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Lake Superior Opening/ Season Passes on Sale!

Bethel, NY - Lake Superior State Park in Bethel will open to the public for picnicking, boat rentals (kayaks, pedal boats, and row boats), and swimming starting Memorial Day Weekend and continue to operate every weekend through the end of June from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Daily operation commences at the end of June through Labor Day, from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday-Sunday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, subject to weather conditions.



Lake Superior State Park now offers kayaks, in addition to pedal boats and rowboats.

“Sullivan County residents and property owners who want a season pass can visit Lake Superior State Park during operating hours or the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Office, 100 North St., Monticello, to get their passes,” said District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, who represents the area in which the park is located. “Each pass is \$15 per person, which provides you free entry into the park for the season. Note that if you're a first-time applicant, you need to bring proof of residency or property ownership. Hope to see you at the lake this summer!”

Holders of 2023 season passes do not have to provide proof of residency and can simply apply by mail (or in person). The application form is available at the Office or on the Parks webpage at:

www.sullivanny.us/Departments/ParksRecreation

Daily Admission to enter the park is \$5 per person. Children under 3 years old and veterans who present a valid ID issued through the Sullivan County Return the F.A.V.O.R. program can enter for free. Lake Superior also participates in the Golden Park Program, which grants New York State senior citizens 62 and older free admission to the park on weekdays only (but not weekends or holidays).

Several picnic pavilions are available for rent; please contact the Parks, Recreation & Beautification office at 845-807-0287 for more information.

Lake Superior State Park is operated by the County of Sullivan pursuant to a cooperative agreement with the Palisades Interstate Park Commission.

Town of Neversink Flag Exchange Ceremony Memorial Day - 2024

Memorial Day 2024 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 27th, 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 John H. Morton who served in the U.S. Army during WWII from 1943-1946. Boy Scout Troop 97 will accept a flag to honor William Mitchell who served in the U.S. Navy from 1953-1956, which will fly for six months.

Participating in the ceremony will be Boy Scout Troop 97 and the Girl Scouts Troop 314 and an Honor Guard of local veterans. The Flag Exchange is sponsored by the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association.

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On the Front Burner: Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him saith the Lord, for I am here to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. Jeremiah 42:11

OBITUARY

Remembering Audrey M. Strangeway



She was born Audrey Mable Mackey in Franklin, NY, on September 16, 1929, the first child of Elmer and Marjorie (Bennett) Mackey. She lived a rich, full life and passed peacefully in her sleep on May 15, 2024. She was ninety-four.

Audrey was married out of high school to Richard (Dick) Strangeway of the neighboring village of Treadwell. She had two of her three children (Linda and Rick) by the time she was twenty and the family moved to Grahamsville, NY in 1950 when Dick opened the first Agriculture Department at Tri-Valley Central School. She focused her life on being wife and mother for much of the 1950s, during which she gave birth to their third child, Pamela. When the last of the three children started school, Audrey began a new career. She took Civil Service exams and scored so well she was presented with a number of opportunities. She opted to join her husband and children at Tri-Valley as a secretary/receptionist. For the next three decades, Audrey's was the "voice" of Tri-Valley Central School. If one were to call the school, it was Audrey's cheerful greeting that was heard. She is fondly remembered by faculty, students, and parents for her warm smile, kind words, and gentle manner. After sixty years in Grahamsville, the retired Audrey and Dick moved to Cary, NC, and, after Dick's passing, Audrey moved to Kissimmee, FL.

Audrey was very active in the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. She had a beautiful alto voice and loved singing in the church choir. She was a person of great faith who didn't talk of it; she lived it every moment of every day.

Audrey enjoyed traveling and was an

avid reader. It was not uncommon for her to start and finish a novel in one sitting. Even at ninety-four, she was always looking for the next good read. Her Greatest joy, however, was family time.

Audrey is predeceased by her parents and her three siblings, Eloise (Paul) Carney, Melvin (Helene) Mackey, and Phyllis (Jim) Jennings. Her husband of sixty-seven years (Richard) passed May 17, 2015. She is survived by her three children, Linda (Gary) Parrow, Richard (Vonnice) Strangeway, and Pamela (William) Lake, seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and many loving and devoted friends.

