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*FRONT ROW: Left to Right: PTO Vice President Melissa Wilhelm, Committee member Corey Borden, Chairwoman Adele Barnard, ( First ride winners: Mia Murphy ( tube slide), Nevaeh Milisaukas ( straight slide), Sophie Burns ( spiral slide), PTO member Dana McCarthy, Committee member Chuck Barnard.*

Members of the Route 42 Community Playground Project Committee celebrated the opening of the new playground in Grahamsville with a ribbon cutting on Friday, May 5th, during the Tri-Valley Little League opening weekend.

The project was inspired by retired kindergarten teacher , Adele Barnard and in collaboration with the Neversink Town Board, Tri Valley PTO, and Tri Valley Little League.

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Romans 8:14-15

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

### May 20, 1952

Monday night, at the Spring Rally held in Middletown, Frank Carlsen was elected to the office of Treasurer for the Orange-Rockland-Sullivan FFA group. Franklin Smith, Dennis Eighmey and Frank Carlsen were on the committee to decide the winners in the activity contest.

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### May 15, 1963

Long-time Grahamsville residents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DuBois Sr. of the Woodbourne Road, will celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary this Friday, May 17th. Mr. and Mrs. DuBois have made their home here for 39 years, having moved to Grahamsville after spending the first three years of married life in Liberty.

Mrs. Kathleen Hamilton has received notice of her commission as Postmaster of the Neversink Post Office, effective May 7, 1963. She has been Acting Postmaster of the Neversink Post Office since October 9, 1961.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Petrozak of Goshen are the parents of a son, Joseph Alan, born May 8th, weighing 8 lbs. Mrs. Petrozak is the former Dian Lievre, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lievre of Sundown.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knox of Neversink are the parents of a son, born May 8th at Maimonides Hospital in Liberty.

### May 23, 1973

Valedictorian of the Class of 1973 will be Robert Lehrer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lehrer of Beaver Dam Road, Grahamsville. He will be attending the State University of New York at Binghamton. Robert attained an average of 92.15 to earn this coveted title. Miss Ann Higgins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins of Sundown, has been named salutatorian. Her overall average is 91.91. Ann will begin her studies at St. Lawrence University.

Funeral services were held Saturday for Mrs. Minnie S. Terwilliger of Napanoch who died last Wednesday at Ellenville Community Hospital. Born in Kerhonkson on June 6, 1904, she was the daughter of the late Elting and Anna Churchwell Krom. She married Milton Terwilliger on October 12, 1940 in Accord. She is survived by her husband; one son, one brother and five sisters.

### May 19, 1983

Joseph H. Levy of Kingston, NY has recently received notification that he passed his Architectural Licensing examination and is now a registered architect. Joseph, a TVCS graduate, graduated from the New York State Institute of Technology in 1980 and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Levy of Grahamsville.

Timothy E. Allison, a civil engineering major, graduated from Syracuse University on May 7, 1983 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He is a 1979 graduate of TVCS and is the son of Betty and Karl Allison, now of Neversink. Tim has accepted a job with the Department of Transportation, San Diego, Cal. Beginning July 5th.

## LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

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In the early 1900's doctors had very few office calls. They were out most of the time looking out for their patients. And we didn't call the doctor for every little scrape or belly-ache —we depended more on homemade remedies.

Each spring my Dad made a tonic of sulphur and molasses. He said it was to purify our blood. Each of us children received a spoonful each morning for a certain number of days.

For pinworms or stomach worms some of my friends wore a small bag around their neck called fetty, which had a terrible odor. My parents' cure for worms was turpentine, one drop for each year of age and one for the spoon, on a spoon of sugar - not so bad when you're small, but as you become a little older it gets real bad. Before giving us our dose. Mother always rubbed a little in the hollow of our neck and had us take a deep smell in order to keep the worms from coming up in our throat and choking us.

Our family doctor, J. William Davis, made a salve we called "Red Pepper Salve." Mother always kept some on hand for colds, and when she rubbed some of that on my chest I truly knew it was made from red papper.

For cuts, scratches or burns during the summer we used "plantain leaves" which grew in our backyard. One side of the leaf was used to draw out infection, the other side for healing. We also used a salve a friend of my parents prepared called "Aunt Mariah's Sticking Salve" that was real good - it stuck by you.

In the early days if any member of the family came down with a contagious disease the doctor placed a quarantine on your door, and no one was allowed to enter or leave your house without permission from your doctor.

In the good old days we had plenty of fresh cold spring water. As we traveled along our dirt roads it was very easy to find a nice cold spring just around the corner, in which some nice person had built and placed a gourd for any tired thirsty person as a dipper. I don't think any water ever tasted as good or as cool as it did in the good old days when we drank it directly from the spring using a gourd as a dipper.

### Household Hint:

#### Get Ready for the Return of Hummingbirds

Hummingbirds are innately discriminating creatures, so don't expect to see them flocking around a dirty, sticky, or crusted-over sugar-water feeder. Regularly clean your feeders by thoroughly washing them in equal parts apple cider vinegar and hot water. Rinse well with cold water after washing, and air-dry them outdoors in full sunlight before refilling them with food.

**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.

## Tiny Spring Beauties Fairy Spud Flowers

A delicate little spring wildflower gracing the forest floor in our backyard is the little Fairy Spud, also known as Spring Beauty (*Claytonia virginica*). Fairy Spud are small low-growing wildflowers that appear in a star-like cluster of five white to light pink flowers.

The Fairy Spud is one of the most common native perennials in eastern North America. One reason it is so common is its ability to survive in areas that have suffered through the breakdown of a forest; in our case in Sundown, erosion from Hurricane Irene. Many other native woodland wildflowers didn't fare as well.

This perennial wildflower is about 3-6" tall, consisting of a flowering stem with a pair of opposite cauline leaves (leaves arising directly from the root/rootstock) and some basal leaves (located at the base of a plant or stem) that are linear or linear-lanceolate, (shaped like a head of a lance) slightly re-curved, glabrous, smooth along the margins, and slightly fleshy. There is a single central vein along the length of each leaf. The leaves are about 2-5" long; their width varies somewhat depending on the local ecotype, but it is approximately 1/4 inch across.

The stem is light green or slightly reddish green, glabrous (smooth), and rather succulent. The stem terminates in a floppy cluster of flowers. Each flower is about 1/3 of an inch across when it is fully open, consisting of 5 petals, 2 green sepals, 5 stamens with pink anthers, and a pistil with a three-part style. The petals are white with fine pink stripes; these stripes vary from pale pink to bright pink. The flowers open up on warm sunny days, and close during cloudy weather and at night. They are more or less erect while open, but nod downward when closed. The blooming period occurs from mid to late spring and lasts about 1-2 months. Each fertile flower produces an ovoid capsule containing several seeds; this capsule is enclosed by the 2 sepals. The root system consists of a small corm and secondary roots. This wildflower spreads by reseeding itself; sometimes forming rather loose colonies of plants.

The Fairy Spud thrives in deciduous forests and forest edges in upland and riparian settings.

Honey bees and butterflies are attracted to the pollen of the Fairy Spud flower.

The corms of the Fairy Spud are often dug up and eaten by some small rodents, including the White-Footed Mouse and Eastern Chipmunk while the foliage is sparingly eaten by White-Tailed Deer.

According to the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, the short-lived Fairy Spud are not only beautiful, but a tasty spud-like vegetable. The tubers are often compared to tiny potatoes but taste much sweeter than the average spud! They are rich in nutrients including potassium, calcium and vitamins A and C. No wonder the name - Fairy Spud!

If you take a hike through the Catskill Park during April or early May chances are you will see these enchanting little flowers along the way.

Conceivably, no other wildflower announces the magic of the new spring with such passionate intensity as the tiny little Fairy Spud - a real Spring Beauty!



# Playground Grand Opening

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Countless organizations, businesses and individuals helped to fund the completion of Phase 1 of the project. Efforts are now underway for Phase 2 which will include additional ADA compliant components geared primarily for younger children ages 2 and up.



Parents could enter their children to be the first ride winners



Nevaeh Milisauskas ( straight slide)



Sophie Burns ( spiral slide)

The committee is grateful to the businesses, organizations and individuals who have contributed to the project to date. Anyone wishing to contribute to Phase 2, may do so by sending their donation to :

Tri-Valley Bears PTO  
PO Box 43  
Grahamsville NY ( Memo Playground fund)

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



Mia Murphy ( tube slide),



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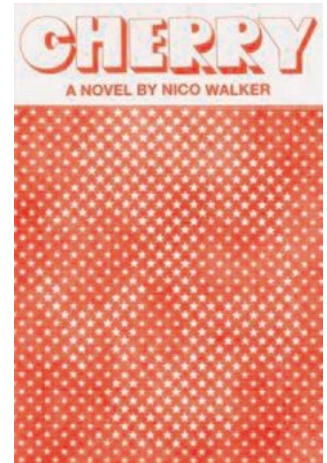
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# Cherry

## Mysterious Book Report No. 362

by John Dwaine McKenna



Every person in America today who pays attention to the news and current events is aware that we're dealing with an unprecedented drug and opioid crisis. The numbers are staggering . . . and the statistics sobering . . . there were more than 70,000 drug overdose deaths in the U.S. during the year 2017, according to the latest available figures from the CDC, or Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. Numbers like those are not only heartbreaking, they're absolute proof that the so-called *War on Drugs*, now fifty-plus years old, is an utter failure. Some are in favor of tougher laws and more enforcement with harsher penalties. Still others favor the legalization and decriminalizing of all illicit substances, including the synthetic ones like spice and Fentanyl . . . known causes of havoc and death.

That's one side of the story. But like all stories, there's another side to it, told in an unapologetic, matter-of-fact and gut wrenching way by a young former heroin addict and talented writer who's currently in prison for aggravated armed robbery.

*Cherry*, (Knopf, \$26.95, 313 pages, ISBN 978-0-525-52013-9) by Nico Walker, is the tale of a confused young man who sets off to college in Cleveland, Ohio, where he meets Emily, and they kinda, sorta, fall in love while fooling around on the periphery of the drug scene . . . much like a lot of young, dumb and confused kids do. But, the drugs and alcohol soon become overwhelming. Emily decides to transfer to a college in Canada, while the unnamed protagonist and narrator

flunks out. Adrift and clueless, he joins the Army and trains as a medic, then gets sent to Iraq, where for him, there's no end of drugs, porno movies and death. He comes home to Cleveland with a raging case of PTSD, just in time to reconnect with Emily and meet the opioid pandemic head-on. Before long, they're shooting heroin every day and he's robbing banks to get the money to support their combined habit.

Told in visceral, raw and graphic language, this novel is not for the faint of heart, nor those easily offended by violence and coarse language. But for those who've shed their rose-colored glasses and want to know more of the real world, the opioid disaster and at the same time gain a better understanding of the society we live in today, you need to read this book. It's honest and tough, and it comes straight from Nico Walker's heart, holding nothing back, and making no excuses. It's a fascinating, sobering and heartbreaking testimonial that should be required reading for every member of Congress, the entire Department of Justice, as well as every Judge and Administrator in the country. Then maybe they'd do something about it . . .

And Hey! Check out our combined website that's simple to use and easy as pie to leave your comments! We're looking forward to hearing from all of you.

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## The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda

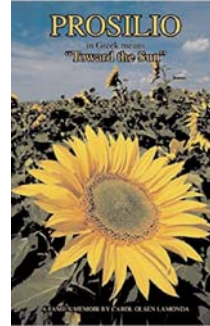


At home recovering from spinal Lumbar Disc surgery at Vassar, I am hurting like - -. Since my words I have been using with those unfortunate to ask me how I feel are the ones that George Carlin said not to say, I am sparing you this week's column and letting these photos speak a thousand more pleasant ones.

**Happy Mother's Day to all  
Mothers, Sons, and daughters**

### 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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# Rondout West Branch Tunnel Shutdown

Effective October 1, 2023, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is scheduled to temporarily shut down the Rondout West Branch Tunnel (RWBT) to allow contractors to make necessary repairs. In the early 1990s, DEP identified two significant leaks in the aqueduct, one near Newburgh and one in Ulster County in the Town of Wawarsing. Combined, the two leaks in the tunnel lose roughly 30 million gallons of water daily. In 2021, DEP finished building a 2.5-mile bypass tunnel under the Hudson River to replace the portion of the tunnel with the most significant leaks. DEP will also need to repair the smaller leak in Wawarsing. Accomplishing these repairs will require DEP to shut down the Delaware Aqueduct and drain it before connecting it to the new bypass tunnel.

Starting in June 2023, DEP will prepare the water supply system for heavier reliance on the Catskill System to the north and Croton System to the east. This preparation involves allowing some of the City's nineteen water supply reservoirs to fill while lowering others. This process will account for anticipated seasonal water cycle fluctuations while ensuring enough water is in the right reservoirs to meet water user demands while preventing other reservoirs from exceeding capacity.

Before and during the shutdown, many reservoirs will experience changes to their water levels that are different than seasonal averages. While most fluctuations will stay within normal operating ranges, several reservoirs located East of the Hudson River may experience significant drops in capacity for a few months during the shutdown period.

DEP expects to shut down the tunnel in October 2023 while work continues through May 2024. By June 2024, the system will move into its post-outage phase, re-balancing the water supply system across the three water supplies (Delaware, Catskill, and Croton systems).

To learn more about the shutdown, its impact on reservoir levels, and get the latest on impacts to recreation, visit the DEP website:

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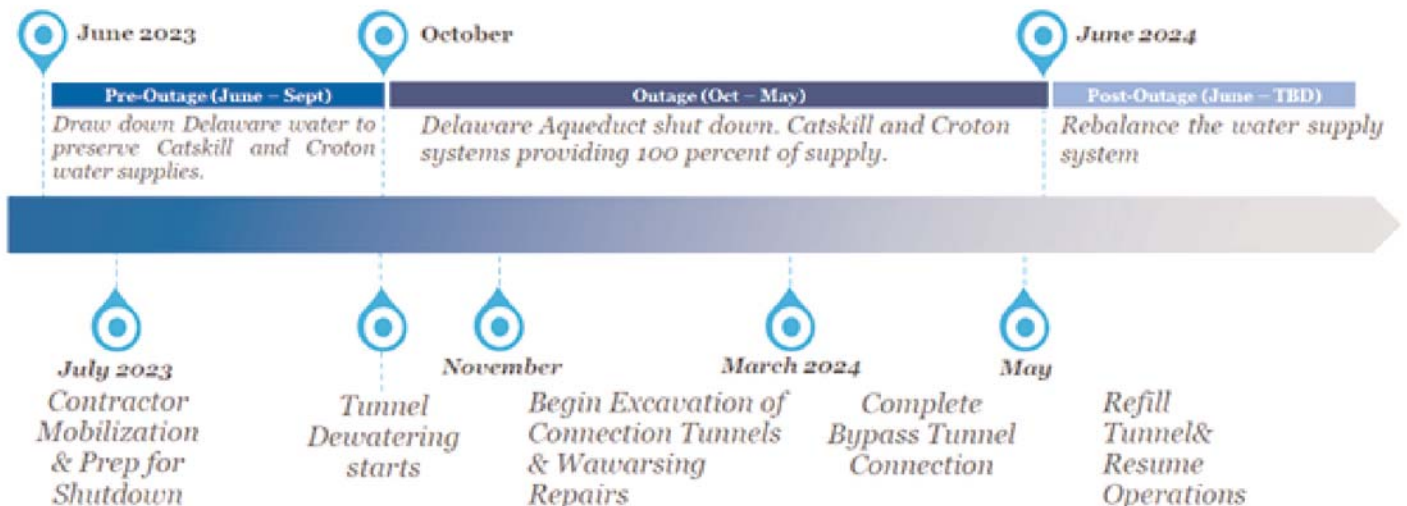
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## DEC Reminds Water Recreationists to 'Clean – Drain –Dry' Watercraft to Protect Waters from Aquatic Invasive Species

*Importance of Invasive Species  
Prevention is Highlighted By  
Hydrilla Control Efforts in  
Niagara County and Across the  
State*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today reminded boaters to clean, drain, and dry their boats and trailers and disinfect their fishing gear before recreating in New York's waters to prevent the spread of harmful aquatic invasive species (AIS). Watercraft inspection stewards (boat stewards) are deploying across the state to educate and assist the public in cleaning equipment this season to prevent the introduction and spread of non-native plants and animals in New York waterbodies.

