deadline: May 31st




FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY
(845)-794-3340 syepinfo@sullivanvny.us
50 North St. Monticello NY 12701





Wrapping up Another Week in Washington – Congressman Pat Ryan

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

FIGHTING FOR OUR FIREFIGHTERS

In Congress, my job is to deliver for everyone who puts on a uniform and protects this country, whether it be overseas or at home in our communities. Firefighters make unbelievable sacrifices for the safety of our families - now we need to be there for them.

I joined with fire departments from across the Hudson Valley to support legislation that will assist the families of fallen firefighters, screen for occupation-related cancers, protect firefighter's Social Security and pensions, and increase federal funding for fire departments across the Hudson Valley.

I'll keep fighting every day to get all of our frontline heroes the necessary support.

TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Everyone in the Hudson Valley deserves access to clean water, air, and soil. In order to deliver on that promise, we need the entire community in this fight together.

This week, I brought together Hudson Valley community members for my first environmental roundtable to discuss our climate action priorities. This isn't just about leaving behind a cleaner earth for our kids and grandkids. It is about creating good-paying middle class jobs, protecting our national security with energy independence, and removing the PFAS and other forever chemicals that threaten our health and safety.

I will continue working every day to combat the climate crisis, and look forward to partnering with these organizations from across the district in that effort.

SUPPORTING HEART HEALTH

Thank you to the New York State chapter of the American Heart Association for organizing a truly special day and bringing together over 500 participants at the Hudson Valley Heart Walk.

I'm looking forward to working together to help New Yorkers live longer, healthier lives and walking with you again next year for your big 100th year anniversary!

MEETING THE NEXT GENERATION OF MILITARY LEADERS

At West Point, I learned to live a life grounded in duty, honor, and service to our county.

Introducing others to a life of those values and nominating the next generation of military leaders is an incredible privilege. Our military is also one of our most diverse institutions. My goal is to develop an officer corps that reflects that same diversity.

This starts by reaching out to everyone in New York's 18th Congressional District and empowering them with the information and resources to take part in the nomination process.

Thank you to everyone who came to my first Service Academy Information Workshop! Learn more about applying for a Service Academy nomination here : <https://patryan.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations>

CELEBRATING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE

I want to wish everyone in the Hudson Valley a happy Jewish American Heritage Month!

Over the course of May, we will be celebrating the rich and vibrant history of Jewish Americans and joining together to continue the fight against antisemitism.

HONORING ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES

May is also Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a time to honor the countless contributions of the AANHPI community to the Hudson Valley and the entire country.

Our diversity is our strength in the Hudson Valley, wishing everyone a Happy AANHPI Month!

BUILDING SAFE STREETS AND ROADS

It's National Bike Month and I'm working to make Hudson Valley roads safer for cyclists and all community members.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Safe Streets & Roads for All grants have \$5 billion in funds that your community can apply for here: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>

HELPING YOU GO GREEN AND SAVE GREEN

The Inflation Reduction Act created massive opportunities for you to cut the cost of going green - so many that the Department of Energy and the IRS developed online hubs for you to access and understand all of the tax credits and rebates that are available now and in the future!

See the Department of Energy's savings hub for homeowners, renters, and drivers here: <https://www.energy.gov/save> and view the IRS hub for tax credits here : <https://www.irs.gov/inflation-reduction-act-of-2022>

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES

For National Small Business Week, I want to thank the local businesses in the Hudson Valley for being the backbone of our community.

As a former small business owner, I know the commitment that is required to build them from scratch and I'm working to deliver the resources you need to thrive.

CELEBRATING MARIA INGRASSIA

Congratulations to our Constituent Services Director, Maria Ingrassia, who was honored with the first ever Annual Evelyn Isseks President's Award at the Women's University Club of Middletown Celebration Gala. Many of you may know Maria from the extraordinary casework she does for Hudson Valley residents- there is nobody more deserving of this honor!

The event celebrated the club's 103 years of service to the community and providing scholarships for Middletown High School and SUNY Orange.

Maria is a two-time past president of the Club and an absolute rockstar. I hope you'll join me in thanking her for everything she does for this community!

GRANTS CORNER –NEW!

The Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans Program provides grants to non-profits to increase the number of military veterans gaining knowledge and skills through comprehensive, hands-on and immersive model farm and ranch programs offered regionally that lead to successful careers in the food and agricultural sector. The program encourages the development of training opportunities specifically designed for military veterans.

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Wrapping up Another Week in Washington – Congressman Pat Ryan

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The Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program will plan for and strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through formula and competitive discretionary grants.