Burial will be at the Ouleout Cemetery in Franklin.

Memorials are warmly accepted and may be made to the Grahamsville United Methodist Church and the Second Harvest Food Bank of Orlando, FL.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

June 16, 1954

Miss Virginia DuBois, valedictorian of the graduating class at Tri Valley High School, has been chosen to receive the Annual Award of the Reader's Digest Association for students who by their successful school work give promise of attaining leadership in the community. Miss DuBois is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fernald DuBois of Grahamsville.

Miss Jane Stafford and Mr. Frank Hamilton were united in marriage in the New Paltz Methodist Church on Saturday. A reception followed in the church parlor.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilson of Springfield, Mass. are the proud parents of a son, David Dean, born Friday, June 18th. Mrs. Wilson is the former June Hunter. Mr. and Mrs. Loron Dean of Sundown are the baby's great-grandparents.

June 3, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Lackawack Hill have announced the engagement of their daughter, Beverly Jane to Gilbert Tower Welch Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Welch of Neversink. Miss Smith, a graduate of Tri Valley Central School, is employed by the Community National Bank in Woodbourne. Her fiancé is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and is presently serving in the U.S. Navy. No date has been set for the wedding. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Tri-Valley School Board Vote Results

- Erin P Long, Superintendent

The Tri-Valley Central School District passed their 2024-2025 School Budget with a 74% margin; 269-94.

Incumbent Rose Wood was re-elected. Nicole Burkey and Keri Poley were elected to the board.

Thank you to the Tri-Valley community for their continued support

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History (From Pg. 2)

June 3, 1964

There will be a meeting on Monday evening, the 8th of June at the Claryville Church Hall to organize a lending library in the old Claryville school house. The lending library has been under discussion for several years and it is hoped that enough public support will be gained to make the idea a reality.

June 12, 1974

Miss Donna Jean Kortright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kortright of Neversink, became the bride of William John Hans, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hans of Bradley. The bride graduated from Tri-Valley Central School and is employed as a secretary at Community General Hospital in Liberty. The groom also graduated from Tri-Valley Central School and is employed by the Monti Agency in Monticello. The couple is living in Liberty.

Israel C. Slater, 83, of Slater Road, Grahamsville, a former highway superintendent, died Thursday at home. He was born in Grahamsville March 23, 1891 to James B. and Sara Hausman Slater. He was married to Jennie Sullinger on his birthday in 1958. He is survived by his widow; a son, Clifford of Milford; a sister, Bertha Ackerley of Grahamsville; a grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

June 14, 1984

Calvin G. Bond, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, has appointed George Dexheimer, Past Master of Mongaup Lodge #816 F.&A.M., to be the Dist. Deputy Grand Master of the Sullivan District for the year 1984-85. Mr. Dexheimer resides in the hamlet of Neversink with his wife, Carol. They are the parents of six children.

(From the pen of Tom Higgins) Had an interesting visit from Sally Krom and son, Tommy. On May 22nd Tommy graduated from Case Western Reserve Univ. with BSE in fluid and thermal physics. He will be spending the summer in the glacier fields of Alaska and Canada with the International Foundation for Glacial Environmental Research.

Household Hint:

Don't Throw Away those Old Credit Cards

Old credit cards make great scrapers - perfect for getting spilled food off the floor, and stubborn stuff that doesn't wipe easily off counters, like spilled pancake batter. Also try them for scraping the inside of the microwave, and for scraping baking sheets.

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

Poppies -A Symbol of Remembrance

The luminescent, scarlet red-orange crepe-paper like four inch blossoms of the Oriental Poppy in our garden are just about ready to burst into bloom - as they do just about every year - in time for Memorial Day Weekend. The stunning blossoms are synonymous as a symbol of remembrance to all those who served in our armed forces.