"The Watercraft Inspection Steward Program continues to play a significant role in defending lakes, ponds, and rivers against the spread of AIS," said Commissioner Seggos. "Our boat stewards have successfully increased public awareness about the threats of AIS and helping more New Yorkers participate in best management practices such as Clean. Drain. Dry. I ask all New York residents and visitors to please continue to do your part in protecting our waters from the negative impacts of invasive species."

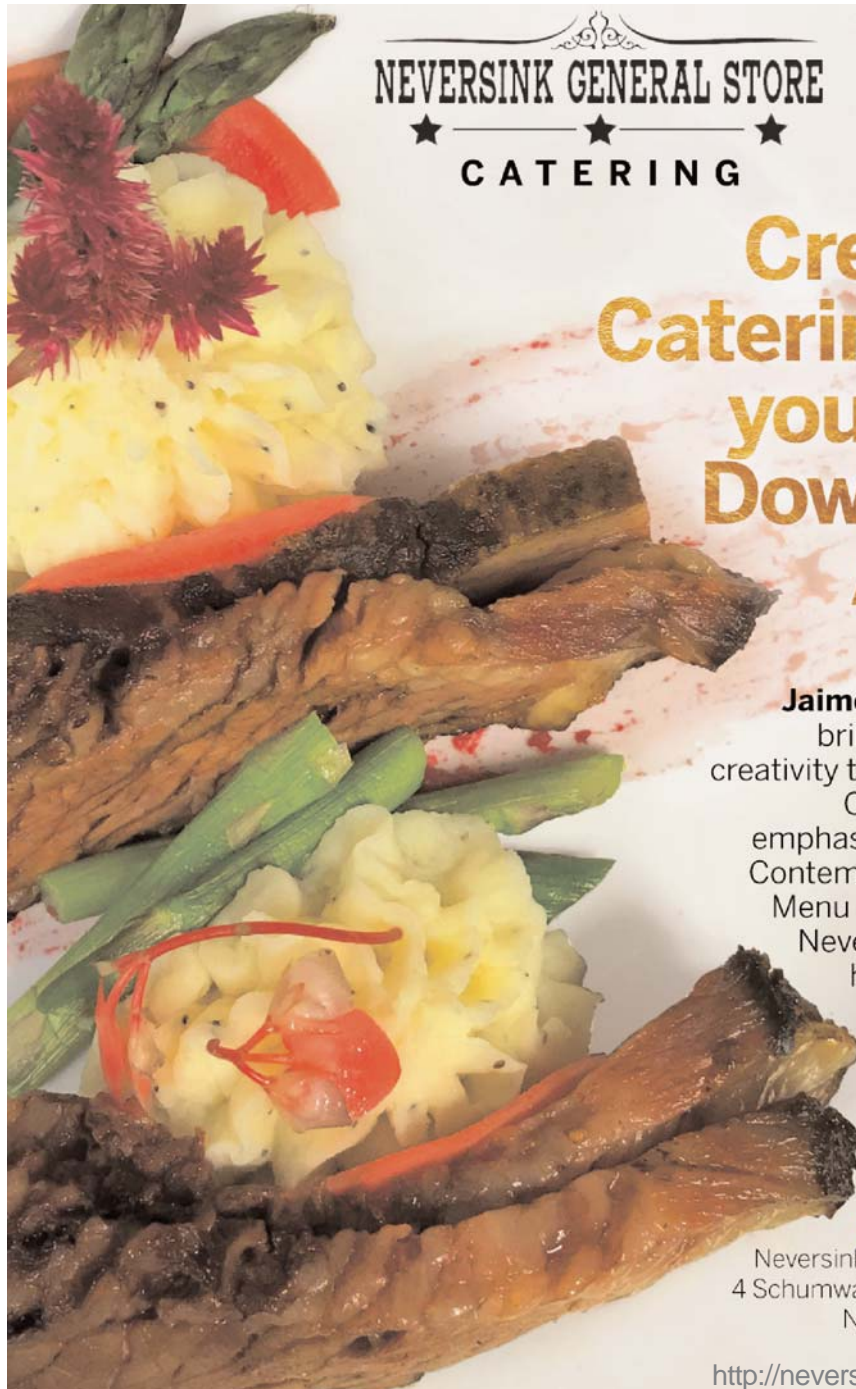
Boat stewards will be stationed at more than 200 boat launches and decontamination stations throughout the state by Memorial Day weekend. Identified by their blue vests, boat stewards can provide a refresher on how to inspect your boat and gear and offer information on AIS in New York.

Last year, DEC's boat stewards inspected more than 220,000 boats and intercepted more than 8,000 AIS, including hydrilla, which led to the discovery of a new infestation in the Niagara River. Efforts are currently underway to control the invasive plant and prevent it from negatively impacting the native ecosystem, as well as water recreation. DEC is collaborating with local stakeholders and Federal partners to keep the infestation contained and prevent further spread.

In August, 2021, DEC announced that the AIS plant, hydrilla was found at the city of North Tonawanda marina. The discovery was made by a concerned citizen who reported it to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). DEC and partners, including USACE, are working to prevent the infestation from spreading. There are no other known infestations of hydrilla along the river.

Hydrilla negatively impacts recreation, tourism, and aquatic ecosystems and is one of the most difficult aquatic invasive species to control. This invasive plant breaks apart easily, and new plants can develop from pieces of stem that are no more than an inch long.

DEC continues to work with the city of North Tonawanda, USACE, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Western New York Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) to develop a long-term management plan that will include aquatic plant monitoring, additional herbicide treatments, and education and outreach efforts. In the short term, boaters visiting the marina are advised to lift their motors and clean their props by reversing and then forwarding several times to dislodge any hydrilla fragments before entering the Niagara River. (Contd. Pg. 12)



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## The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

Talk about the ying-yang in life. This last week has been just that. I've been relaxing (sort of) while planning out many things for these next few weeks and the ways to accomplish them in an expedient way...and then

If you're in the mood for a day trip, think of a small town named FORREST CITY in Pennsylvania. The first thing that struck me was how this city is built. It seems to be in layers on the side of a mountain. This was a coal mining town once, anthracite coal to be exact, and you can find many signs that talk about this along the main street. It's a cute little town, quiet but not at all dead.



And if you take the scenic trip there, make sure you stop at two unique restaurants. One is K&J's KITCHEN. Whatever you order, you can be assured that it is made with the freshest ingredients, many from the farmlands around. And what makes it even more special is that, from my observation, is that this property was once an old time saloon, like the many I was privileged to visit in Manhattan. They don't serve alcohol here but they also didn't destroy the vibe either, leaving the bar (now deli seating) and the mirrors behind. There's something so comfortable about this preservation when so much has been 'modernized' to eliminate history.



The second is a pizza place called JORGIE B'S where everything from the pizza dough to the pizza sauce is made from scratch and the taste is extraordinary.

This city is not somewhere I had planned to visit, but sometimes just driving takes you where you need to go. And certainly not somewhere I expected to find this kind of quality in their restaurants. I think I will probably take that hour long drive again to learn more about what should be a floundering space but is anything but.

Then, Saturday, I got together with my two best friends in Kingston for shopping, laughs and camaraderie. After getting home at 5pm, that should have been enough to just take a shower and crawl into bed....but oh no.



I turned around and headed out to 17 WEST BREWERY to see FAR BEYOND GONE. If you remember, I drove out to THE ROSCOE BREWERY several weeks ago to see them for the first time because I'd heard so much about them and had just was never available when they were playing, The venue was full, no seats, so I stood hoping to catch them on a break, which never happened. What made them memorable was how much fun they seemed to be having on stage. Saturday night was no different.

These guys, BRAD RUTLEDGE (lead vocals), ELI VAN ETTEN (guitar), TOM VOLPE (bass) and VINNY IANNA-CONE (drums) really have a great time being this band! Once again, their audience was right there with them, singing and dancing and groovin' to the music and just having an incredibly good time!

Their music ranges from a darned fine rendition of ROLL BABY ROLL by the DOORS, YOU MAY BE RIGHT by BILLY JOEL to PEARL JAM's I'M STILL ALIVE. They also did PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC WHITE BOY originally by WILD CHERRY. This is a song close to my heart because it was a song my late husband (bass and lead vocals) always did when he giggered out. He did this as a thank you to LL COOL J, who was recording down the hall from where George and his band were recording. As the story goes, LL COOL j stepped in when he was laying down the bass tracks and told him he played too funky to be a white boy. Ain't life grand!

Add this group to your 'must see' list. I'll be letting you know where you can see them.

Well, it's late dear readers (midnight) and tomorrow I'm spending my day at FROGGY DAZE, one of the best-known music festivals in Sullivan County.

Until next time.....

## DEC Reminds Water Recreationists to 'Clean – Drain – Dry' Watercraft to Protect Waters from Aquatic Invasive Species

(From Pg. 9)

In addition to Niagara County, hydrilla infestations are being actively controlled in Erie County (Erie Canal); Cayuga, Tompkins, and Seneca counties (Cayuga Lake); and Tioga County (Spencer Pond, Little Nanticoke Creek, and Kuhlman Pond). Hydrilla control efforts were successfully completed in Green and Hickory lakes in Erie County, as well as the Croton River in Westchester County. Visit DEC's website for more information on hydrilla and a step by step guide for ridding boats and equipment of AIS.

Julie Barrett-O'Neill, DEC Region 9 Director said, "Our stewards will be helping with public education and outreach along the Niagara River this season. Look for the blue vests and learn how you can prevent the spread of AIS and protect our natural resources."

All water recreationists should follow these steps to make sure their equipment isn't harboring AIS:

Clean mud, plants, and animals off boating and fishing equipment (trailer bunks, axles, rollers, lights, transducers, license plates, motor props, tackle, waders, etc.) and discard the material in a trash can or at a disposal station;

Drain all water-holding compartments, including ballast tanks, live wells, and bilge areas, before leaving an access site; and

Dry everything thoroughly before using boats or equipment in another waterbody. Drying times can vary but a minimum of five to seven days in dry, warm conditions is recommended.

When there's no time to dry between uses, disinfect things with hot water that is at least 140 degrees Fahrenheit, or visit a decontamination site.

All New York residents and visitors have a role to play in protecting state waters from invasive species. Visit DEC's website for more tips on how to clean, drain, and dry watercraft, fishing gear, and other equipment and for more information about New York's Watercraft Inspection Steward Program

## Welcome to the Catskills

*Welcome to the Catskills* webpage is the place to go if you are interested in learning more about the Catskills. It provides information about the Forest Preserve and conservation easement lands, outdoor recreation opportunities, and **Leave No Trace**. Be sure to check out the links to additional information and tips for recreating safely and minimizing your impacts on natural resources, recreational infrastructure, and other backcountry users in the Catskill Mountains. Go to webpages for more information:

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# Way to Go 7th and 8th Grade Students!



(Left to right): back row- Angelina Hinkley, Hope Woods, Hailie Prince, Jayden Cuji Angamarca, William Blume, Andrew Kelly, Mackenzie Bush, Isabella Hatt, Meilyn Jimenez-Castillo; front row- Tim Tschumi, Jeremy Rhode

On Monday, May 8, a special ceremony was held at Tri-Valley Central School for 7th and 8th grade students. The assembly, put on by the 7th and 8th grade teachers, recognized students for achieving Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll for the first quarter.

Special awards were also given to students who the 7th and 8th grade teachers selected as going above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. In the 8th grade, Andrew Kelly and Hope Woods won awards for Academic Excellence, Meilyn Jimenez-Castillo and Hailie Prince won awards for Leadership, Isabella Hatt and Angelina Hinkley won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, William Blume and Mat Huggler won awards for Most Improved,

Mackenzie Bush and Jeremy Rhode won awards for Outstanding Participation, and Jayden Cuji Angamarca and Tim Tschumi won awards for Exemplary Collaboration.

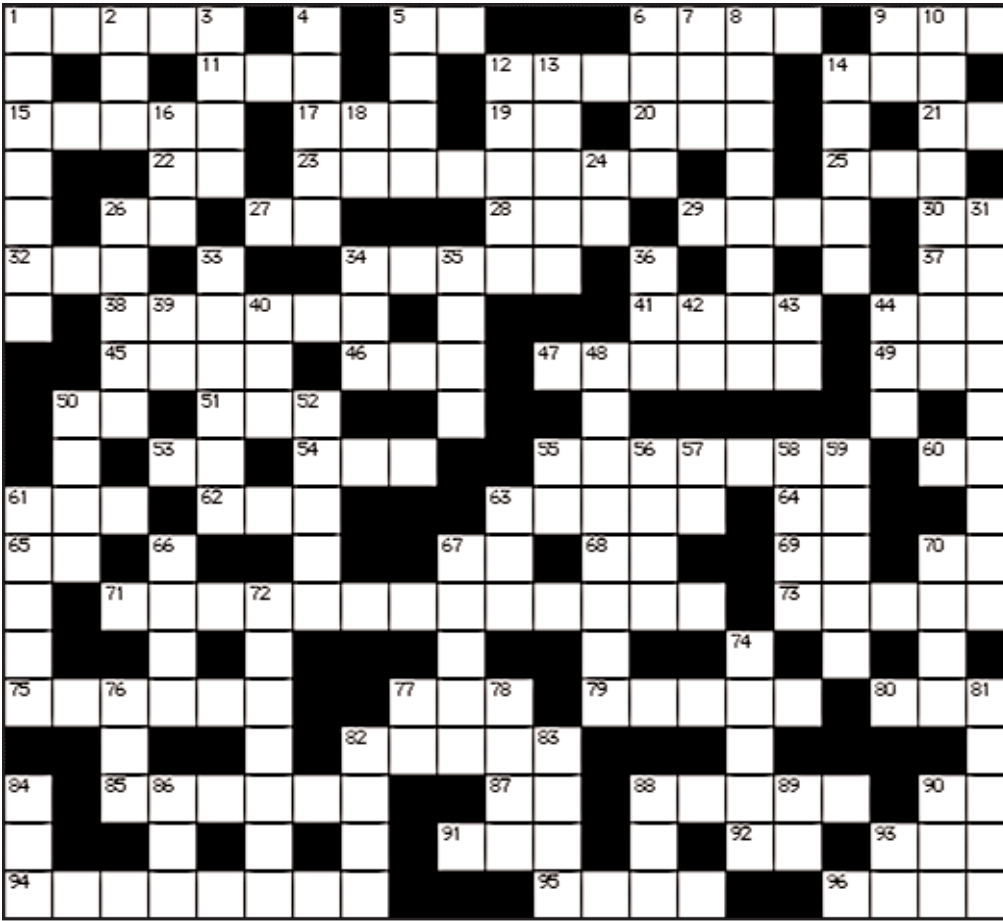
In the 7th grade, Adam Babcock and Sage Fiore-Yansick won awards for Academic Excellence, Abigail Rusin won the award for Leadership, Melany Cando Pilatasig, Cora Stephenson, and Jacob Whitted won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Sophia Bubbico, Tess Edwards, and Matthew Ortiz Jimenez won awards for Most Improved, Savannah Stickle and Jesse Wallace won awards for Outstanding Participation, and Cecilia Koskey-Barnes won the award for Exemplary Collaboration.

Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized. We are very, very proud of all of their accomplishments!