The Local Meat Capacity Grant will build resilience in the meat and poultry supply chain by increasing processing capacity and promoting more competition in the sector. This program is part of the broader Biden-Harris Administration \$1 billion investment to expand processing capacity for small and midsized meat and poultry processors.

REMINDER! Applications are open for:

The U.S. Department of Transportation's new Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program, established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will provide \$2.5 billion over five years to a wide range of applicants, including cities, counties, local governments, and Tribes. This round of funding makes up to \$700 million from fiscal years 2022 and 2023 funding available to strategically deploy EV charging and other alternative vehicle-fueling infrastructure projects in publicly accessible locations in urban and rural communities, as well as along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). Due May 30.

EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEAA) supports bottom-up strategies that build on regional assets to spur economic growth and resiliency. EDA encourages

its grantees throughout the country to develop initiatives that present new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities.

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

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

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

Contact our district office for assistance applying for these grants and learning more about other funding opportunities. If you want to stay up-to-date on all of that my office is doing, I encourage you to follow along on our social media channels: Facebook and Twitter.

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,
Patrick K. Ryan

Member of Congress
New York's 18th District
<https://patryan.house.gov/>

SULLIVAN COUNTY attain POWERED BY SUNY UCAWD

Sullivan County ATTAIN powered by SUNY UCAWD has returned to In-lab **Cost-Free** Training!

New participants are enrolling every day at www.sul.sunyattain.org and training right in the Computer Lab on their own schedule in Excel, PowerPoint, Rosetta Stone, QuickBooks, Aztec Learning Software for GED, Mavis Beacon Typing, and more.

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- 2021 – Expanded remote opportunities while prioritizing participant support and quality engagement!
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STATEMENT FROM SENATOR OBERACKER

ALBANY, 05/02/23 -- State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenevus) today commented on completion of the 2023-24 state budget.



Senator Peter Oberacker makes remarks during the state budget debate on the floor of the New York State Senate.

“The budget checks in a month late, but definitely not a dollar short. In fact, the plan spends a record amount of nearly \$230 billion - an unsustainable rate that will ultimately cost all New Yorkers. It outlaws gas appliances in new homes, fails to make substantive changes to bail reform, and forces additional costs on counties that will increase local taxes.

“Education aid for our schools, a new grant program to support our volunteer fire departments, and funding to help increase mental health services are items I do support. However, the bad far outweighs the good in this budget which was crafted by one-party in complete secrecy and rushed to the floor for a vote without allowing any opportunity for substantial review.

“New York is number one in outmigration and this budget will do nothing to reverse that sorry status. Simply put, this is another wasted opportunity to enact the changes needed to improve public safety, rebuild our economy, and return affordability to the communities I represent.”

Senator Oberacker voted against nine of the ten separate bills that comprise the state budget.

Video of Senator Oberacker's budget statement is available for download at: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/gdre8vcdfsruk2l/05-02-23%20-%20Oberacker%20Standup.mp4?dl=0>



News from NYS Senator Oberacker

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All of Delaware, Otsego,
Schoharie, Sullivan and parts of
Broome, Chenango, and
Ulster counties*

State Budget Update

May 3, 2023 - The 2023-24 New York State budget has finally passed - it is a month late and spends at a reckless rate that will hike costs for all.

The budget spends a record \$229 billion, which is more than \$8 billion over our last fiscal year. This spending spree is funded by raiding county Medicaid funds, which will raise your property taxes by 7-14%. It outlaws gas appliances in new homes, fails to make substantive changes to bail reform, and forces additional costs on already struggling businesses.

This budget was cobbled together by one-party in complete secrecy and rushed to the floor for a vote without allowing any opportunity for substantial review by legislators or the public. The Senate Republican Conference has a plan to Rescue New York but, sadly, the Democrats ignored these commonsense ideas.

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Statement from NYS DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos on the Adoption of the New York State Budget

DEC applauds Governor Kathy Hochul and the State Legislature for investing in our environment and building upon our existing foundation to address the challenges of climate change in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 State Budget. The additional \$500 million in water infrastructure funding and maintaining the Environmental Protection Fund at a historic \$400 million will provide local governments, community partners, and state agencies with the means to ensure clean water for communities, protect natural resources, and enhance DEC's ability to engage the public in environmental justice and other critical issues.