Oriental poppies, *Papaver orientale*, are an old-fashioned flower that remains alluring. They burst forth with blossoms up to 6-inches in bowl-shaped blooms in shades of orange, red, scarlet, pink white and even purple on single stems with deeply cut, hairy leaves with upright stems. In the center of the petals is the stigma, which is the outer element of the pistil - the female reproductive organ. Surrounding the pistil are stalklike stamens called filaments, capped by lozenge-shaped anthers. The anthers are where pollen is produced. These are the male organs. Poppies are usually insect-pollinated, however, the species is more or less self-fertile as the anthers burst before the flowers open, and self-pollination can occur ahead of cross-pollination. Seeds ripen are shed 3-4 weeks after flowering. An isolated plant may have more than 500,000 seeds!

Originally from alpine areas of central Asian countries including Turkey, Georgia, Armenia and Iran, the poppies were introduced to Europe in the early 18th century after French botanists conducted an expedition to central Asia. Plant breeders have continued to develop the colors and selections. The original brilliant orange flower is only one of the many selections available today. In addition, the original single layer of thin petals has been joined by blooms with double layers and others with varying degrees of ruffles or frayed edges.

The Oriental poppy (*Papaver orientale*) is the largest and most eye-catching of the poppies and grows 18-36 inches tall and blooms in late spring to early summer.

The poppy gets its name from the Latin word 'pappa' meaning milk. This is in reference to the cut flower stems that leak a sticky, latex sap that looks like milk.

The foliage of Oriental poppy dies after flowering. By the end of August, the Poppy foliage will again push up, breaking the Poppies' predetermined weeks of summer dormancy. Oriental Poppies require two dormancy periods, one in summer and one in the cold chilling winter dormancy that ensures the flowers will bloom and continue to be a symbol of remembrance - peace and reconciliation for all.

The poppy came to be the symbol of remembrance of those who gave their lives in WWI after the publication of the poem "In Flanders Field" written by Lt. Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley

Published April 30, 1998

Two or three times every year when Kathryn, Edith and I were growing up, Daddy would ask us if we would like to visit his Aunt Matilda and Aunt Marilda, Dad's "maiden aunts." Their home was on the road leading to Livingston Manor. I loved those ladies and for some reason I never heard my mother say a kind word for them. We always rode to their home with the morning mail and the mailman picked us up on his afternoon trip with the mail.

Dad's Aunt Matilda was a pale skinny lady, chronically ill, and had to remain in bed, so his Aunt Marilda, who was short and plump, took loving care of her. When we would arrive at the house, Kathryn and Edith would climb the stairs to the hush of Aunt Matilda's room, while I preferred the kitchen, the warm pleasant room where Aunt Marilda spent most of her time. Unlike the dim parlor and gloomy hallway, the kitchen was bright and cheery with its kitchen cabinets, huge wood cook stove and big square table, and the walls were painted bright yellow. At lunch time Kathryn and Edith ate upstairs with Aunt Matilda, but I stayed in the kitchen where Aunt Marilda made her Special Soup for her and me. I loved her soup - she said she made it with "wonder and surprise." We'd dip our steaming bowls. She would allow me to stand on her kitchen chairs to reach the package of saltine crackers from the high kitchen cabinet and carry them to the table. The table was covered with oilcloth. I'd put my crackers in my soup and let them set for a while to get soggy before slurping them up. Aunt Marilda didn't complain about my table manners as I chatted away, telling her all about school and my friends. In fact, while we enjoyed our lunch together, she never corrected me as mother would with "Stop talking and eat," or "Little children should be seen and not heard." Aunt Marilda always seemed interested in, whatever I talked about and then tell me about some little experience she had gone through during her lifetime.

Those lunches with Aunt Marilda were special times for me and Aunt Marilda's Special Soup seemed like a magic potion.

Several years passed and when she was taken ill I went to call on her and as we were visiting I asked her what her secret was in making that good soup I enjoyed eating as a child. I will always remember her answer. "The secret to making something Special is adding together the Ordinary."

SLAC Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County Monthly Meeting

10 AM, Friday, May 31, 2024, in the Legislative Meeting Room, at the Sullivan County Government Center, Monticello NY

AS of May 16, the Sullivan County Legislature has not even hinted at an in-depth review of the operation of the Adult Care Center at Sunset Lake (ACC) over the last three years. We must go in with a plan to return the ACC to County ownership and management.

This will be a working meeting. To be successful we are asking for help from our members to read over the "Consulting Agreement" (the agreement) between the operator, Sullivan County, the Certificate of Need holder, and the Consultant, Infinite Care.