(Left to right): back row- Tess Edwards, Matthew Ortiz Jimenez, Cecilia Koskey-Barnes, Cora Stephenson, Melany Cando Pilatasig, Jacob Whitted, Abigail Rusin; front row- Jesse Wallace, Savannah Stickle, Adam Babcock

Spring Gardens and Little Snails -L. Comando



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- 74 Warm and damp
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Homedmad Special Butterscotch Brownies

- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup ground walnuts
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/8 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup butterscotch or chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease an 8 inch square baking pan.

Melt 2 tablespoons of butter in pan add walnuts, cook on low 2 minutes, and add 1/8 cup brown sugar. Sautee stirring constantly until browned. Set aside to cool.

In large bowl, cream the shortening, brown sugar, vanilla and eggs. In a separate bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder and salt. Slowly add to egg mixture, stirring until well blended, fold in caramelized walnuts\*. Spread dough evenly into the prepared pan.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until inserted toothpick comes out clean. I sprinkle them with butterscotch or chocolate chips while they are still warm and when they get soft I swirl them over the warm brownies.

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- 1 Bedeck
  - 5 In the way shown
  - 6 Unit of electrical power
  - 9 1st person sing. to be
  - 11 A vase for cremated ashes
  - 12 Harm
  - 14 Extremely long period
  - 15 Existed before
  - 17 Period of time
  - 19 American League
  - 20 Not
  - 21 Thing previously mentioned
  - 22 United States
  - 23 Snail delicacy
  - 25 Tall hardy shade tree
  - 26 Southeast
  - 27 Florida (abbrev)
  - 28 Hearing organ
  - 29 To feel a glow
  - 30 Indefinite article
  - 32 Lunar excursion
  - 34 Shovel
  - 37 Look!
  - 38 Process of growth
  - 41 Skilled
  - 44 "\_\_\_," tac, toe
  - 45 Straight dividing mark
  - 46 Maiden name of a married woman
  - 47 Cultivated ground
  - 49 Hardy cereal grain
  - 50 Kiloliter
  - 51 Chat
  - 53 Maine (abbrev)
  - 54 Skill
  - 55 Body organ capable of contracting and expanding
  - 60 Physician
  - 61 Oil prod-
  - 62 Tease
  - 63 Vehicle
  - 64 Great (abbrev)
  - 65 Not out
  - 67 Colorado
  - 68 Rhode Island (abbrev)
  - 69 Proceed
  - 70 In this year (hac anno)
  - 71 Animal that is both male and female
  - 73 A gastropod
  - 75 Circling around a central point in a flat curve
  - 77 Writing instrument
  - 79 Slimy secretion
  - 80 Allow
  - 82 Warm
  - 85 Tiny
  - 87 Left end in football
  - 88 Damp
  - 90 Third note of the major scale
  - 91 Affirmative
  - 92 To work out
  - 93 Have got
  - 94 Toothed wheel
  - 95 Young goats
  - 96 Tenth of a dollar
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- 1 Not plants or minerals
  - 2 Unwrought metal
  - 3 Kernels
  - 4 Bend at the knee
  - 5 Senior Legislative Action Committee
  - 6 To have a need
  - 7 Before now
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  - 9 Archaic form of woe
  - 10 Snail Kingdom
  - 12 Ventured
  - 13 Pond
  - 14 Foe
  - 16 To feel remorse
  - 18 Rupees (abbrev)
  - 24 Either
  - 26 Aroma
  - 31 Of the night
  - 33 Dealer or trader
  - 34 Indonesian monetary unit
  - 35 Peak
  - 36 Paddle used to row a boat
  - 39 Roman six
  - 40 Meadow
  - 42 Board (abbrev)
  - 43 Half an em
  - 44 Foot digit
  - 48 Tank for live water animals
  - 50 Turkish ruler
  - 52 Light, sweet yeast cake
  - 55 Mascu-line title
  - 56 Parody
  - 57 Common Era
  - 58 More than one ovum
  - 59 Piece of rock
  - 61 Breathing organs for water animals
  - 63 Ghostly sound
  - 66 Legatee
  - 67 Move slowly
  - 70 Colony of bees
  - 72 Snail

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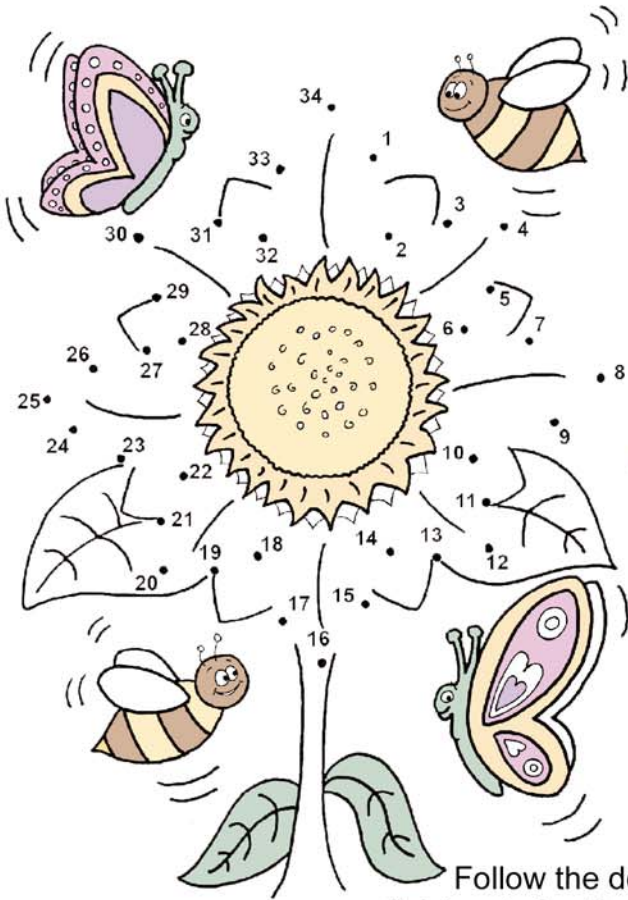
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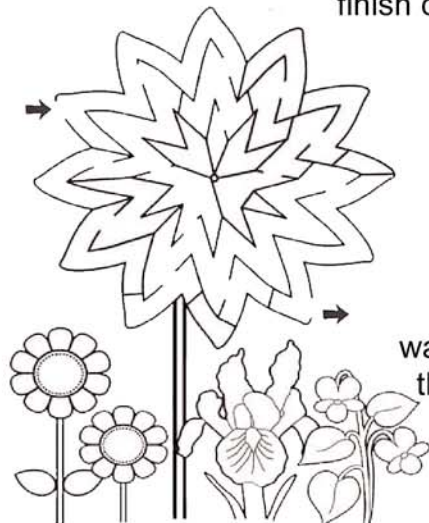


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- Daffodil
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- Gardenia
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- Hibiscus
- Hyacinth
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- Iris
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# Sullivan County Memorial Day Parades & Services - 2023

## Saturday, May 27th

**Mamakating: 9:00 - 11:15 am** - Edward M. Maier Memorial VFW Post 4947 will hold Memorial Day Services at the following: 9:00 am - Poplar Grove Cemetery, 9:45 am - Monument at the Phillipsport Community Center, 10:30 am - Burlingham Cemetery, and 11:15 am - Pine Hill Cemetery. (Times are approximate)

## Sunday, May 28th

**Tusten-Highland-Lumberland:** The Tusten-Highland-Lumberland VFW Post 6427 will have cemetery ceremonies to honor our deceased Veterans: **11:00 am** - Lava Cemetery, 11:20 am - St. Francis Cemetery, 11:30 am - Glen Cove Cemetery and 2:00 pm - Ceremony at the Old Tusten Church, Town of Tusten.

## Monday, May 29th

**Bethel: 11:00 am** - The SGT Andrew Brucher-Bailey Richman VFW Post 5499 will hold a small service commemorating Memorial Day, in the Veterans Park across the street from the Kauneonga Lake Fire House. This year's guest speaker will be The Honorable James R. Farrell, Sullivan County Court Judge. Please arrive prior to 11:00 am.

**Barryville: 9:20 am** - Sylvan Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will conduct a Memorial Service at the Barryville Cemetery, Mail Road.

**County Service: Liberty: 1:00 pm** - The Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency will hold a Memorial Day Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony at the **Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery**, 181 Sunset Lake Road, Liberty. Master of Ceremonies is Director Stephen Walsh.

**Eldred: 9:00 am** - Sylvan Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will conduct a Memorial Service at the Eldred Cemetery.

**Fremont Center: 9:00 am** - The PVT Emmett Turner American Legion Post 276, Allan Milk Memorial VFW Post 7276 and H. Russell Kenyon VFW Post 5808 will be having a Memorial Service at the Fremont Town Hall Veterans Monument and Parade following service at 10:00 am down County Route 94. Road closure of the parade route will be at 9:00 am.

**Liberty: 10:30 am** - The Town of Liberty and Corp. Russell Sprague VFW Post 109 will be having a Memorial Day Parade down Main Street and will conclude with a ceremony at the Liberty Veterans Cemetery on Cold Spring Road.

**Long Eddy: 1:00 pm** - The Alan Milk Memorial VFW Post 7276 will hold a Memorial Service at the Long Eddy Cemetery. Immediately following the service, there will be a luncheon at the Long Eddy Firehouse.

**Lumberland: 10:00 am** - The Town of Lumberland's Memorial Day Observance will be a brief outdoor event, at the Lumberland Town Hall, 1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey. Mamakating: 9:00 am - The Edward M. Maier Memorial VFW Post 4947 will hold a Dedication and Service at the Summitville Fire House and Monument. They will have a Memorial Day Service at 11:00 am at the Bloomingburg Cemetery, followed by the Wurtsboro Memorial Day Parade at 1:00 pm. Parade lineup at 12:30 pm, Step off at 1:00 pm.

**Monticello: 10:00 am** - The Sullivan County Jewish War Veterans will hold a Memorial Service at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello.

**Roscoe: 10:00 am** - The Floyd Keener American Legion Post will have a Memorial Day Parade with a memorial ceremony immediately following (approx. at 11:00 am), at the Roscoe Community Center.

**Tusten-Highland-Lumberland: 1:00 pm** Tusten-Highland-Lumberland VFW Post 6427 and Sylvan Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will be holding joint Memorial Day Services at Heroes Park, corner of Route 55 and Proctor Road, in Eldred.

**Wurtsboro: 1:00 pm** - The Edward M. Maier Memorial VFW Post 4947 and American Legion Post 1266 will have a Memorial Day Parade, which will begin on Pine Street, head up to Route 209, left onto Sullivan Street, and conclude at the American Legion Post 1266, 92 Pine Street. A Memorial Service will be held at the Veterans Park located on the corner of Sullivan & 3rd Streets in Wurtsboro, at the conclusion of the parade.

## Road Closure in Grahamsville

Grahamsville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of County Road 156 (South Hill Road) in the Town of Neversink to replace County Bridge 216. The bridge itself is located approximately 300 feet east of the intersection of State Route 42 and CR 156. This section is scheduled to be closed to all traffic for approximately six months, starting at 8 a.m. on May 1, 2023.

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## Monticello Elks Distribute \$8000 In Grants

(Monticello) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 has been assisting local children, veterans and the homeless. 1544 utilized a \$3500 Elks National Foundation (ENF) Beacon Grant to purchase more than one hundred winter coats for kids in the Monticello Central School District and the Fallsburg Central School District. The Elks Lodge also used a \$2500 ENF Gratitude Grant to donate 50 boxes full of food to veterans in the community. Monticello Lodge also donated a \$2000 ENF Spotlight Grant to the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless. The Monticello Lodge currently has 315 Members. For information contact Exalted Ruler Brian Bock at (845) 866-9288.



*The Monticello Elks hosted a full house at the Penny Social on May 7th. The Lodge helps veterans, youngsters and the homeless.*

## Veterans Van Makes Its Debut

Monticello, NY - Thanks to State funding and the approval of the Sullivan County Legislature, the County's veterans now have access to a brand new van.

"Our Veterans Van began transporting vets to local medical appointments on May 8," said Veterans Service Agency (VSA) Director Stephen Walsh. "Owned and maintained by the County's Transportation Department, this vehicle replaces an aging van previously operated by the Sullivan County Veterans Coalition - who still remain a key partner."

The 2023 Chrysler Pacifica was purchased through a \$50,000 grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, secured by former NYS Senator Jen Metzger.

"The Legislature seeks to ensure every veteran is properly served in Sullivan County, and this van is another step toward that goal," noted District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, who chairs the Legislature's Veterans Committee. "No vet should miss a healthcare appointment for lack of transportation. This van and this County will make sure of that."

"We're privileged to make the lives of our veterans easier, considering how much they sacrificed for us," said Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley, whose Division encompasses both the VSA and the Transportation Department. "Director of Transportation Ruthann Hayden is intent on making this a smooth process for all veterans, and we look forward to providing a safe, reliable, no-cost way for them to get where they need to be. I also encourage them to explore the many other ways their County can assist both them and their loved ones."

To schedule a trip, please call the VSA at 845-807-0233.

## Veterans Service Agency Encourages Calling Ahead to Make an Appointment

Monticello, NY - Due to an influx of cases resulting from recently passed federal legislation, the Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency (VSA) is asking visitors to please make an appointment before coming to the office inside the Government Center in Monticello.

"We haven't locked the doors! We'll serve all who walk in as we can," promises VSA Director Stephen Walsh. "But for the best and most expedient service, people should call ahead before dropping by."

The PACT Act, which expands Veterans Administration (VA) health care and benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances, has increased interest in the already busy VSA office, which assists and supports all Sullivan County veterans and their families. The County-run VSA is completely distinct and separate from the Federally-operated VA, though VSA staff routinely help people navigate the complexities and challenges of the VA system.

"I'm pleased that we have become such a crucial resource to so many local folks," Walsh affirms. "The goal of myself and my staff is to make sure their experience with this office is positive, supportive, and effective, and the best way to achieve that is to begin with a phone call making an appointment with us."

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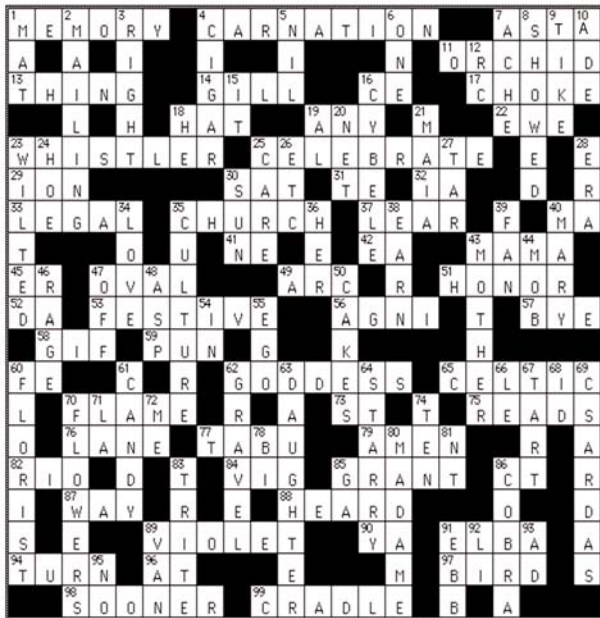
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**Town of Neversink -  
Flag Exchange Ceremony  
Memorial Day -2023**

Memorial Day 2023 in the Tri Valley area will be observed by the Flag Exchange Ceremony, which has become a tradition in the Town of Neversink. The program will take place at 11:00 am on Monday, May 29th, at the flag pole located in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery on Route 55 in Grahamsville.

The ceremony will feature the retiring of the flag, which has flown for the past six months, in honor of **Charles Sosnowski** who served in the Navy during WW2. Boy Scout Troop 97 will accept a flag to honor **Herb Ackerley** who served in the Army from 1965-1967, which will fly for six months.