The Budget's new climate initiatives prioritize affordability and support innovative ways to achieve our ambitious renewable energy requirements as the state transitions from fossil fuel sources. With these and other ongoing responsibilities, the infusion of over 200 new staff in the budget will be instrumental in helping DEC continue to fulfill our mission, particularly the work underway to implement the Clean Air, Clean Water and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act and enact an economy-wide Cap-and-Invest Program to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions. DEC looks forward to our ongoing work to build a greener, equitable, and sustainable future for all New Yorkers.



THE MOLINARO MEMO

Rep. Molinaro Leads Fight to Strengthen Social Security, Backs Bill to Eliminate Harmful 1980s-Era Laws Unions & Social Security Advocates Applaud Rep. Molinaro For Supporting Bipartisan Bill

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced he has cosponsored the Social Security Fairness Act. This bipartisan bill will strengthen Social Security by fixing the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pensions Offset (GPO) - two flawed 1980s-era federal laws that can result in massive cuts or total elimination of a retiree's Social Security benefits.

The WEP is a formula used to reduce Social Security benefits for individuals who paid into both civil service pensions and Social Security throughout their careers. In effect, this law unfairly penalizes public servants like firefighters, police officers, and teachers by reducing their retirement checks.

The GPO reduces Social Security benefits for a retiree's surviving spouse by two-thirds of their government pension. In some cases, this results in individuals receiving zero Social Security benefits, even if the spouse paid in their entire working career.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I've been proud to be a leading voice for protecting Social Security in Congress and am proud today to announce my support for the Social Security Fairness Act. 1980s-era laws are unfairly penalizing public servants and reducing their retirement checks. The Social Security Fairness Act is a bipartisan bill that will strengthen Social Security by eliminating these harmful laws."

Paul V. Hogrogian, President of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union said, "The Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision laws leave many postal retirees and their spouses at an unfair inequity due to lopsided calculations of Social Security benefits. Mail Handler retirees have been left at a disadvantage for far too long and NPMHU is grateful to Representative Molinaro for his support of the Social Security Fairness Act, and its call to repeal these harmful regulations."

George T. Mangold, President of the New York State Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO said, "The NY State Association of Letter Carriers greatly appreciates Rep. Molinaro's support on this important bipartisan legislation. With his support, we hope to finally see this bill enacted into law."

William Shackelford, President of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) said, "The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) penalize federal, state and local workers by unfairly reducing their earned Social Security benefits after decades of service. NARFE is calling on this Congress to do away with these penalties and thanks Rep. Molinaro for cosponsoring legislation that would do just that. The Social Security Fairness Act would correct 40 years of inequity placed on those who chose public service and Congress should pass this bill without hesitation."

Since coming to Congress, Rep. Molinaro has emerged as a leading advocate for Social Security and Medicare and has vocally opposed cuts to both programs. For this, AARP, the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans aged 50 and over, issued a statement thanking Rep. Molinaro.

Molinaro Slams Biden for Political Speech in Hudson Valley, While Taking No Action to Avoid Default Molinaro: Biden Should Stop Campaigning & Start Negotiating to Avoid Default

Leeds, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) released the following statement on reports that President Biden will visit the Hudson Valley on Wednesday, May 10th to make a political speech about the debt ceiling:

"Last month, the House of Representatives, with my support, passed legislation to lift the debt ceiling. President Biden can back this legislation or engage in good-faith, bipartisan negotiations to find common ground to avoid a default and bend the unsustainable rate of federal spending. So far, he has done neither. Instead, President Biden plans to leave negotiators behind in Washington and travel to the Hudson Valley to make a political speech.

"President Biden's game of chicken is dangerous. Our financial system, Social Security & Medicare, veterans benefits, and checks for service members are hanging in the balance because he is refusing to take action. President Biden needs to stop campaigning and start negotiating."

Sincerely,

Marc Molinaro (NY-19)



When I served in the New York State Assembly, we called the massive budget bills that were rushed through the legislative process by Democrats as the "Big Ugly." Well, this latest budget may be the biggest "Big Ugly" of them all. Go to: <https://tenney.house.gov/media/press-releases/congresswoman-tenneys-statement-new-yorks-big-ugly-budget-bill>

Albany Democrats passed a \$229 billion tax-and-spend budget that will raise costs and restrict the rights of upstate New Yorkers. This budget makes New York the first state in the country to ban natural gas hookups in new construction, which will result in even higher energy prices for families. New York's rapid plan toward electrification without sufficient base load capacity is reckless and increases the likelihood of brown and blackouts.