Copies of the present agreement will be available, bring you a highlighter and pen. We need to identify where the consultant has OR has not complied with the agreement. Also available will be reconciliation reports and other documents as they become available.

We as residents must make the case for Sullivan County to remain the operator of the Adult Care Center at Sunset Lake, NOT some investment group acting under an LLC.

Be aware the county manager has never made a formal presentation to the legislators and/or the public as to the reasons to off load the ACC from the County.

Adult Care Center and the Certificate of Need

<u>Proposed Operator</u>	
Sunset SNF Operations, LLC	
Members:	
<u>Sunset Operations Holdings, LLC</u>	100%
Esther Klein	95%
Kathryn Perez	5%

Update: Legislature's position as of late. No action Department of Health Certificate of Need process. This whole applying for the Certificate of Need:

Update: Garnet Hospital

Statement from the Sullivan County Manager About Monday's School Bus Accident

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek issued the following statement today regarding a crash that left four people injured and one dead near Jeffersonville:

Monday's accident between two school vehicles left us shocked and saddened, and Sullivan County extends deep condolences to the family of the driver who died from the crash. Our hearts also reach out to the young children and their families, who are enduring the trauma of surviving a serious accident and the many associated injuries, both physical and emotional.

We appreciate our local school officials for their collaboration, and we thank our first responders - including our Sheriff's Office, 911 Center and Public Safety Division - for capably undertaking a challenging rescue to extricate victims from the smashed vehicles. A scene involving injured children is among the most difficult to handle, and we are grateful to be served by these firefighters, EMS workers, police officers and dispatchers.

Shandelee Music Festival Announces 31st Season Concerts

(LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY) -- The Shandelee Music Festival celebrates its 31st season of presenting internationally renowned classical artists from around the world with six world-class performances at its 2024 Sunset Concert Series.

The season opens on Tuesday, August 13 with an Evening of Chamber Music by the Con Brio Quartet performing string quartets by Philip Glass, Mozart, and Dvorak.

Katherine Lerner Lee will headline an Evening of Voice on Thursday, August 15, performing opera, art song, chamber and contemporary music.

Saturday, August 17 will feature an Evening of Chamber Music with the



Katherine Lerner Lee



Con Brio Quartet



Dan Urness

Peter Sulski Trio performing music by Haydn, Mozart and Brahms.

The popular Evening of Chamber Music returns on Tuesday, August 20 with a performance by Dan Urness on trumpet and Paul Staroba on piano.

Jazz lovers are in for a treat on

Friday, August 23 with a performance of an Evening of Jazz with singer/songwriter Amanda Brecker and the Amanda Brecker Duo.

The final concert in the Shandelee Music Festival's 31st season on Saturday, August 24 features a return engagement of last year's popular Evening of Jazz with multi-Grammy and multi-Latin Grammy award winner, pianist/singer/composer/arranger Eliane Elias and Marc Johnson.

All performances in the Shandelee Music Festival's Sunset Concert Series begin at 8 p.m. The festival grounds are nestled on 75 acres of tranquil natural beauty in the Catskill Mountains of New York State. The intimate setting of the indoor, climate-controlled Sunset Concert Pavilion contributes to an exhilarating environment where every seat is a great seat for quality listening and enjoyment. The venue, located at 442 J. Young Road in Livingston Manor, NY is fully accessible.

Regular tickets are \$35, Shandelee Music Festival members are \$30, and students aged 17 and under, or with valid college I.D. pay \$10. Advanced reservations are required. Visit Shandelee.org or call 845-439-3277 for member or sponsorship information and ticket reservations.



Paul Staroba



Peter Sulski Trio



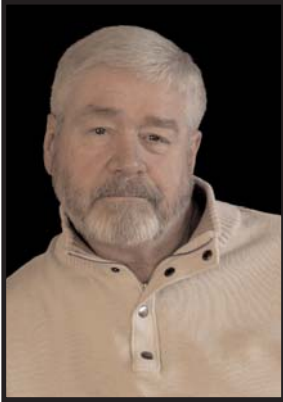
Eliane Elias



Amanda Brecker

Let Freedom Ring

by John Dwaine McKenna



This classic piece was written by John and published May 28, 2020, when COVID first reared its ugly head. To many, it seemed to have changed our lives forever. Now 4 years later as we

reflect on those years, I was compelled to repeat *Let Freedom Ring* this Memorial Day..