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## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**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 15 - May 19, 2023

**Monday, May 15**

- o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Tuesday, May 16**

- o 5:30 PM - Ways & Means Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
  - o 6:00 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means Committee) - Caucuses: Democrats, in the Legislative Chambers, Republicans, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
  - o 7:20 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2023: A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Establish The Department Of Budget, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
  - o 7:25 PM (or immediately following the Public Hearings) - Legislative Session, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, and 8862 Beach Rd., Brewerton, NY 13029
- The Public Hearing and Legislative Session are also available via livestream at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>

**Wednesday, May 17**

- o 8:00 AM - Workforce Development Board, at Office of Employment & Training, 535 Boices Ln, Kingston
- o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 10:00 AM (or immediately following the UC IDA) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Thursday, May 18**

- o 5:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Health, Human Services & Housing Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, and 8862 Beach Rd, Brewerton, NY
- o 5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Ethics, Ulster County Human Services Complex, Building #2 - Veterans Agency Entrance, 100 Development Court, Kingston
- o 5:30 PM - Youth Board, at Ulster County Human Services Complex, Youth Bureau Suite, 100 Development Court, Kingston

**Friday, May 19**

- o 12 Noon - Resolution Deadline



## Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Calls for State Regulators to Sanction Central Hudson, End Estimated Billing

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has continued to pressure the New York State Public Service Commission to take immediate action in response to Fortis/Central Hudson's ongoing billing issues, filing a formal letter this week with the Commission. This letter follows up on a previous letter from Metzger in February that outlined continuing billing problems more than a year and a half after the implementation of the utility's new billing system and called for a prudence review and penalties imposed on the utility.

The letter sent earlier this week calls on the Commission to use its authority to require an expedited end to the practice of estimated billing and to conduct an independent assessment of individual customer accounts to identify any errors that have occurred since the roll-out of the new billing system. County Executive Metzger expressed dismay that Fortis/Central Hudson has stated that the utility cannot implement monthly actual meter readings for every customer until February 2026, subjecting customers to prolonged uncertainty with their bills.

"The reality is that, for good reason, our residents have little faith in the commitment of Fortis/Central Hudson to correct errors and accurately charge customers for their gas and electric usage," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "The Public Service Commission needs to use its authority to mandate an immediate end to estimated billing and to impose penalties for the company's significant and continued failures to serve their customers faithfully."

Metzger cites a recent independent audit of the utility's operations by Overland Consulting, noting that the audit "adds to the already abundant evidence of management failures in billing and customer service documented by the Department of Public Service in its December 2022 investigative report." The audit specifically calls out estimated billing as the single greatest contributor to the skyrocketing increase in customer complaints and recommends that the practice end.

Metzger reported that her office continues to receive reports from residents on a near-daily basis complaining of inaccurate billing and inadequate responses from the utility. In her letter, she cites an example of a resident receiving sky-high bills for service to unoccupied buildings, and others experiencing doubling and tripling of their budget payments and excessive balloon adjustments in the thousands of dollars.

Metzger concludes her letter by calling on the Commission to take immediate action to require monthly meter readings and to provide customers with an independent assessment of their bills under the new billing system to begin to address the well-identified problems and help regain customer confidence. She emphasizes that customers need and deserve a forensic audit of their bills to ensure that all billing errors since the September 2021 launch of the new billing system are detected and corrected.

"It is simply impossible for customers to independently verify the accuracy of current and past bills based on the scant and vague information they receive from the utility, and the lack of transparency and accountability has severely undermined customer confidence," wrote County Executive Metzger.

The full letter can be viewed on the DPS website, Matter Number: 22-00743 and Case Number: 22-M-0645. The direct link for the letter is:

<https://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/Common/ViewDoc.aspx?DocRefId={90160688-0000-C02B-8522-BF859CB2F2CC}>

## Ulster County Department of Mental Health to host Opioid Community Forum on May 23, 2023

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Department of Mental Health is pleased to announce that it will host an Opioid Community Forum on May 23, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. This event is the second forum of its kind, which aims to gather community feedback on what measures the County can take to address the opioid crisis in Ulster County. Interested community members can attend in person at Samadhi, located at 150 Sawkill Rd, Kingston, NY 12401, or via Zoom.

The opioid crisis is a national issue that has impacted communities across the country. The Ulster County Department of Mental Health recognizes the importance of gathering feedback from community members to help identify the most effective strategies for providing treatment and resources to those with Opioid Use Disorder and for preventing OUD in our community. This forum is an opportunity for members in the community to share their concerns, suggestions, and ideas with County officials, staff, and mental health and Opioid Use Disorder experts.

The insights gathered from these forums will be used to inform the work being done in Ulster County. Community members play a critical role in shaping the County's response to this crisis, and their feedback is highly valued.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to hear from community members about their experiences and concerns related to the opioid crisis," Ulster County Commissioner of Mental Health, Tara McDonald said. "We hope this forum will provide a safe and supportive space for community members to share their thoughts and ideas with us, so we can continue to work together to prevent and treat OUD in Ulster County."

"The opioid crisis continues to have a devastating impact on our community, and we must work together to prevent further harm," Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger said. "This Opioid Community Forum provides an opportunity for community members to share their experiences and insights, and their feedback will help us develop new strategies to combat this crisis and provide the support and resources necessary to those who need it most."

The Ulster County Department of Mental Health encourages all community members to attend the Opioid Community Forum on May 23, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. To register for the Zoom meeting, please visit: <https://qrco.de/bdszAp>.

## Senior Cinema Social at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre

Senior Cinema Social at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre is a monthly chance for any and all Seniors to watch a great movie together, followed by a coffee and cake social hour. It's a chance to get out, meet new people, experience movie magic, and have some fun!

Movies start at 2pm and the event is over by 5pm. Tickets are only \$5 each, and are fully inclusive of the coffee and cake!

Limited seating is available. If you are interested in attending any of the films, please call the HPAC Box Office to request tickets: 845-985-4722.

## Empowering a Healthier Generation

### Sullivan County Schools Compete for \$75,000 Award

What do Benjamin Cosor Elementary, Livingston Manor Elementary; Livingston Manor High School; Cooke Elementary, Sullivan West Elementary have in common? These Sullivan County schools are engaged in the first Empowering a Healthier Generation school competition. During the 2022/2023 school year they were each awarded Healthier Generation Competition Grants in the amount of \$5,000. They are now competing for Healthier Generation Awards in the amount of \$75,000 and \$50,000 that will be presented in the fall of 2023.

“The competition phase has enabled schools to elevate their health and wellness initiatives and gain greater school community support.” said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Director of Health & Wellness. “Healthier Generation Committees made up of diverse voices including staff, students, families, and administration, are working together to implement health initiatives that continue to grow a culture of wellness and empower the next generation.”

Empowering a Healthier Generation engages Sullivan County School Districts in promoting health and wellness among students, staff, parents, and their communities to create a grassroots movement that will change policy and environments; while demonstrating that individuals and families have an important role to play in building a culture of health for themselves and the next generation.

Learn more, cheer on these schools, get involved! To connect with an Empowering a Healthier Generation school advisor contact Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Sullivan 180 Director of Health and Wellness at 845-295-2685 or [Meaghan@Sullivan180.org](mailto:Meaghan@Sullivan180.org).

## SUPPORT SULLIVAN 180 DURING HUDSON VALLEY GIVES

Support the Sullivan 180 Turtle Award Fund during Hudson Valley Gives this month and on May 17. Turtle Awards of \$500 are given annually to organizations and individuals who are leading the way in building a healthy Sullivan County.

The 2023 Turtle Awards will be presented in September as part of the school based Empowering a Healthier Generation Program and the community based Healthiest Fire Department Challenge.

Turtle Awards are reinvested at schools for resources to empower students to lead healthy lifestyles; and emergency responders to be in the best physical condition. To support the Turtle Award Fund click on the photo below. For more information contact Shanna Nigro-Gonzalez, Sullivan 180



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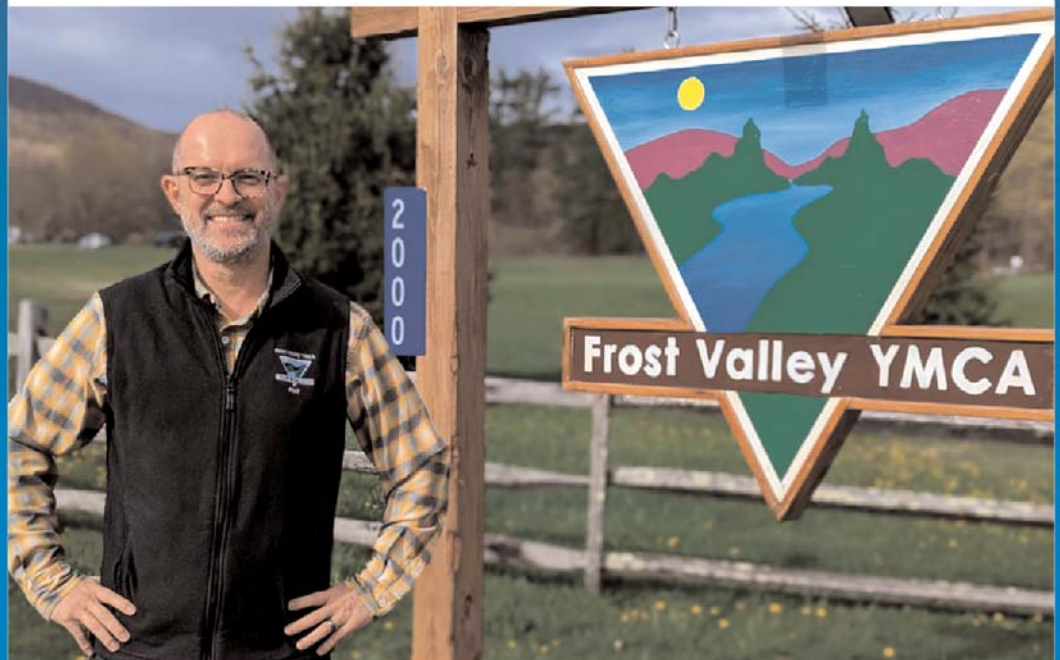
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SUNDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:30 A.M.

Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville

Refreshments will be served



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## Monticello Kiwanis Supports Children's Programs

For the first time since the coronavirus pandemic changed our life style, the Kiwanis Club of Monticello held an in person - as well via zoom - meeting on Monday, May 8th at Albella's Restaurant in Monticello. Members and guests enjoyed the camaraderie at the live and remotely attended meeting. The food was delicious and the guests speakers were very interesting and informative.



*Foster Care Supervisor Diana Herrera & Sr. Acct. Clerk/Database Marlene Muthig via zoom and Kiwanis Pres. Marvin Rappaport*

Sullivan County Health & Human Services Case Supervisor Diana Herrera and Sr. Account Clerk/Data base Clerk Marlene Muthig reported on the recent influx of children coming in to the foster care program and thanked the Monticello Kiwanians for their continual support and contributions through their Sweet Dreams Project. The program provides children who are removed from their homes and transitioned into new surroundings with duffel bags filled with comforting items such as a blanket, pillow, stuffed animal, socks, personal toiletries, toothbrush, hats, depending on the needs and age of each child. The club recently donated eight more duffel bags and \$500 in Gift Cards to be used to supplement inventory of needed items. Kiwanis Club President Marvin Rappaport stated that they are so happy to do something to ease the anxiety and reduce the trauma of the children.

Additional guest speakers were Sullivan County Poet Laureate Dr. Sharon Kennedy-Nolle and Liberty High School Sophomore/Youth Poetry Ambassador Mykenzi Williams. They spoke about the recent Youth Poetry Festival held at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and how it encourages awareness and appreciation of poetry among the students in our County.

All the speakers were appropriately focused on the Kiwanis Mission, which is helping the world, one community and one child at a time.

The Kiwanis Club of Monticello will continue to meet in person and via zoom on the 1st Monday of the Month at Albella's Restaurant at 6:30 PM. For further information visit Monticello, NY Kiwanis Club Facebook or call Marvin Rappaport at 845-701-1655.



*Club Pres. Marvin Rappaport, Youth Poetry Ambassador Mykenzi Williams, Poet Laureate Dr. Sharon Kennedy-Nolle and Club VP Karen Ellsweig.*

# Fraud Task Force Announces Arrests

Liberty, NY - The Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force has made the following arrests:

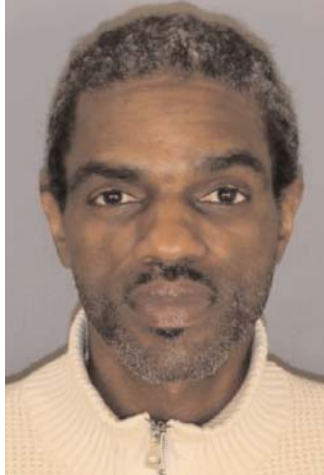
o April 19, 2023 - Jasmine Lambrecht, 27, of Liberty, was arrested and charged with Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, a Class E felony, and Welfare



Fraud in the 4th Degree, a Class E felony. It is alleged that Lambrecht failed to provide truthful and accurate information about income on a periodic update report filed on January 20, 2022 with the Sullivan County Department of Social Services. The unreported income and the false document filed resulted in an over-

payment in SNAP benefits in the amount of \$1,106. Lambrecht was processed and released on an appearance ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

o April 21, 2023 - Randalpho Simms, 47, and Trudy Mack-Simms, 41, of Eldred, were arrested and charged with acting in concert together to commit Welfare Fraud in the 3rd Degree, a Class D felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, a Class E felony. It is alleged that Mack-Simms and Simms filed a false Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) application on



August 25, 2021 and a false periodic update report on September 8, 2021. It is also alleged that during this time Mack-Simms failed to disclose income from employment in Ulster County. The fraudulent documents and the unreported income resulted in Mack-Simms and Simms receiving an overpayment of SNAP benefits in the amount of \$4,285. Both parties were processed and arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court and



released on their own recognizance, to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

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o May 6, 2023 - Ronika Alston, 28, of Monticello, was arrested and charged with Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, a Class E felony. It is alleged that Alston stole \$2,492 in SNAP benefits from the Sullivan County Department of Social Services by failing to disclose that she was employed from September 16, 2022 through February 28, 2023. Alston was processed and released on an appearance ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.



o May 9, 2023 - Elizabeth Newell, 25, of Loch Sheldrake, was arrested and charged with Welfare Fraud in the 4th Degree, Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st



Degree and Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, all Class E felonies. It is alleged that between January 3, 2020 and October 31, 2020, Newell was in receipt of SNAP Benefits while failing to disclose household income from other family members. This unreported income resulted in an overpayment in the amount of \$1,877. Newell was processed and released on an appearance ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

2023

# PK-12 Tri-Valley Fine & Industrial Arts Show



**MAY  
16**

- Drawing & Painting
- Digital Art
- Photography
- Ceramics
- Printmaking
- Crafts
- Theatrical Stills
- Furniture
- Woodworking
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- Floral Design
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## 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 com-

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bined 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 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. (Contd. Pg. 32)

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

(From Pg. 31)

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 [Pattern-For-Progress.org](http://Pattern-For-Progress.org). Follow on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn @PatternForProgress and on Twitter @HVPattern.

A video can be downloaded at the link below

[GMT20230511-132856\\_Recording\\_1920x1040.mp4](#)

## Reading, PA Man charged by the SC Sheriff's Office with the multiple felonies



A Reading, Pennsylvania man is under arrest after he met a 12 year old girl on the internet and lured her from her home in the Town of Thompson. Keven Corona, age 19, was arrested by Sheriff's Deputies on Saturday May 13, 2023 after the victim's parents reported that their daughter had been briefly missing from their residence overnight but returned the next morning after meeting a stranger.

Deputies were able to track down the suspect who is from the state of Wisconsin, but is currently residing in Pennsylvania.

After conducting an investigation, Keven Corona was charged by the Sheriff's Office with the felonies of Criminal Sex Act 1st Degree, Aggravated Sex Abuse 4th Degree and the Misdemeanors of Forcible Touching as well as Endangering the Welfare of a Minor.

The Defendant was arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court before Judge Troy Johnstone and sent to the Sullivan County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail pending a future court appearance.