The so-called 'reforms' to New York's dangerous bail law included in this budget are totally inadequate given the serious crime crisis facing our state. The disastrous bail law cannot be fixed; it must be repealed. Under this bill, New York's criminal justice system will continue to put dangerous criminals and repeat offenders first and victims and safe communities last. The budget also includes a minimum wage hike and adopts an irresponsible proposal by Kathy Hochul to illegally withhold federal Medicaid reimbursements from counties, which will lead to higher property taxes for families. Rather than reform New York's bloated Medicaid program, Hochul is asking working families to pay more to sustain it.

The budget also includes gravely concerning changes in the structure of the Western Regional OTB. For half a century, the Western Regional OTB has operated under shared control between 15 county governments and the cities of Rochester and Buffalo, promoting economic growth, jobs, and tax revenue across the region. With the passage of New York's Big Ugly, the Western Regional OTB has been politicized and the role of rural counties has been greatly diminished, with far more power now set to go to the cities. Now more than ever, when crime rates are skyrocketing, taxes are soaring, and people are fleeing the state at unprecedented rates, Governor Hochul should be focused on correcting these problems, not destroying the Western Regional OTB.

This budget is a fiscal train wreck for families, small businesses, family farms, senior citizens, and our communities. It will sadly accelerate New York's unfortunate transformation from the Empire State to the Exodus State.

READ MORE: Tenney, rural county leaders object to OTB board change to weighted vote at: <https://orleanshub.com/tenney-county-leaders-object-to-otb-board-change-to-weighted-vote/>

Introduced Legislation to Lower Healthcare Costs

Direct Primary Care (DPC) is an innovative monthly membership-based payment plan that helps reduce healthcare costs while providing high-quality primary care to patients. DPC is a popular option for upstate New Yorkers and promotes a strong and trusting relationship between patients and their healthcare providers.

This week, I joined with colleagues to introduce the bipartisan Primary Care Enhancement Act to remove the tax barrier that inhibits patients with Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) from reaping the benefits of DPC. I will always be a champion for legislation that promotes healthcare flexibility and affordability.

READ MORE: Congresswoman Tenney Introduces Legislation to Lower Healthcare Costs at: <https://www.thebatavian.com/press-release/congresswoman-tenney-introduces-legislation-to-lower-healthcare-costs/634695>

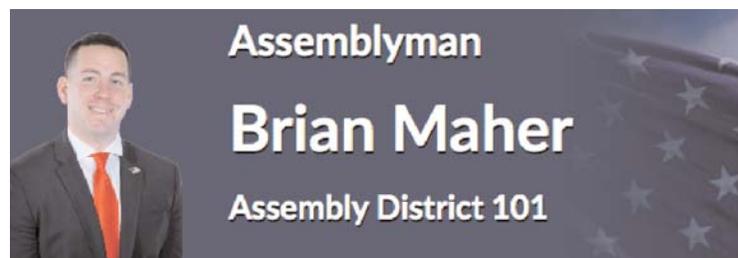
Reintroduced the Promoting Free and Fair Elections Act

A recent executive order by President Biden allows the federal government to use its power and your taxpayer dollars to influence our elections. It's wrong.

I introduced the Promoting Free and Fair Elections Act to ensure that federal agencies remain non-partisan and are not engaging in partisan voter registration and mobilization efforts on the taxpayer dime.

As the Election Integrity Caucus co-chair, it is my privilege to introduce this legislation to restore transparency and confidence to our democratic process, while keeping federal bureaucrats and the Washington swamp from deliberately tipping the balance of our elections.

READ MORE: GOP Takes on Biden Executive Election Takeover <https://www.dailysignal.com/2023/05/02/exclusive-republicans-hope-to-block-bidens-use-of-government-to-get-out-vote/>



Maher: Is New York Affordable? New Yorkers Are Voting with Their Feet A Statement from Assemblyman Brian Maher (R,C-Walden) on Tax Day Press Conference

"While other states are booming with job opportunities and spending within reason, New York is struggling to keep residents in the state and failing to deliver a reasonable budget in a timely manner. It's no wonder our state is ranked so low in terms of economic outlook-our financial future is grim unless substantial changes are made immediately. I fully support my Assembly colleagues in exploring the factors that landed us in such financial upheaval and formulating concrete solutions we can embrace moving forward."

Maher Co-Sponsoring Bill to Withhold Governor's Pay for Late Budgets Assemblyman Brian Maher

(R,C-Walden) on late budget on April 10

"The budget is now 10 days late and the Legislature was called back to pass a second extender to ensure bills and government employees are paid. I am proud to join my colleague Assemblyman Gandolfo and a group of Young Minority assembly members in holding the governor accountable for late budgets by co-sponsoring a bill to withhold the governor's pay until a budget is passed. We came to Albany to fix it and offer solutions to the changes we want to see in our government. New York taxpayers have to meet deadlines or face consequences, so should our top officials."