Every Memorial Day for the past decade or so, a quiet event takes place on the western slope of the Continental Divide, high up in the Colorado Rocky Mountains, that exemplifies the American spirit of patriotism, freedom and honor for all those who've given "The last full measure of devotion," and laid down their lives in service to their country.

As the morning sun rises over the eastern plains and foothills, on the backside of Vail Mountain an anonymous patriot single-handedly unfurls a huge 24' x 36' flag from the center span of an iconic arched steel bridge, 200 feet over the Eagle River on Battle Mountain Pass, near Red Cliff, Colorado. The bridge, which was opened in 1940, is about nine miles south of Minturn and 20 miles north of the historic mining town of Leadville, on US Hwy 24.



»»» ——— *Let Freedom Ring* ——— «««

Then, after flying proudly all day, as dusk falls the anonymous patriot-A.P. for short-quietly retrieves the 80 pounds of star spangled banner and stows it, along with all the nylon rigging that held it in place, until the following Memorial Day, when he'll repeat the process and wave Old Glory again. He does it to honor the spirit of the day . . . and to memorialize all those who've died in defense of our freedom. When asked *How much longer can you keep doing it*, the A.P. Will, he said, do so for as long as his health and strength allows. The problem is the wind. He said, "I have to lay the flag out and tie it off without letting the breeze get it, because once it starts to fly there's no stopping anything."

Let's hope, in this unprecedented time of shut-down, shut-in and shut-up . . . he can continue for the foreseeable future . . . because the A.P. exemplifies in deeds, not words, the true spirit behind those stirring words, From every mountainside, let freedom ring. He's an example to all of us. **Be Proud. Be Brave. Be Strong. Stay Free.**

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

YARD SALES

The weather is getting warmer, so you know what that means. It is YARD SALE time.

There are two kinds of people with reference to YARD SALES: those that host them to get rid of their excess stuff and, perhaps, make a few bucks and those that stalk them and try to score a bargain. They are diabolically opposed groups of people.

Having a YARD SALE is a great deal of work. One has to purge the house, lug the stuff outside (hoping it won't rain) and arrange the stuff on tables and such with prices marked on it. Pricing is difficult. What does one charge for three wine glasses when you have smashed the remaining set in the dishwasher? What is the going rate of a half-empty old perfume bottle of Obsession?

Next you have to advertise by posting signs or hawking the event on social media. Then the YARD SALE host has to sit in the sun, or cold, in a lawn chair to greet and smile at buyers who want to know if you would take \$2.00 for the bicycle marked \$3.50. You also have to listen to customer's stories about the same item in their (take your pick) great aunt's, mother's, or grandmother's house.

Then there is the problem of what to do with what is leftover. Give it away, haul it away, or pay to have someone take it away.

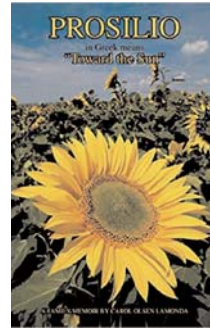
Heaven knows you do not want to bring it all back into the house knowing no one likes your stuff.

I am one of those YARD SALE stalkers. There is nothing that thrills me more than scorning a bargain whether I need it or not. Once in a while I find something really valuable, to me at least, for a fraction of its worth. The Cutco bread knife for \$1.00 can make up for the pair of \$2.00 that are too short for the windows in the cottage.

YARD SALES are as much a sign of spring as robins or tulips. If you decide to go to one, say "hello" because I probably will be there.