Sheriff Mike Schiff urged parent to stay vigilant and monitor who their children are communicating with on the internet.

## Kingfisher Project & Narcan Training

Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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# Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Program Temporarily Waives Civil Service Exam Requirement for Select Titles

New HELP Jobs Portal Available for Candidates to View Job Postings and Upload Resumes  
<https://www.cs.ny.gov/help/index.cfm>

HELP Virtual Career Fair Will be Held on May 11 to Highlight Available Jobs Across More Than Ten New York State Agencies - Register to Attend Here

<https://nysdolvirtual11.easyvirtualfair.com/index.html>

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced thousands of state jobs are open and available for immediate hiring in the health and human services fields across ten state agencies as part of the Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Program in an effort to address the statewide workforce shortage in critical health and safety titles across state government. A new webpage and portal are available that list the HELP job openings and allows candidates to upload an application and resume for positions they are interested in at the following address: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/help/>.

"From the medical personnel staffing our hospitals to the social workers connecting families to vital services, the brave New Yorkers who support the health and human services sector are our state's everyday heroes," Governor Hochul said. "In light of a recent worker shortage, New York State is taking temporary measures to help agencies fill critical roles in health and human services and promote the safety and well-being of all New Yorkers. There are thousands of opportunities available, and I urge anyone considering a career in public service to visit the HELP Portal and attend our virtual career fair to learn more about this important work."

Department of Civil Service Commissioner and Civil Service Commission President Timothy R. Hogue said, "The Department of Civil Service is working proactively to help recruit the next generation of the New York State workforce. The HELP program is just one step we are taking to help our partner state agencies attract and retain a diverse and talented workforce that can serve all New Yorkers well into the future. I encourage all individuals to visit the webpage and apply for all positions that you are interested in to begin a rewarding career that offers many benefits with New York State."

New York State Office for Children and Family Services Acting Commissioner Suzanne Miles Gustave said, "With New York State facing a human services workforce shortage of historic proportions, Governor Hochul and our partners at the Department of Civil Service have recognized the need to address this crisis and the HELP program will assist in bringing a diverse pool of qualified, passionate professionals into the field. I am excited to see how the new additions to our service efforts provide critical support to our vulnerable children, families and communities at a time when it's needed the most."

The HELP Program temporarily removes the civil service exam requirement for more than 100 direct care, health and human services titles across State agencies for a 12-month period. To be eligible for jobs in the HELP program, candidates must meet the jobs' minimum qualifications and any other conditions of employment. Candidates should visit the HELP Jobs Portal and use the candidate portal to apply for jobs in the HELP program. Candidates from diverse backgrounds and traditionally-marginalized communities are encouraged to apply.

To highlight the many career opportunities currently available as part of the HELP program, all jobseekers are invited to attend

the New York State HELP Virtual Career Fair being held on Thursday, May 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The job fair will feature a variety of State agencies with a special focus on the many positions immediately available and filled by the HELP program. The career fair will also include an informational session on the HELP program to help jobseekers begin their New York State careers. To register and learn more, click here.

As part of the HELP program, New York State has launched a statewide social media campaign, which includes videos and web content to help attract candidates to apply for these critical positions. Campaign content and additional information and resources to help candidates understand the program is available at [www.cs.ny.gov/help](http://www.cs.ny.gov/help).

The HELP Program was developed to help address the statewide workforce shortage in critical health and safety titles across state government. Titles appropriate for hiring under the HELP Program are limited to positions that provide critical services to meet the basic health, safety, and daily needs of New Yorkers. Examples of some of the most populous titles included in the program are Direct Support Assistant, Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Nurse (Teaching and Research), Licensed Master Social Worker, Mental Health Therapy Aide and Psychologist.

To learn more about working for the State of New York and how to take the next step in pursuing a rewarding career in public service, please visit the Department of Civil Service website and follow the Department on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

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



### All Vendors are wanted!

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

**When:** Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Rain or Shine**

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

**Time:** 10 AM – 3 PM

**Setup start time:** 8 AM

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

#### Regulations for Sellers:

- Open to all sellers, artisans, antique dealers, and crafts on a first come first serve basis.
- Food will be available for sale throughout the day
- **FEE** \$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](mailto:claryvillefd@gmail.com).

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



## CLARYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 65

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

### Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

**Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Rain or Shine**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cost: \$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 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your spot!**

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

Make checks payable to Claryville Volunteer Fire Department

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello

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## Tri-Valley Elementary School Kindergarten Registration

**Do you have a child that will be 5 years old by  
December 1, 2023?**

If so, please call 845-985-2296 ext. 5405 or send an email to:  
[registration@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:registration@trivalleycsd.org) if you are interested in registering your child  
for Kindergarten in the upcoming school year!

(If your child attended the Tri-Valley UPK program in the 2022-2023 school year they do  
not need to register for Kindergarten)



## UPK Registration

**Do you have a child that will be 4 years old by  
December 1, 2023?**

If so, please call 845-985-2296 ext. 5405 or send an email to:  
[registration@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:registration@trivalleycsd.org) if you are interested in registering your child  
for UPK in the upcoming school year!

When you call or email please leave your name, your child's name  
and phone number where you can be reached.

# APPLE PIE BAKERS WANTED!

## Bake an apple pie for the Fallsburg Fall Festival Apple Pie Baking Contest

Open to all Sullivan County, New York Residents! Sponsored by the Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc.

Entries will be judged in two divisions:  
Junior: Age 7 - 16  
Adult: Age 17 and Older

\*Amateur bakers only. No professional bakers may enter this competition. (A professional baker is defined as someone who works for a bakery, works for or owns a catering company, or sells pies).

Contest will take place at the Fallsburg Fall Festival on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Morningside Park in Hurleyville, NY. Pies are to be delivered to the judging area between the hours of 11:15 a.m. and Noon on said date.

For official rules and an entry form please email Diane at dsenn10151@aol.com or call 845-866-3204.

For more info on the Fallsburg Fall Festival please check out our Facebook page at WoodridgeNYKiwanisClub.

**TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023**  
**Liberty, NY**

# BE PART OF THE FUN!

Register To Be A Vendor At This Year's July 4th Celebration!

**LIBERTY RISING**, a newly formed volunteer community organization and the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to bring entertainment **BACK** to Main Street, Liberty with a July 4th Celebration in the tradition of previously held festivals.

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## PIANO PLUS! CONCERT SERIES

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

April 22 Pelin String Quartet with Hiroko Sakurazawa, piano

May 13 John Halle, piano



Suggested donation:  
\$15 at the door  
\$12 before day of concert

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## FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

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- 3rd Prize: Char-Griller Portable Grill

DRAWING DATE: JUNE 15, 2023

DONATION: \$10.00 Each

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Contact: Eric Akerley 845-707-1483

**Bingo at the Monticello Elks Lodge**  
Every Tuesday at 7 PM  
46 North Street in Monticello  
For information,

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

## 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.

## Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack Announces Opening of 2023 Matthewis Persen House Museum Season with 1st Ulster Militia

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is thrilled to announce the opening of the Matthewis Persen House Museum & Cultural Heritage Center's 2023 season on Saturday, May 27th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Persen House, located at 74 John St, Kingston, NY 12401, at the corner of Crown and John Streets in uptown Kingston's Stockade National Historic District, will be open to the public every Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:00



a.m. to 4:00 p.m., through Labor Day weekend. Afterward, the Persen House will open on Saturdays only from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. until closing for the season on October 29.

Join the 1st Ulster Militia on opening day, as they recreate an 18th-century colonial encampment at the Persen House, complete with demonstrations of fire-starting, knitting, sewing, open fire cooking, and more! The original 1st Regiment, Ulster County Militia was composed of citizen soldiers from the area now within the boundaries of Kingston, Saugerties, and Woodstock. Members of the militia promote the education of the public on military and social life during the colonial and



Revolutionary War eras through demonstrations of everyday crafts and skills and the typical life of the militiaman.

"The 1st Ulster Militia has become an integral part of the Persen House experience. They are living historians who engage visitors and give them an interactive experience with history," stated County Clerk Nina Postupack. "We are so fortunate to have a wide variety of Ulster County historical and cultural groups guest hosting at the Persen House this year. This season's schedule is packed with family-friendly events, including re-enactments, music, colonial games, and more. We are also excited to have a lineup of fantastic lectures and special exhibits throughout the season, including the season-long Africans in America and Antiquity exhibit by TransArt."

In addition to the exciting events and exhibits, visitors to the Persen House Museum can explore the history and culture of the Hudson Valley region, learn about the important role the occupants of the

house played in early Kingston, and enjoy a variety of interactive exhibits and activities.

We encourage everyone to visit the Persen House Museum this season and experience the rich history and culture of the Hudson Valley for themselves. For further information about the Matthewis Persen House Museum and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or [county-clerk@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:county-clerk@co.ulster.ny.us). You can also visit us on Facebook for updates and announcements.



## DEC Announces 'Regenerate NY' Forestry Cost Share Grants \$850,000 in Grants Now Available for Eligible Private Forest Landowners

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that \$850,000 in funding is now available in the third round of the State's 'Regenerate NY' Forestry Cost Share Grant Program. The grant program is designed to assist private landowners in growing the next generation of forests, which are crucial for mitigating climate change, providing wildlife habitat, protecting air and water quality, and supplying an important renewable resource.

"New York's forests are under continued pressure from development, competition from invasive species, an overabundance of white-tailed deer, and the effects of climate change," said Commissioner Seggos. "Investing in the establishment and resiliency of our forests is a critical component for ensuring the continued ecosystem services that trees provide. I encourage all interested landowners to take advantage of this funding."

"Efforts to support and grow private natural and working forest lands are a key climate resilience strategy," said New York State Forester Fiona Watt. "Regenerate NY gives a vital boost to expand and restore private forests by promoting forest regeneration and ecosystem health in the face of challenges from invasive species, soil disturbance and climate change."

Regenerate NY is funded by New York State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) and managed by DEC's Division of Lands and Forests. Private landowners planning to restore or establish five or more acres of forest land in New York State, may apply for grant awards ranging from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$100,000, with a required 25 percent match. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, planting trees, soil scarification, removing competing vegetation that would interfere with seedling establishment and growth, and installation of deer fence. Applicants must work with a forester or a qualified natural resource professional to develop their project. Up to two applications may be submitted per applicant, provided the applications are for separate properties.

In December 2022, Governor Hochul signed legislation setting the goal to support and contribute to national efforts to conserve at least 30 percent of U.S. land and water by 2030. This law promotes biodiversity and preserves New York's wildlife, forests, and clean water sources, which are all essential to New York's health and economy. In the 2023-34 State Budget, Governor Hochul maintained EPF funding

at \$400 million, the highest level of funding in the program's history. The EPF provides funding for critical environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, enhanced recreational access, water quality improvement, and an aggressive environmental justice agenda.

"The New York Forest Owner's Association applauds the Regenerate NY Forestry Cost Share Grant Program," said the organization's President, Stacey Kazacos. "Funding stewardship and regeneration efforts will help ensure our forests continue to support New York's rural economy, protect our water and air quality, and sequester carbon, for generations to come. We look forward to the long-term improvements this initiative will contribute to our communities throughout the state."

"Investing in our forests is one of the most cost-effective natural solutions to climate change," said John Bartow, Executive Director of the Empire State Forest Products Association. "Regenerate NY is funding efforts that will help ensure our forests continue to support New York's rural economy, protect our water and air quality, and provide carbon stewardship, for generations to come."

Applications can be submitted through the NYS Grants Gateway and will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Oct. 6, 2023, or until funds are depleted, whichever comes first. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis. Applicants need to establish an account in the Grants Gateway System. Once registered, applicants can search the Grants Gateway for "Regenerate NY." DEC is holding a webinar for interested applicants on Wednesday, May 24, at 10 a.m. For instructions on how to access the webinar via phone or computer, or for details about the grant opportunity including application criteria, visit DEC's website.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)

<sup>4</sup> [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)





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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](mailto: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.





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**CATSKILLS REVIBE**

MURAL, ARTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL

Catskills REVIBE is Monticello's first ever mural, arts and culture festival debuting August 13th. With goals of revitalization, supporting local arts and culture and aiding in developing creative spaces for our youth to express themselves.

## 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.**

## Mountindale Fire Company

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## MURAL FESTIVAL/BAGEL FESTIVAL APPLICATION

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Artist Name (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram/Website \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Statement/Style Description \_\_\_\_\_

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**YOU CAN ALSO APPLY ONLINE AT: [THEBAGELFESTIVAL.ORG](https://THEBAGELFESTIVAL.ORG)**

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

[www.catskills.com](http://www.catskills.com)  
[office@catskills.com](mailto:office@catskills.com)  
845-791-4200

**WANT TO BE A VENDOR AT THIS YEARS BAGEL FESTIVAL?**  
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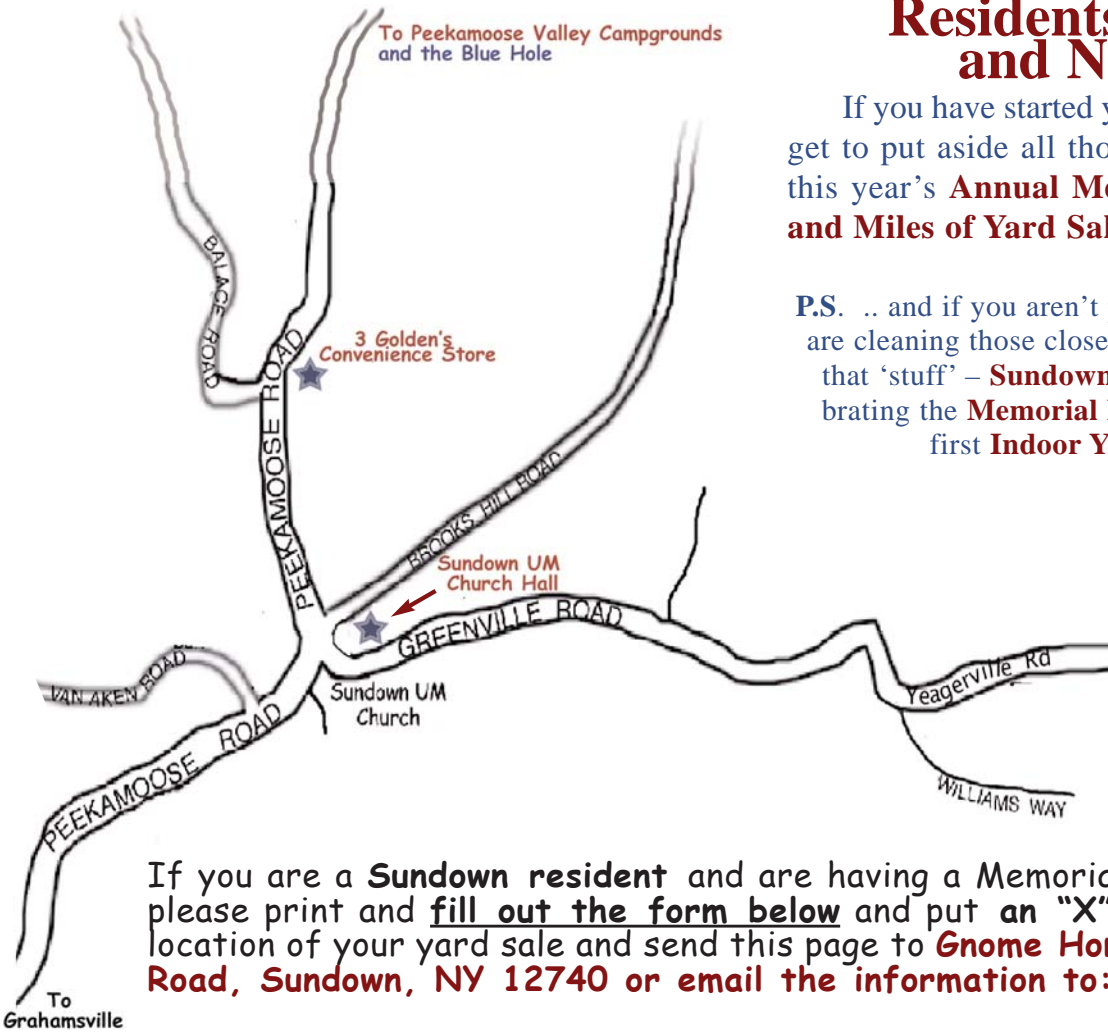
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# Residents of Sundown and Neighbors –