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(You will be given your ticket at the restaurant)

**Neversink – Rondout
Antique Machinery Association
P.O. Box 393 – Grahamsville – New York 12740**

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

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Thank you,

John McHugh

Chairperson – NRAMA Scholarship Committee

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(See next page for application)

NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 393, Grahamsville, NY 12740

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

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

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

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

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

Submit a completed application to the NRAMA by June 2nd, 2023

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State: _____ Phone: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____

What school(s) have you applied to? _____

What school(s) have you been accepted at? _____

What is the course of study? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Please mail completed application to: NRAMA Scholarship Application
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Rotary Clubs of Sullivan County Join Together for The Wellness Experience

The Monticello, Liberty, and Livingston Manor Rotary Clubs have joined together with Community Partners to present **The Wellness Experience: Connecting Mind, Body, and Spirit** on Saturday, May 20, 2023 as part of the Rotary District 7210 Day of Service to be held at Resorts World – Catskill Meeting Rooms at 888 Resorts World Drive in Monticello, New York. The day consists of multiple opportunities for all in the community.

1. Blood Drive from 10am until 4pm conducted by the New York Blood Center. We are in critical need of blood donors to save lives and you can help. You can register for the Blood Drive at https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/311203
2. Wellness Seminars and Classes from 9am – 3pm. There will be a Expert Panel Discussion (9:30am) lead by our very own Assemblyperson Aileen Gunther, Chair for the Assembly Committee on Mental Health, Chair - Subcommittee on Women’s Health, and Committee Member on Health. Joining in on the panel are Melissa Stickle, Sullivan County Director of Community Services at the Sullivan County Department of Community Services Mental Health Clinic, Michele McCoy – Director of Pupil Personnel Services for the Monticello Central School District, and Kayla Margarum, BSN, RN Clinical Director Behavioral Health Unit from Garnett. In addition,

we will have a Yogo for Health Workshop by Leanne of The Yoga Space at HPAC in Hurleyville, New York, The Benefits of Hypnotherapy for PTSD by Licensed Hypnotherapist Albee Bockman, Tai Chi for Overall Wellness by Pedro Tweed, The Benefits of Arts Therapy for Adolescents by Lori Orestano-James – Nesin Cultural Arts, Forget the Stigma – How Can We Help – Marty Colavito and Tom Bosket of SALT (Sullivan Allies Leading Together.)

3. Vendors/Agencies/Organization will be available from 10am -2pm to share information, speak to attendees, and provide information. Those who will have tables include, but is not limited to: SALT, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Action Toward Independence, Hope Not Handcuffs, Catholic Charities, MVP, Fidelis Care, RSS (Rehabilitation Support Services), Sullivan 180, NAMI Sullivan County, Vet 2 Vets, Wounded Warrior Program, Sullivan County Public Health, Evergreen Meadow Academy, Ulster County Community Action, Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, and many others. Special Children/Adolescent Activities will be available in the Action Toward Independence Room.

All events and activities are open to the public and free of charge. Walk-in are Welcome. Attendees will receive a Goodies Collection Bag and chances to win door prizes. For more information, please email rotarymonti@gmail.com or call 845 798-1770.

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Saturday, May 20

10am – 4pm

Resorts World-Meeting Room-2nd floor
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To sign up, scan the QR Code or call 800-933-2566.

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May 20, 2023
At Resorts World Catskills

Health Information and Providers 10 - 2
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 Erin Brawley, 2022 Town of Thompson Intern

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

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- Recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges, including anxiety, depression, eating disorders and attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD).
- Recognize common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
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- Know how to connect a young person with help.
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We are planning a fun filled day of information, refreshments and fun activities for all ages to encourage county residents and visitors to discover all the services and activities available in Sullivan County.

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

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Catskill Mountainkeeper News

NY State Budget season has finally come to an end, and the Mountainkeeper team is excited to share our takeaways from the final budget. This year's budget process drew us into an exceptionally tense struggle against powerful forces in the oil and gas industry. Now that the dust has settled, the final result is meaningful progress for the fight to secure a clean and equitable future for NY State's climate and communities. Thanks to Senator Hinchey's leadership, Mountainkeeper's Catskills Stewards program once again received generous state support. Additionally, the Environmental Protection Fund received \$400 million, \$8 million of which will go to the Catskill and Adirondack Forest Preserves to address the environmental impact of visitor use in both forest preserves. This is important progress, and we're grateful for your support of Mountainkeeper's team as we worked tirelessly alongside our many allies in this fight. Our spirits are high and we're looking forward to more good things to come as we work to build on this momentum.

While the state budget has demanded lots of our attention this week, there's also plenty of other important news to share. Read on for updates about:

A legal victory to protect the Delaware River from contamination by fracking wastewater, led by Damascus Citizens for Sustainability;

An upcoming webinar digging into the details of the NY State budget, and exploring what it all means for the future of our collective fight for a clean and equitable climate future;

Mountainkeeper's next Hurleyville Repair Cafe scheduled on May 13; and Registration information for a May 9 Bees Action Party webinar about the fight to ban toxic neonicotinoid pesticides, featuring Mountainkeeper Senior Research Director Kathy Nolan, MD.

NYS Climate Budget Wrap-Up

On Tuesday night, after a month of intense negotiations, Governor Kathy Hochul's 2023 executive budget was finally passed. We've been poring over the details, and are happy to report that, overall, the final budget represents a dramatic, positive shift towards meaningful climate action in NY State.

Working alongside our allies at NY Renew, Mountainkeeper played a pivotal role in advancing the principles of the Climate and Community Protection Fund (CCPF) to guide smart and equitable climate investment. Although the CC PF itself was not included in the budget, the newly minted New York Climate Action Fund (NYCAF) contains key principles outlined in the CC PF, like mandating a minimum investment of 35% of all climate spending towards benefitting disadvantaged communities. Additionally, at least 30% of the NYCAF will go toward providing rebates and other benefits that reduce the cost of clean energy alternatives for New Yorkers.

Our advocacy also resulted in legislative control of climate-related funding, an important improvement from the Governor's previous proposal, which would have granted her total discretion to allocate as much as 67% of climate funding in any way she wanted.

Our coalition efforts also successfully blocked the Governor's attempt to redefine the methane accounting timeline in her Cap and Invest policy, and remove restrictions on the use of climate polluting biofuels.

These last minute alterations would have pandered to the oil and gas industry, and gutted New York's nation leading Climate Law. Fortunately, we were able to sound the alarm and direct public opposition to stop this would-be catastrophic change.

The final budget also includes the All Electric Buildings Act, which establishes a statewide ban on gas infrastructure for all newly constructed buildings in New York-the first-ever legislation of its kind in the U.S. In another big win, this session saw the passage of the Build Public Renewables Act, which will pave the way for NY State to ramp up the production of publicly-produced, clean energy

while shutting down seven fracked gas power plants in Black, brown, and low-income communities across New York City.

As with all state budgets, this one is not perfect: the Governor's Cap and Invest model failed to include essential environmental justice protections to prevent pollution 'hotspots' in disadvantaged communities, and not all of our recommendations are included. Regardless, Mountainkeeper's work alongside our coalition partners at NY Renew has driven enormous progress for climate action in New York State.

We will continue to fight for the important policy measures and details that were left out of the budget, but for now we should all take a moment to celebrate this major achievement. A press release detailing these and other budget outcomes is available on the NY Renew website. (Contd. Pg. 32)

Fracking Loophole Closed

This week, Damascus Citizens for Sustainability (DCS) won a legal battle against the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), closing a regulatory loophole that allowed toxic, radioactive fracking waste to be spread along roads in the Delaware River Watershed. Mountainkeeper is a strong, longtime partner of DCS, working together to oppose the fracking industry.

Formerly, the DRBC deemed 'road spreading' of imported frack wastewater to be outside its regulatory authority, thereby allowing truck drivers to dump highly toxic wastewater onto surfaces that drain into the Delaware River. As a direct result of DCS's legal challenge, the DRBC removed this loophole by clarifying that, regardless of well label, discharge of imported wastewater from any well subject to high-volume hydraulic fracturing (or mixtures with some fracked waste) is not allowed. We applaud DCS for this important decision, which delivers a huge victory for public health and environmental protection in the Watershed. You can read more about this effort in a press release from DCS.

May Repair Café

Our next Repair Cafe event will take place on Saturday, May 13 from 10am-2pm at the Mountainkeeper office in Hurleyville, NY. Stop by with anything that needs fixing—from clothing and textiles to small appliances and electronics—and our team of expert repair volunteers will help bring them back to life, free of charge. Repair Cafes are an excellent way to promote sustainability, mitigate our environmental impact, reduce waste, and keep things that can be salvaged from ending up in landfills. These events are also great opportunities for people to learn important basic repair skills, and strengthen community bonds by bringing together people who are passionate about helping others and the planet. Please mark your calendar for Mountainkeeper's Repair Cafe on May 13th, and bring your well-loved and damaged items to our office in Hurleyville, NY from 10am-2pm. If you can't make it that day, you can find other cafes near you on the Repair Cafe website. Let's work together to reduce waste and promote sustainability in our community!