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](mailto: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](mailto: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



9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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 —

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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
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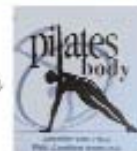
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Reserve tables of 8 or 10 per request

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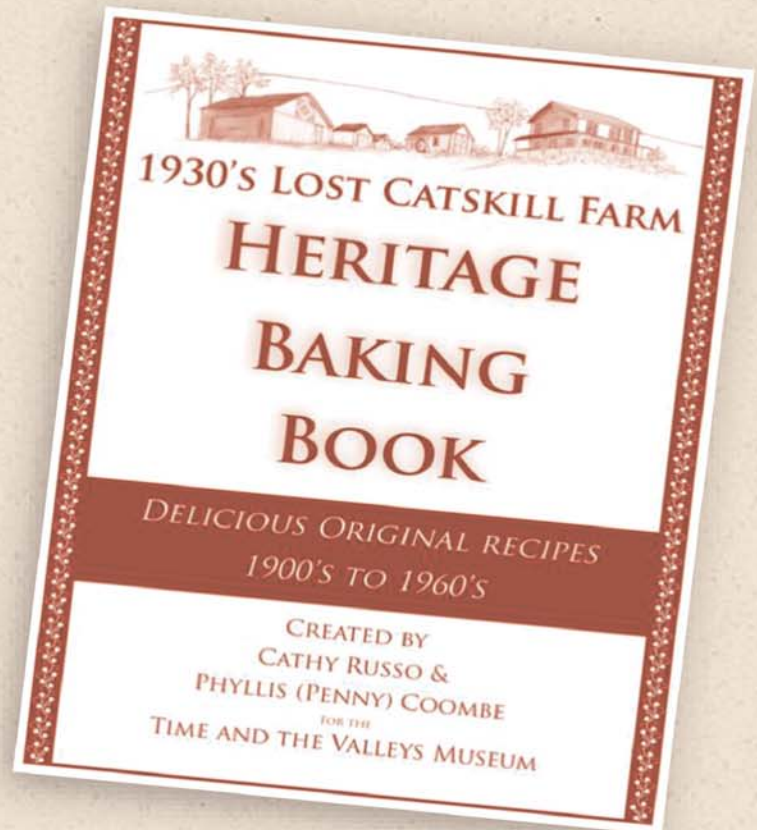
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Please make check payable to: **Time and the Valleys Museum**, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, New York 12740

# 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  
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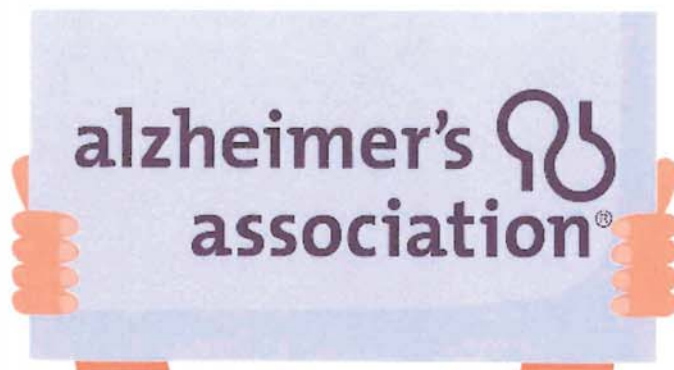
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# LIFE AFTER LOSS

## 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

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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

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

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- *Around the Reservoirs* Newsletter
- Monthly historical and informative emails
- 10% discount in the Museum Shop



## Join now & get 10% off!

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

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

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Thank you for supporting local history and the Museum.



## BONUS - Free Art Catalogue!

VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP






**JOIN US!**

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


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

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

VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# PARENT SUPPORT GROUP







**JOIN US!**

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

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

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*Please join us in:*  
**NYS Rural Issues Forum Series**  
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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


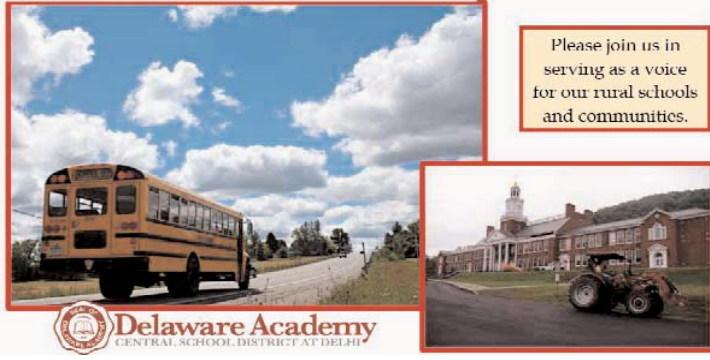
**When:**  
Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:00pm

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

**Registration:**  
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**2023 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

**PAID WORK EXPERIENCE FOR AGES 14-20!**

July 10th - August 18th  
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50 North St. Monticello NY 12701





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

### **Representatives Pat Ryan and Mike Lawler Call on Federal Government to Declare A State of Emergency for New York in Response to Migrant Crisis**

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Representatives Pat Ryan and Mike Lawler are calling on the federal government to declare a state of emergency for New York in response to the migrant crisis.

“The current migrant situation in New York is untenable. From New York City, where they have more than 60,000 asylum seekers, to the Hudson Valley communities who were given no notice and no assistance to house asylum seekers, to the migrants themselves, simply here in search of a better life, this process has been a mess. The federal government must step in and declare a state of emergency for New York,” said Congressman Ryan. “This declaration would allow the federal government to identify, mobilize and provide the resources necessary to alleviate the impacts of the migrant surge in New York. We will continue to work in close contact with our partners in local and state government to address the situation.”

“With Title 42 having expired, we are seeing a surge of migrants approaching the border that will add to a crisis that has seen New York City take in over 60,000 migrants so far. Now, Mayor Eric Adams has chosen to begin bussing additional arrivals into the Hudson Valley. This is a completely untenable situation and demands immediate federal action,” said Congressman Lawler. “The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must step in and declare a federal state of emergency to provide resources aimed at alleviating the impact of this expected surge in the coming days, weeks, and months.”

“I have been calling for additional support for months to prevent us from arriving at this juncture, but my requests were ignored by the Biden administration and FEMA. Now, it is imperative they act,” concluded Congressman Lawler.

The New York State of Emergency would authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to coordinate efforts and would allow the federal government to identify, mobilize and provide the resources necessary to alleviate the impacts of the migrant surge in New York.

### **Congressman Pat Ryan Demands Increased Funding to Combat Fentanyl Trafficking Ryan Proposes Amendment to Border Bill to Add \$800M to Stop Flow of Fentanyl at Southern Border**

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Congressman Pat Ryan demanded increased funding for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to combat fentanyl trafficking at the Southern Border. Ryan proposed an amendment to the pending immigration bill to add \$800M to stop the flow of fentanyl into our communities. This includes funding for additional illicit-drug inspection equipment, additional intelligence analysts and canine units to increase the percentage of incoming passenger vehicles searched at the border, new operating labs at ports of entry to accelerate the identi-

fication of narcotics seized, and expanding a program to seize currency, weapons and contraband that is flowing to transnational criminal organizations in Mexico.

“As Ulster County Executive, I declared a public health emergency in response to the fentanyl epidemic in our region and helped lead the largest illicit drug seizure in County history. Now we need to take federal action - fentanyl is taking too many lives and destroying too many families in the Hudson Valley,” said Representative Pat Ryan. “It is absolutely unacceptable that the pending border legislation doesn't even include the word 'fentanyl' one single time. I hope the leaders of both parties will recognize the crisis we are facing and add this crucial amendment to H.R.2.”

In combat, Congressman Ryan learned firsthand what it takes to effectively secure a border; and in Congress he is drawing on that experience to keep our borders safe and secure. Last Congress he led the “Securing America's Borders Against Fentanyl Act,” landmark bipartisan legislation that requires the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to focus on developing new technological solutions to target and detect illicit fentanyl at U.S. borders and ports of entry. This bill was signed into law as part of the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY2023) National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

### **Ahead of Rally to “Save the River,” Congressman Pat Ryan Convenes First Environmental Roundtable to Discuss Climate Action Priorities for Hudson Valley**

NEWBURGH, NY- Yesterday, joined by leaders of environmental groups from across the region, Congressman Pat Ryan convened his first environmental roundtable to discuss his climate action priorities for the Hudson Valley. Tomorrow, Ryan will speak at the “Save the River” rally to oppose Holtec's plan to discharge 1 million gallons of radioactive water into the Hudson River.

“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,” said Representative Ryan. “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.”

“Combating the climate crisis is a team effort that requires the entire community coming to the table. That's what makes discussions like the one we had today so valuable.” said Andy Bicking, Director of Government Relations and Public Policy at Scenic Hudson. “I've worked with Congressman Ryan for years, and I know firsthand that he is a tireless advocate for the environment. He understands the work required to safeguard the Hudson Valley's irreplaceable landscapes in a time of unprecedented challenges. I look forward to continuing to fight alongside him as we protect the environment and this region we are all proud to call home.” (Contd. Pg. 54)

# Wrapping up Another Week in Washington – Congressman Pat Ryan

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(From Pg. 53) Congressman Pat Ryan is a longtime champion of the environment. Since entering Congress, Ryan:

- o Alongside Congressman Molinaro, called for the full removal of PCBs from the Hudson in an op-ed in “The Hill”
- o Sent a letter to Holetc alongside other Hudson Valley Members of Congress expressing alarm over the environmental and health risks associated with dumping 45,000 gallons of radioactive wastewater from the Indian Point Energy Center
- o Introduced the Climate Emergency Resolution, asking the Biden Administration declare the climate a national emergency which would unlock emergency powers to address climate change
- o Requested increased funding for the National Parks System and the National Heritage Site System which help to support the conservation efforts in twenty two national parks in New York State and the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area
- o Requested increase funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund which is a federal-state partnership that assists communities for provide for a wide range of water quality projects
- o Signed onto legislation to reauthorization and create programs like the Delaware River Basin Conservation Reauthorization Act and the New York-New Jersey Watershed Restoration Program

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## Inspired by the Inuit, SC Museum to Host Drum Circle

Hurleyville, NY - When Sullivan County native Dr. Frederick Cook first stepped off a ship in Greenland, he was greeted by Inuit natives who invited him to an evening ceremony of drum dancing, an Inuit form of art for at least 4,500 years.



*Inuit Shaman, photo by Frederick Cook*

Such a ceremony had a multi-faceted purpose as entertainment and to solve interpersonal conflicts. The drum, consisting of bones or wood and varying in size, was also the indispensable tool of the angakoq - the Inuit shaman.



*Inuit Drum*

Inspired by that century-old gathering, the Frederick Cook Society will host a drum circle at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville on Sunday, May 21 from 2-4 p.m. Congas, bongos, djembes and all types of percussive

instruments are welcome! A small collection of drums will be on hand for those who do not have their own. (Please call to reserve an instrument.)

The circle will be led by local drummer Larry Steiger, who began playing drums at the age of 13 in a rock band at the Concord Hotel.

Refreshments will be served and donations welcomed. For more information, call 845-434-8044.

## SC Museum to Host Major Symposium on Exploration

Hurleyville, NY - In 1993, the Ohio State University (OSU) Byrd Polar Center, in partnership with the Hurleyville-based Frederick Cook Society, hosted a two-day symposium at the OSU campus, with lectures by some of the world's foremost Arctic scholars and historians. "Cook Reconsidered - Discovering the Man and His Explorations" presented 10 professional papers on the life and work of Hortonville native Frederick Albert Cook (1865-1940), which remains available online: <https://kb.osu.edu/handle/1811/44488>



On the 30th anniversary of the symposium, the Frederick Cook Society will host its own version, titled "FA Cook, Reimagined." Three speakers will present: author Darrell Hartman, curator Laura Kissel from the Byrd Polar Center at the Ohio State University, and Carol Smith, Executive Director of the Cook Society.

Distinguishing the Hurleyville symposium will be an exhibition of over 60 photographs taken by Dr. Cook between 1891 and 1909, during his expeditions to Greenland, Antarctica, Alaska, and the North Pole. The photographs, which have been mounted alongside quotes and excerpts from Cook's own extensive collection of writings, present an authentic and comprehensive portrait of the man.

Dr. Cook wrote several important books about his expeditions and many articles on a vast array of topics, from Inuit health, to world hunger and climate change. A quiet, reflective man, Cook's literary works were not just about his life, but about life itself.

"Frederick Cook's papers and archives held at the Ohio State University Byrd Polar Center tell one part of the story," noted Smith. "Darrell Hartman's extensively researched book tells another part. The photographs, exhibited together with excerpts from Cook's writings, we hope will offer a new perspective. Frederick Cook was a visionary artist, whose mythical accomplishments distinguish him as one of the most unique figures in the history of exploration."

The symposium will take place from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville.

The project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support from the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

### About Darrell Hartman

Darrell Hartman was born in Brunswick, Maine, has lived in Brooklyn for many years, and recently purchased a home in Livingston Manor in Sullivan County. He has written for The Wall Street Journal, The Financial Times, The Paris Review, Travel + Leisure, Condé Nast Traveler, and Granta. He holds a B.A. in literature from Yale University and is a member of The Explorers Club in New York. "Battle of Ink and Ice" is his debut book, and it was recently given a highly prestigious starred review by Kirkus. (Contd. Pg 56)



## SC Museum to Host Major Symposium on Exploration

(From Pg. 55) Douglas Preston, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller "The Lost City of the Monkey God," provided this review of Hartman's book: "'The Battle of Ink and Ice' tells the absolutely gripping story of the greatest disputation in the history of exploration: the battle between Cook and Peary over the discovery of the North Pole. But what takes this story to another level is the role that two big newspapers played in the controversy, taking opposite sides. The book paints unforgettable portraits of the outrageous, incendiary and drunken James Gordon Bennett Jr., publisher of the New York Herald, versus the upstanding and capable Adolph Ochs, founder of the modern New York Times. Beautifully written and researched, this book is a perfectly splendid read. I highly, highly recommend it."

### About Laura Kissel

Laura Kissel is the Polar Curator for the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center Archival Program (Polar Archives), a position that she has held since 1996. Laura's primary responsibilities involve assisting students, scholars and other researchers in using the many collections held by the Polar Archives that document the history of polar exploration. Laura holds a bachelor's Degree from The Ohio State University, and a Master's in Library and Information Science from Kent State University. Her talk will focus on the Frederick Cook Society Archive collection, which was donated to the Byrd Polar Research Center in 1996 by the Cook Society.

### About Carol Smith

Carol Smith holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from Florida State University, and has worked in non-profit arts and education organizations for over 20 years. Her talk will focus on the role of photography in Dr. Cook's career.

For more information, visit [www.frederickcookpolar.org](http://www.frederickcookpolar.org) or call 845-434-8044. The Society also maintains a Facebook page.

## Environmental Conservation Police Officers on Patrol

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Division of Law Enforcement enforces the 71 chapters of New York State's Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York. In 1880, the first eight Game Protectors proudly began serving to protect the natural resources and people of New York State. In 2022, Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) and Investigators across the state responded to more than 25,600 calls and worked on cases that resulted in nearly 13,800 tickets or arrests for violations ranging from deer poaching to solid waste dumping, illegal mining, the black market pet trade, and excessive emissions violations.

"DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers and Investigators work hard each day to serve their communities, protect our precious natural resources, and safeguard public health, while ensuring those who break the state's stringent Environmental Conservation Laws are held accountable," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "In partnership with local, state, and federal law enforcement, DEC looks forward to continuing to support the work our ECOs perform in every corner of New York."

### ECOs Deliver Zoo Donations - Dutchess County

On March 20, ECOs Tompkins and Wamsley donated several fish to the Trevor Zoo in Millbrook. The fish were all seized during recent striped bass enforcement details along the Hudson River. ECOs have been donating fish to the Trevor Zoo for years to feed an assortment of animals ranging from owls and hawks to wolves and otters. This time, the Officers had the chance to assist with the feeding, which is a rare occurrence. The donations are happily accepted by zoo employees, helping lower the cost of feeding the animals and preventing the waste of seized fish.



*ECOs Tompkins and Wamsley feeding striped bass to critically endangered red wolves*



*ECOs Wamsley and Tompkins feed a turtle at the Trevor Zoo in Dutchess County*





## THE MOLINARO MEMO

Welcome to the Molinaro Memo: catching you up on my latest moves and work for Upstate New York!

### Fighting NYC's Plan to Move Migrants Upstate

NYC Mayor Eric Adams has started relocating migrants to hotels in Upstate New York and Governor Kathy Hochul is assisting. Moving migrants to Upstate New York without proper notice, resources, or approval from local communities is inhumane, illegal, and will put tremendous strain on local services. In response, I joined a bipartisan push to get a federal State of Emergency declared in New York.

### Passed Bill to Combat Opioid Epidemic in Upstate NY

Deadly drugs like fentanyl have poured across our borders and into Upstate New York. I voted to stop deadly drugs from making it to our community by implementing commonsense & compassionate border security policies. To save lives, we need to put the partisan rhetoric aside and deliver a bipartisan solution.

### Cleaning Up the Hudson River

I'm supporting the NY-NJ Watershed Restoration program. This bipartisan bill will deliver \$20 million annually to restore the Hudson River and waterways throughout the NY-NJ Watershed. We have made great progress in restoring the Hudson. Let's finish the job.

### Strengthened Social Security

I'm supporting bipartisan legislation to strengthen Social Security. This bill will fix flawed 1980s-era laws that can result in massive cuts or total elimination of a retiree's Social Security benefits. Retirees and soon-to-be retirees paid into Social Security their entire lives. I will always fight to protect this program.

### Update on the Debt Ceiling & Federal Spending

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, last week, President Biden left negotiators in Washington to travel to New York City for political fundraisers and then to the Hudson Valley for a speech. Campaigning can wait. We have to find common ground to avoid a default.

### Vestal High School Student Wins 2023 Congressional Art Competition

Congratulations to Sophia Chiu of Vestal High School for winning the 2023 Congressional Art Competition for New York's 19th Congressional District with her outstanding piece, 'Sunlit



Peace.' Her artwork will hang in the U.S. Capitol for a year, representing Upstate NY's talent and creativity. Well done, Sophia!

### Helping Volunteer Firefighters



On International Firefighters' Day I showed my appreciation for the heroes in our community by introducing a bipartisan bill to give volunteer firefighters & first responders a tax deduction that will honor their service and provide needed support.

### Pro-American Workforce & Aviation Safety Bill Advanced

My bipartisan bill, the Global Aircraft Maintenance Safety Improvement Act, was introduced in the Senate - it has momentum!

This is a pro-American worker bill that will hold foreign aircraft maintenance facilities to the same standards that we have in the US and remove the incentive to offshore jobs.

### Backing the Dairy Industry

After hearing from local dairy farmers, I joined bipartisan efforts to support the dairy industry in Upstate NY. I'm backing the DAIRY PRIDE Act & joining an effort to stop USDA from reducing milk access through WIC. Let's help our farmers thrive!

Dairy

### 2024 Public Safety Priorities Announced

In the 2024 appropriations bill, I'm pushing for federal funding for police departments, fire & EMS agencies, and mental health & addiction treatment programs. These investments will improve public safety and support those in need. Formed Congressional Advisory Committees

I created Congressional Advisory Committees on veterans, individuals with disabilities, and agriculture. Alongside local experts, advocates, community members, and industry leaders we will work to support those who served our nation, break down barriers for individuals with disabilities, and help farmers thrive.

Sincerely,

Marc Molinaro (NY-19)



### Passed Bipartisan Legislation Targeting Fraud

<https://tenney.house.gov/media/press-releases/congress-woman-tenney-votes-legislation-targeting-unemployment-fraud>

### Rep Tenney speaks on House Floor in Support of HR 1163

Did you know that the total cost of improper unemployment insurance payments across our country throughout the pandemic reached at least \$191 billion, with some experts estimating it as high as \$400 billion? New York alone has accounted for at least \$11 billion in fraudulent charges.

To target these fraudulent payments and restore integrity and accountability to the process, I cosponsored the Protecting Taxpayers and Victims of Unemployment Fraud Act on the Ways and Means Committee. This bill passed this week on the House Floor with bipartisan support. It moves us one important step closer to recovering lost taxpayer dollars, holding fraudsters accountable, and putting in place a system to protect against future fraud.

Watch my full remarks on the House floor in support of the bill [here.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b683SFV7sS4&feature=youtu.be)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b683SFV7sS4&feature=youtu.be>

READ MORE: Rep. Tenney Votes for Bill Targeting Unemployment Fraud

<https://www.fingerlakesdailynews.com/regional-state-congressional/rep-tenney-votes-for-bill-targeting-unemployment-fraud>

### NY24 Farmer Provides Expert Testimony to Ways and Means Committee Field Hearing

At this week's Ways and Means Field Hearing in New York, we heard firsthand from farmers and industry stakeholders about how President Biden's anti-growth and anti-small business policies are wreaking havoc on our economic prosperity.

A member from New York's 24th District was one of the witnesses at this hearing! Dale Hemminger, a second-generation family farmer at Hemdale Farms in Seneca Castle, participated as a witness. His farm includes 1,500 dairy cows, a large wholesale greenhouse operation, and over 3,000 acres of forage, grain, and vegetable crops.

Dale voiced his concerns over Canada's failure to uphold its obligations as part of the USMCA, putting him at a significant disadvantage. He also expressed his worries surrounding New York's new labor laws and federal regulations that are making costs much higher than neighboring states and Canada. Currently, his labor cost is double what Canadian competitors are paying.

Dale spoke on behalf of so many farmers across New York who are fed up with Washington and Albany policies that make it more costly to do business and more difficult to grow and compete. It was truly an honor to have such an esteemed witness from our community testify.

I am committed to advocating for American First policies that protect workers and support our economy. Watch my

remarks at the hearing [here.](#)

Read More: Seneca Castle Farmer Talks Trade With House Committee

<https://www.fingerlakesdailynews.com/local/ontario-seneca-wayne/seneca-castle-farmer-talks-trade-with-house-committee>

### Calling on our Allies to Designate the IRGC as a Terrorist Organization

Every day the IRGC is allowed to act without consequence is another day that this regime continues its campaign of terrorism in Iran and throughout the world.

In 2019, and under President Trump's leadership, the United States designated the IRGC as a terrorist organization and has taken bold action to raise the costs of the Iranian regime's violent extremism internationally. The IRGC has been instrumental in violently silencing dissidents and spreading regime propaganda within Iran. Externally, the IRGC carries out Iran's terrorist operations, including assassinating regime opponents around the world. The IRGC's Basij Force has been critical in the Mullah's attempts to violently quash the ongoing protests.

This week, I led a bipartisan group of my colleagues in sending letters to the leaders of the United Kingdom, Australia, India, and Canada urging them to designate the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organization.

It is time that all nations designate the IRGC as a terrorist organization to send an unequivocal message that its terrorist activities must end.

Read more at: <https://thehill.com/policy/defense/3998537-bipartisan-congressional-group-calls-for-us-allies-to-label-iranian-army-as-terror-group/>

### My Votes Explained


<https://tenney.house.gov/about/my-votes-explained>

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

Some of the key bills we considered this week are explained below. To read more about these votes and see the full list with explanations of all the legislation considered this week by the House of Representatives, please click [here.](#)

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act.** After inheriting a secure border, the Biden administration has been derelict in its duty to protect our national security and maintain operational control of the border. Its open-border policies have led to nothing short of a crisis at our Southern Border, which has also exacerbated challenges at our Northern Border. This failure threatens our national security and safety, while also benefiting drug cartels and human traffickers. In response, H.R. 2 will require the Biden administration to restore the Trump administration's successful border policies, including the Remain in Mexico policy, the requirement for asylum seekers to enter at a port of entry, construction of the border wall, and an end to catch-and release policies. It will also make illegal entry a criminal offense and establishes minimum staffing and surveillance requirements on the borders. While this bill is an important first step in reforming our broken immigration system, it is not the only step we must take. I agree with farmers across New York's 24th District who strongly believe that we need H-2A visa reform to address shortcomings and excessive bureaucracy. I continue to advocate strongly on behalf of New York's agriculture community, and am committed to ensuring that as Congress debates changes to phase-in E-Verify and other programs to strengthen enforcement, we must also include robust debate and action regarding H-2A so that the family farms that feed our nation do not face even worse work-force and labor challenges. I was honored to cosponsor this important piece of legislation that represents yet another example of the new Republican majority keeping their promises to the American people and holding the Biden administration accountable for its failures. This bill passed the House by a vote of 219-213. (Contd. Pg. 59)

# Veteran Peer Support



**Vet 2 Vet offers  
Veteran Peer Support.  
Call to speak with our Veteran  
Peer Advocates.  
We didn't fight alone while  
we served, we don't need  
to fight alone at home.**

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NEW YORK**

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Call or email us to register!

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[vet2vet@atitoday.org](mailto:vet2vet@atitoday.org)

309 E Broadway Suite A

Monticello, NY 12701

# Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725

## All You Can Eat Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast



**Sunday, June 18th**  
**Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon**

**Adults: \$11**  
**Children Ages 5-11: \$5**  
**Under 5 Yrs. Free**

**Take-outs are available (845) 985-7270**

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

## ELLENVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY FUNDRAISER

**TASTE OF BROADWAY II**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023 MATINEE AT SHADOWLAND THEATER

GABY'S CAFE  
TICKET PRICE OF \$99  
LUNCH 11:45/SHOW 2 P.M.***The Million Dollar Quartet***

Impromptu country rock musical super group of Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Johnny Cash will be performing.

**DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING AND FUN FILLED DAY IN ELLENVILLE!**

Make check payable to "ERH Auxiliary". Subscriber's tickets will be discounted. Call me with questions, your phone #, and choice of entree at 845-210-7120.

Mail to: Helene Morris, PO Box 105, SPRING GLEN, NY 12483

**" A Taste of Broadway II"**

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Lunch at Gaby's Café before the Show

11:45 Start / Open Seating

Menu

Chips &amp; Salsa

Gaby's House Salad

**Choice of main entrée****Pollo 5 de Mayo**

Egg battered, pan seared chicken breast with capers, fresh tomato in a reduction of fresh garlic, white wine and lemon juice.

**Pernil al Horno**

Roast Pork, Gaby's Style.

**Veggie Fajita**

Roasted vegetables.

**Dessert**

Assorted Cookies

Soda / Coffee / Tea

**Cash Bar****Please call ERH Auxiliary Event Chairperson Helene Morris at 845-210-7120  
with your selection.****(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.

- Eldred Central School District.
- Fallsburg Central School District.
- Liberty Central School District.
- Livingston Manor Central School District.
- Monticello Central School District.
- Roscoe Central School District.
- Sullivan West Central School District.
- Tri-Valley Central School District.
- Sullivan County Boces

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Monticello

Roscoe

Sullivan West

Tri Valley -

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Thank you,

John McHugh

Chairperson – NRAMA Scholarship Committee

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[jmchugh4@hvc.rr.com](mailto:jmchugh4@hvc.rr.com)

(See next page for application)

## NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 393, Grahamsville, NY 12740

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

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

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

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

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

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

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  
P.O. Box 393  
Grahamsville, NY 12740

## SC Social Services to Briefly Close Wednesday

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County's Department of Social Services (DSS) will not be open for anything other than emergencies from noon to 5 p.m. this Wednesday, May 17.

"Closing that afternoon will give our staff a much-needed opportunity to get caught up on training and to engage in a bit of office 'spring cleaning,'" Health & Human Services Commissioner John Liddle explains. "While we'll handle whatever critical situations arise during that time, we ask that the public either come in that morning or save their business with us till Thursday."

Located within the Robert Travis Building at 16 Community Lane in Liberty, DSS provides services and referrals ranging from child/adult support to housing.

All other facilities at the County's Liberty campus will operate on a normal schedule this week, including Public Health, Community Services, and the Care Center at Sunset Lake.

For more information, call 845-292-0100.

## CONSUMER ALERT: Attorney General James and Acting Department of Health Commissioner Dr. McDonald Issue Alert to Protect New Yorkers from Health Insurance Renewal Scams

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James and Acting Department of Health (DOH) Commissioner Dr. James McDonald today warned New Yorkers about a new scam targeting New Yorkers enrolled in public health insurance programs and provided important tips to protect consumers. For the first time since March 2020, people enrolled in Medicaid, Child Health Plus, and the Essential Plan will have to renew their health insurance coverage. Attorney General James and Acting Commissioner Dr. McDonald are urging New Yorkers to be vigilant in light of reports of scammers deceptively calling people and asking them to pay hundreds of dollars to maintain their health insurance.

"It is despicable that scammers are trying to exploit New Yorkers' need for quality health insurance and uncertainty over ongoing Medicaid coverage," said Attorney General James. "The best tool consumers and families have to combat scams is knowledge, and that is why I am committed to raising this issue. I urge everyone to follow our important tips, and anyone impacted by this scam to contact my office immediately."

"These schemes are maliciously preying on public health insurance enrollees as they navigate the return of renewals for the first time in three years," said Acting Commissioner Dr. McDonald. "Such actions are downright criminal, and I ask all New Yorkers to read these guidelines and help protect each other from this fraudulent abuse."

The federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 ended the continuous coverage requirements effective March 31, 2023. As a result, New York State has resumed the practice of reviewing

and renewing eligibility for those enrolled in Medicaid, Child Health Plus, and the Essential Plan. Starting in mid-March, enrollees are being sent renewal notices well in advance of their coverage end dates with detailed instructions of how to stay covered and their deadline to take action. There have been reports of scammers taking advantage of this process and threatening New Yorkers that their Medicaid coverage is at risk for cancellation or that they have actually already lost their Medicaid benefits, unless they provide hundreds of dollars to reinstate or continue benefits. This is false, and New York agencies that administer Medicaid benefits will never charge or ask for money from consumers to enroll or re-enroll. New Yorkers are encouraged to visit the New York State Department of Health website or its Medicaid information page to learn how they can renew health insurance.

Additionally, Attorney General James and Acting Commissioner Dr. McDonald provided the following tips:

- o No one can ever charge you a fee to renew your health insurance in Medicaid, Child Health Plus, or the Essential Plan.
- o If you enrolled in health insurance through the New York State of Health, many people are available to help you renew for free. These include the state's health certified enrollment assistors (including navigators, agents, and brokers) and customer service representatives. For information or guidance, visit the State of Health's website or call 1-855-355-5777.
- o If you enrolled in Medicaid through either your county's Medicaid office or through New York City's Human Resources Administration (HRA), there are also many people available to help you for free. Contact the office where you enrolled to ask questions and get help with renewing your insurance.
- o Government agencies will never threaten you, demand you pay money, or ask for credit information in a text message or phone call.
- o Report suspected fraud.
- o Call the New York State of Health's Customer Service Center at 1-855-355-5777. TTY users should call 1-800-662-1220. Call your county's Medicaid office or HRA at the phone number listed on the State of Health's Medicaid page.
- o Contact the Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) Health Care Helpline at 1-800-428-9071 or the New York State Department of Financial Services' Consumer Hotline at 1-800-342-3736.