Support Our Pollinators

Next Tuesday May 9, from 7:30-8:30pm, please join us on Zoom for a Save the Bees Action Party to learn how to support a ban on toxic neonicotinoid insecticides ("neonics") Experts consider neonicotinoids to be among the worst insecticides since DDT, responsible for plummeting insect and bird populations and causing disturbing developmental issues for human health. Mountainkeeper and our allies are advocating for The Birds and Bees Protection Act, a NY State bill which would ban the use of these toxic 'neonic' insecticides in New York—but time is running out to get it over the legislative finish line. The discussion will feature Dan Raichel, Acting Director of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) Pollinator Initiative, and Dr. Kathy Nolan, Mountainkeeper Senior Research Director, talking about the problem and helping participants learn how to take action using the free, Climate Action Now App.

This Save the Bees Action Party will kick off with a presentation by Kathy and Dan, followed by 20 minutes of Q&A and an optional action opportunity using the Climate Action Now app. This webinar is free and open to the public, but please register in advance!

Pattern Report: Hudson Valley lost 4,845 people to migration during the brunt of the Covid-19 pandemic

Population gains in rural counties were offset by large losses in Rockland and Westchester

Hudson Valley has lost people to migration in 24 of the last 25 years, as more than 134,000 people have left the region for neighboring states and the South

Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress today released a special report that examines the migration of people into and out of the Hudson Valley during the heart of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2019 and 2020. New data released by the Internal Revenue service show that Hudson Valley lost a net of 4,845 people to migration during those years. Rural counties in the region saw relatively large population gains from migration as people moved north from the New York City metro area to escape density. Those gains, however, were offset by large losses of population in Rockland and Westchester counties, which lost a combined net of 9,581 people to outward migration. The region gained a net of 31,248 people who moved from New York City into the Hudson Valley.

“Migration continues to reshape the composition of the Hudson Valley and put stress on many of the systems that our civic society depends on,” Pattern CEO Adam Bosch said. “The data analyzed in our report underscore a painful fact: our region has lost population to migration for 24 of the last 25 years. This steady loss of people strains our workforce and businesses, our schools, our system of taxation, and other institutions that allow our communities to survive and thrive. Leaders at every level must examine the complex mix of factors that are causing more people to leave the Hudson Valley so that we can preserve a strong future for our region.”

The report, *Moving In, Moving Out*, examines a new set of migration data released in the final week of April by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The data utilize information from tax returns to track domestic and international migration throughout the United States. The data are provided on a county-by-county basis, which allowed Pattern to analyze the inflow and outflow of people for each county in the Hudson Valley. The IRS migration data are considered among the most accurate information for tracking the movement of people throughout the United States. The latest set of data is from tax returns filed with the IRS during calendar years 2020 and 2021. Returns received in 2020 represent migration that happened in 2019; and returns received in 2021 represent migration in 2020. Therefore, the data in *Moving In, Moving Out* show migration trends during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Pattern examined data from the nine-county region that includes Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties.

The following are key takeaways from the analysis:

- o The region gained 104,071 people and lost 108,916 because of migration in 2019-2020, for a net loss of 4,845 people. Although seven out of our nine counties gained population from migration,

large losses in Rockland County and Westchester County more than offset the gains to the north. Rockland and Westchester lost a combined net of 9,581 people to outward migration, an outflow that underscores the strong desire to move away from density during the pandemic.

- o The Hudson Valley has lost a total of 134,505 people to migration over the past 25 years. The nine-county region has seen a net loss of people to migration for 24 out of the past 25 years that data are available.

- o The data confirm that a wave of people from New York City moved into the region. A total of 45,890 people from New York City moved into the region during the latest reporting period; and 14,642 left the Hudson Valley for the five boroughs during that time. Our region gained a net of 31,248 people from New York City in the latest IRS data. The previous year's migration data showed a net inflow of 33,394 people from the city. While the data do not show how many stayed from the first wave, it is fair to estimate that the Hudson Valley gained a net of approximately 60,000 people from New York City during the brunt of the pandemic.

- o The data continue to show a north-south divide for migration. Communities south of Route 84 generally lost population or stayed flat, while communities to the north saw a relatively large inflow of new residents. Again, these data highlight the movement away from density and into rural towns and smaller cities and villages. This trend was well documented in real estate data that showed people leaving high-population areas because they feared that density put them at a greater risk of contracting the novel coronavirus.
- o Migration affects counties on a proportional basis. Several of our less populous counties saw large influxes of people from migration. For example, more than 1 percent of the total population in Sullivan and Greene counties came from a single year of migration.

- o A large number of people from the Hudson Valley continue to move just into bordering states. In fact, 12,841 people from our region moved into the bordering counties in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania during the last reporting period. A recent analysis by Pattern found that property taxes in these states are roughly 40-70 percent of what we pay in our region.

- o The data suggest that climate refugees are moving into the region from California. A total of 1,179 people from Los Angeles County have moved into the Hudson Valley from 2018-2020. Many assumed that our growing TV and film industries had attracted these West Coast transplants. And that might be true to some extent. But Pattern has also encountered several people who moved from Los Angeles during that time because they were tired of water restrictions and wary of fires. Those are climate refugees, and their arrival in the Hudson Valley deserves more attention and analysis.

A full analysis of the regional, county-by-county, and New York City trends can be found by accessing the report on Pattern's website. The report was made possible by the nearly 200 members who support Pattern through annual donations.

About Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress

Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress is a nonprofit organization that provides objective research, planning, and educational training throughout the region. Its work identifies civic challenges and promotes regional, equitable, and sustainable solutions to constantly improve the quality of life in Hudson Valley communities. Pattern develops its work upon a considerable foundation of facts and experience, without political aims or affiliations.

Pattern was founded in 1965 by the region's academic, business, nonprofit and government leaders. It serves a nine-county region that includes Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties. Visit PatternForProgress.org. Follow on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn @PatternForProgress and on Twitter @HVPattern.

The Daniel Pierce Library

Spring Children's Programs 2023

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

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

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

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

Toddler Time (24-35 months) Beginning Thursday, April 13th

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

Story Hour (3, 4, and 5 year-olds) Beginning Friday, April 14th

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

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour

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

Give your child a head start by enrolling in one of these valuable programs this spring. Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org by April 1st. If you have any questions, please email dmchugh@rcls.org or call (845) 985-7233 x105.

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Must be familiar with QuickBooks and Excel Software. Generous PTO/sick time, paid holiday schedule, dental and 403B benefits.

Experience with non-profit organizations and grant funding is a plus, but will entertain someone who is excited to learn.

Please respond to **Deborah Worden**, Executive Director, Action Toward Independence:

dworden@atitoday.org
or 845-794-4228.



“Knarf’s Classic Movies”
GET THE MOVIE, AMAZON PRIME

**I REMEMBER
MAMA**

(Comedy, Drama, Kids, 2 h 14 min 1948 NR)

Irene Dunne stars in this moving family drama about a family of Norwegian immigrants who face the trials of life in turn-of-the-century San Francisco.



Directed by George Stevens, Starring, Irene Dunne, Barbara Bel Geddes, Oskar Homolka, Edgar Bergen, Rudy Vallee, Barbara O’Neil, Florence Bates, Ellen Corby



Happy Mothers Day

It may be old-fashioned – in the chronicles of love, nothing surpasses a mother’s love for her children.

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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S ON AMAZON PRIME

THE SEARCH

The Search is a 1948 Swiss-American film directed by Fred Zinnemann which tells the story of a young Auschwitz survivor and his mother who search for each other across post-World War II Europe. It stars Montgomery Clift, Ivan Jandl, Jarmila Novotná and Aline MacMahon.



Many scenes were shot amidst the actual ruins of post-war German cities, namely Ingolstadt, Munich, Nuremberg, and Würzburg. Filming took place between June and November, 1947, initially on location in Germany, before the cast and crew went to a film studio in Zurich, Switzerland, to film the interior scenes.



Although released in the United States in March, 1948, it was not released in Britain until May 1950. Its European premiere was held at the Empire cinema, Leicester Square, London, England, on November 2, 1949, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Her Majesty Queen Mary attended the premiere.

Jandl was given a special juvenile Academy Award for his performance. By the time this was announced, in March 1949, he had returned to his home in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and the communists had taken over the government.



They would not allow Jandl to travel to the United States to collect the Oscar and the Golden Globe he had also received for his performance, so they had to be taken to him. The film's director, Fred Zinnemann, accepted the Oscar on Jandl's behalf at the Academy Awards ceremony.



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