Additional information about renewing your coverage:

- o If you enrolled in health insurance through NY State of Health, many people are available to help you renew for free. These include NY State of Health-certified enrollment assistors (including navigators, agents, and brokers) and customer service representatives. Find help at [nystateofhealth.ny.gov](http://nystateofhealth.ny.gov) or 1-855-355-5777.
  - o If you enrolled in Medicaid through either your county's Medicaid office or through HRA, there are also many people available to help you for free. Contact the office where you enrolled to ask questions and get help with renewing your insurance.
  - o Keep your personal information private. Only share information needed to renew with someone you know is either a NY State of Health-certified enrollment assistor or customer service representative, a facilitated enroller for the aged, blind and disabled or an employee of your county's Medicaid office or HRA.
  - o Look for the official NY State of Health or Medicaid logos (at the top of this page) or the logo of your county's Medicaid office or HRA before you complete any forms.
- Any New Yorker who suspects that they are a victim of a scam are encouraged to report it to OAG by submitting a complaint online or calling 1-800-771-7755.



## 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.

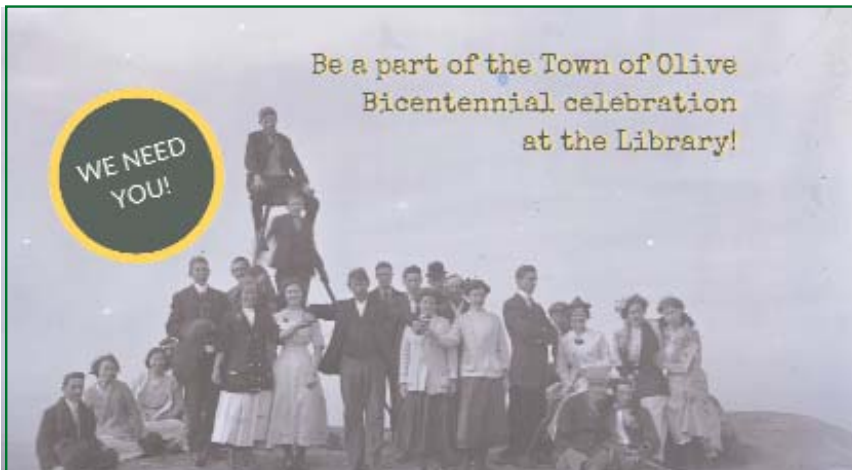
Thurs., July 27th - Shadowland Theater Night - "Always Patsy Cline" - \$40 pp.

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



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

Help us create a complete history of the Town of Olive

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

**Items are due by May 1**

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

cover photo from the digital archives of Olive Free Library: ny.bethtage.org-organizations-olive-free-library

### We are looking for:

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

Help your local business grow  
**Advertise locally in  
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Classified ads - \$5.00  
for the first 20 words/  
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1" Boxed ad (1"x3")-  
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•• Full Page Flyer for  
Local Municipalities  
and Organizations -  
one time fee- \$20.00  
(once the flyer is inserted  
we will publish it each week  
through the week of the event)

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

**Low Rates  
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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](mailto:bjconaty@outlook.com).

### Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

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

**Help is available now!**

We are here anytime you need to talk.

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



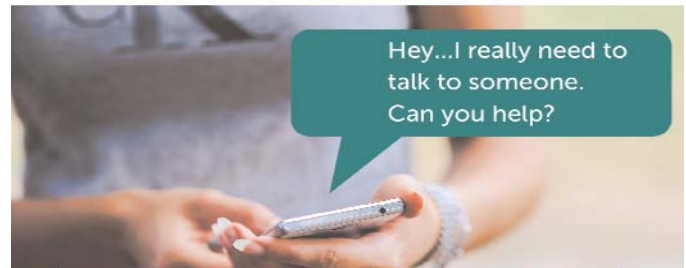
**Text 845-372-1817**  
**Call 866-372-2336**

Calls and texts are answered 24/7

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Monday - Friday  
4pm-10pm  
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Hey...I really need to talk to someone. Can you help?



Free & confidential support  
Someone who can listen and help  
Text as often as you need!

We're Here to Listen:  
Bullying - Eating Disorders -  
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Divorce - School Issues -  
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**Text "Start" to:**  
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Text for Teens is supported by a Grant of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation



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¿A quien protegerás?

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Comunidad

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Contact:

Alyssa Wowk  
(845) 645-6544

[awowk@chowc.net](mailto:awowk@chowc.net)

Sullivan County Department of Social Services is looking for families who can help fulfill the **DESPERATE NEED** for ages **8-18!**



# FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!



# CHILD + BABYSITTING SAFETY COURSE at the Daniel Pierce Library

For students 11 - 15 years of age



## SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Looking for a job this summer? This 5 hour course will provide the necessary skills needed to care for infants and children. Learn CPR and Child and Babysitting Safety (CABS). Brought to you by ClassRooms to You, instructed and owned by Michael Congelosi, NYS FF/EMT. An approved training center for American Safety & Health Institute. Space is limited, \$65 per registrant, due day of event.

- \*Become a babysitter
  - \*Safety instruction
  - \*How to take care of Children
  - \*What to do when things go wrong
  - \*Learn basic first aid
  - \*Gain confidence
  - *\*Additional course information to follow upon registration*
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Advance registration only.  
Register online @ [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)

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# 1 in 6 Children In New York Face Hunger; Gillibrand's Legislation Would Get Free Meals To Kids Who Need Them

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, held a video press conference to announce the introduction of the Universal School Meals Program Act. The bill would provide free breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack to all schoolchildren regardless of income, expand access to free meals over the summer, and eliminate school meal debt.

"In the richest country on earth, it is unacceptable that millions of kids go hungry each day," said Senator Gillibrand. "The Universal School Meals Program Act would provide funding for free breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack for students who need them and slash burdensome red tape for school administrators. It would make our families and communities healthier and stronger, keep kids in school, and work to fight the stigma too often associated with meal programs. I'm proud to be introducing this critical legislation today and look forward to getting it passed."

### The Universal School Meals Program Act would:

1. Permanently provide free breakfast, lunch, and dinner to all schoolchildren regardless of income and put an end to burdensome application paperwork that poses a barrier to enrollment in meal programs.

2. Increase the reimbursement rates for school authorities participating in the food and nutrition programs to more accurately reflect the true cost of providing meals.
3. Reduce stigma associated with meal programs by eliminating meal debt and prohibiting school food authorities from discriminating against or overtly identifying a child participating in the free meal program
4. Expand the summer food service program and summer EBT program by making all children eligible to participate in the programs. Currently, only communities where 50 percent of children are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch can operate a summer meals program; the Universal School Meals Program Act would make all communities eligible regardless of income.

Free school meals are associated with a variety of positive outcomes, including improved attendance rates and school performance, fewer behavioral incidents, lower suspension rates, better health outcomes, and reduced financial stress for students and families.

Kirsten is a longstanding champion for childhood nutrition. In March, she reintroduced the bipartisan MODERN WIC Act, which would make WIC benefits more accessible to low-income families by allowing them to certify and recertify for WIC services remotely. She also introduced the bipartisan Summer Meals Act, which would provide meals to children and teens in low-income areas during the summer months when school is not in session.

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May 20, 2023  
At Resorts World Catskills




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**2nd Annual**

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**Saturday 11am-6pm**

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**FREE for Veterans, Service Members,  
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"Overall, this was a great experience. The community was extremely supportive and it made me proud to be an intern."  
 Erin Brawley, 2022 Town of Thompson Intern

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To apply to be a Sullivan 180 Intern, contact Anna Louise Spaulding at 845.791.2406 or Anna.Louise@sullivan180.org.

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## YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

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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 awareness you need to help your adolescent mental health support to young people who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support.

Join the more than **2.6 MILLION** First Aiders who have chosen to be the difference in their community.

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

- Recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges including anxiety, depression, eating disorders and attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD).
- Recognize common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- Understand how to interact with a young person in crisis.
- Know how to connect a young person with help.
- Gain understand terms, substance use, self-harm and the impact of social media on bullying.

**UPCOMING TRAINING**  
 Thursday & Friday, September 5 & 6  
 8 am - 12 pm  
 Sullivan BOCES Training Room  
 15 Sullivan Ave., Liberty, NY

To retister for this training  
 email: info@sullivan180.org

Learn how to respond with the Mental Health Triage Action Plan (MHTAP):

- 1) Assess for risk of suicide or harm.
- 2) Listen non-judgmentally.
- 3) Give information and information.
- 4) Encourage professional help.
- 5) Encourage self-help and other support options.

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# Vendors Wanted!!

# HEALTHFEST 23!



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**June 4, 2023**  
**11:00 AM—3:00 PM**  
**Hanofee Park**  
**129 Sunset Lake Rd**  
**Liberty, NY**



**Would you like to be part of a FREE fun day promoting health and wellness in Sullivan County?**

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

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

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

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

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

**or**

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





# Wellness Writing Series



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### ***Session 1: Journaling***

3rd Thursday of every month 5-6 pm

Registration Required, please call 845-794-4228

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# COMMUNITY TAKEOUT CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, May 20, 2023

4 to 6 p.m. \$15



Museum and Library Parking Lot  
332 Main Street, Grahamsville

- *Murray's Chicken*, BBQ'D to perfection by the *Neversink Fire Department*
- Delicious sides of baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, split top roll and brownie
- Ice cream from *Gillette Creamery*

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Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Meals: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form with your check to: Time and the Valleys Museum  
P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740 or order online at:  
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Help Support our Educational Programs!



# Grahamsville United Methodist Church

T H R I F T

Thrift Building  
356 Main St  
Grahamsville, NY



Saturday  
May 20  
9:00 am  
to 12 Noon

and

## THRIFT LUNCHEON

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

May 20, 2023

10:30 - 12:30

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# 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://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!*

# HealthFest 23!

## A Community Health Fair for Sullivan County

A FREE day of fun for the whole family  
promoting a healthier county to live,  
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*Arriving June 4th: Birth and Baby Fest 23  
12:00-1:00 in the small pavilion  
Educational presentations and free gifts for new  
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**Francis A. Hanofee Park 129 Sunset Lake Rd, Liberty**

**Sunday, June 4th, 2023 11AM-3PM**  
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**Rain Date:  
June 11th**



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– Full-time bookkeeper wanted for local non-profit advocacy agency in Monticello, NY.

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:

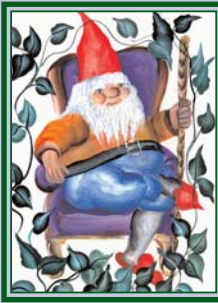
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**Finding Neverland**

(PG · 2004 · 1hr 46min · Biography/Family)

**Finding Neverland** is a 2004 biographical drama. Directed by Marc Forster and written by David Magee, based on the 1998 play *The Man Who Was Peter Pan* by Allan Knee.

A heart-warming story that focuses on Scottish writer J. M. Barrie, and his platonic relationship with Sylvia Llewelyn Davies, and his close friendship with her sons named George, Jack, Peter and Michael, who inspire the classic play *Peter Pan*, or *The Boy Who Never Grew Up*.



The film earned seven nominations at the 77th Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Adapted Screenplay, and Best Actor for Johnny Depp, and won for Best Original Score. The film was the inspiration for the stage musical of the same name in 2012. Starring **Johnny Depp** as J.M. Barrie, **Kate Winslet** as Sylvia Llewelyn Davies, **Dustin Hoffman** as Charles Frohman, **Julie Christie** as Mrs. Emma du Maurier, **Radha Mitchell** as Mary Ansell Barrie

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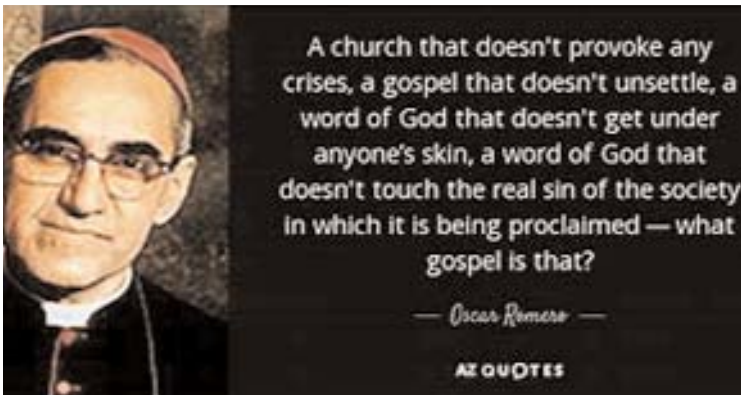
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## **KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S ON AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, ROMERO (1989)**

[HTTPS://WWW.IMDB.COM/TITLE/TT0098219](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0098219)  
Released Aug 25, 1989 .Directed by John Duigan.  
Starring Raul Julia, Richard Jordan, Ana Alicia, and  
Eddie Velez. By Seàn-Patrick Lovett, *The life and  
work of Archbishop Oscar Romero* who opposed  
oppression of the poor and drug supported  
Government.

**...from the Vatican Remembering St Oscar Romero:  
40 years after his assassination**

On 24 March 1980, in El Salvador, Archbishop  
Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass.  
Recognizing him as “a martyr for the faith”, Pope  
Francis canonized him in 2018. Oscar Romero’s father  
wanted his son to become a carpenter, with good reason.  
As a child, young Oscar had a talent for fixing  
things that were broken. When Oscar Romero was  
appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his  
country was broken. Many people in El Salvador were  
living in poverty, while an elite group manipulated all  
political and economic power. Death squads ensured



things stayed that way.

### **THE DEATH SQUADS**

Just three weeks after becoming Archbishop,  
Romero’s good friend, Jesuit Father Rutilio Grande,  
was murdered by one of those death squads. Another  
five priests were assassinated in the Archdiocese of  
San Salvador during the three years Romero was  
Pastor.

### **THE DICTATORSHIP**

When a military junta seized power in 1979,  
Archbishop Romero began broadcasting weekly sermons  
over the radio. He openly criticized the regime and  
those supporting it, denouncing cases of abduction,  
torture and mass murder. That is when he became  
known as “The voice of those without voice”.

### **THE CIVIL WAR**

In 1980, social tensions erupted into a civil war  
which lasted twelve years and left over 75,000 people

dead. Archbishop Romero set up pastoral programs to  
assist the victims of oppression. At the same time, he  
became even more outspoken, condemning human  
rights violations, and defending the preferential option  
for the poor.

### **THE APPEAL**

Archbishop Romero appealed desperately to the  
Salvadoran military to stop killing their own people.  
“No soldier is obliged to obey an order that goes against  
the law of God”, he said. “I beseech you. I beg you. I  
command you! In the name of God: ‘Cease the repression!’”  
It was his last radio broadcast.

### **THE ASSASSINATION - BY FRIENDS OF NWO**

At 6.:30pm, on Monday, March 24, 1980, the  
Archbishop of San Salvador was celebrating Mass in  
the chapel of the Divine Providence hospital. A car



pulled up outside, and a single gunman fired a single  
shot from the doorway straight into Oscar Romero’s  
heart. Moments earlier, the Archbishop had been speaking  
about how, “Those who surrender to the service of the  
poor through love of Christ, will live like the grain of  
wheat that dies...”.

### **THE CANONIZATION**

Recognized as “a martyr for the faith”, he was  
beatified on May 23, 2015 in San Salvador. On October  
14, 2018, in St Peter’s Square, Pope Francis proclaimed  
Oscar Arnulfo Romero a saint. For the occasion, the  
Pope chose to wear the same blood-stained belt that  
Romero was wearing at the altar when he died.

**“Aspire not to have more, but to be more.”  
Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero”**

### **READ ALSO**

*Canonization Mass: Signs and Symbols of Sanctity*  
Oct 14, 2018 – Canonization Mass: Signs and Symbols  
of Sanctity Oct 14, 2018– Canonization photo gallery  
Oct 17, 2018 –*St. Oscar Romero: An inspiration fighting  
apartheid*

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