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



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Daniel Pierce Library

Between the Bookends

Thanks Stewart's Donation of Ice Cream, Grant Hits it out of the Park

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-A huge "thank you" goes out to Stewart's Shops. Not only did they donate all the ice cream for our fundraiser on May 21, where we served root beer floats during Little Leagues' picture night, but they also accepted our grant submission for \$350 through their Holiday Match grant program. The much appreciated monies will go towards our Entertainment Night festivities. Returning this year, Jared Campbell will once again put on an amazing show for children of ALL ages and their families at our Entertainment Night on Thursday, July 25 at 6PM. Come to the fairgrounds rain or shine for an enjoyable evening of music and fun. Campbell is an award winning singer/songwriter from upstate NY. His songs are said to be uplifting, thought provoking and heartfelt. While mixing humor, stories of life on the road and personal experiences, he is able to connect with his audience through the power of music and share his message-to focus on having an amazing outlook on life-in a dynamic, entertaining way.

Congratulations, Cadence Buckler, a Tri Valley student and a DPL patron, for winning the RCLS Battle of the Books logo contest. We are so excited! Her original design will be utilized in all upcoming advertising of the 2024 competition.

Battle of the Books is a college bowl-type challenge for teens in sixth through 12th grade. The teens read eight pre-selected novels and meet throughout the summer to discuss them and prepare for the culminating trivia-style competition held at SUNY Orange in August, where they face teams from other libraries within the RCLS system to answer questions in fast paced rounds. Last year, our team came in first place. We're crossing our fingers for similar results this year!

In other news,

The LEGO construction crew did an amazing job on their creations during the May 15 after school program. It was a full house with chil-



"It was so nice to see the children having a great time; socializing, discussing their builds, laughing. Once again, their creativity amazed me," DPL Children's Program Coordinator, Deirdre McHugh, said regarding the LEGO Construction Crew program held at the library May 15. The program, this one for children in UPK through first grade, was one of four held for children toddler to sixth grade. Our last program, Buddin' Builders, will be on Wednesday, May 22 for toddlers, ages 3 and 4.



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

dren (in UPK through first grade) donning hard hats and getting down to business with their LEGO brick structures. Once finished, children were invited to share their designs with their fellow builders. It was a great afternoon!

And a reminder-if you are interested in donating blood at the May 30 Red Cross blood drive here, at the library, please contact Red Cross at redcross-blood.org to make an appointment and if you are interested in attending any of our many awesome upcoming events and programs, check our website regularly! We are constantly adding programs to the mix and you won't want to miss out



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The Scene Too

- By Jane Harrison

Wow, it's been a long time! Medical crap has kept me out of the loop but I'm happy to say that right now, I'm back baby!

I really tried to catch FISHER AND KEAN at the LIBERTY MUSEUM AND ART SPACE (28 South Main) on Friday afternoon at the 'VOICES OF SURVIVORS' exhibit and talks. But I couldn't find a parking space close enough. It just wasn't meant to be.



So, imagine my delight when I found they were going to be at CABERNET FRANK'S! I haven't been out in weeks so seeing them last Saturday was such a treat. What a great way to break the housebound-ness. There is something so down-home and yet exhilarating about these two. They wended their way through fan favorites like CANNED HEAT'S 'GOING UP COUNTRY' and 'THE SHAPE I'M IN' by THE BAND and NEIL YOUNG'S 'HARVEST MOON'.



It was a great night, so much so I stayed out waaaaay too long. I was able to catch up with TERI PARIS and find out what she's up to. She will be opening THE LIBERTY SOUL STAGE on June 1st for this year's season. TERI is a Cabaret singer in the truest sense of the word. Even if I didn't know her, even if I'd never heard her sing, knowing she headlined at THE BLUE ANGEL, I would make it a point to see her.

So what's with the sign on the cone, you ask. This sits in the middle of Main Street in Parksville. When I went to snap it, Mr Peters came up to me. I told him it was a good idea. He told me that some guy came driving down the street,



“...hit it, reversed and ran over it again.”. (I assumed it was an animal). and that he had taken a rock and hit his windshield. Then, from other Parksville neighbors (and not the beleaguered Wade and RJ from Cabernet Frank's), I learned that 'it' was the cone and sign itself, not an animal. And that Mr Peters followed the guy (also a neighbor) home and with a two by four, smashed his back windshield and put a big dent in his door. No arrest was made as Mr Peters agreed to pay the wronged gentleman a decent amount of money for the damages. I hope the monetary transaction took place then and there in front of the officers.

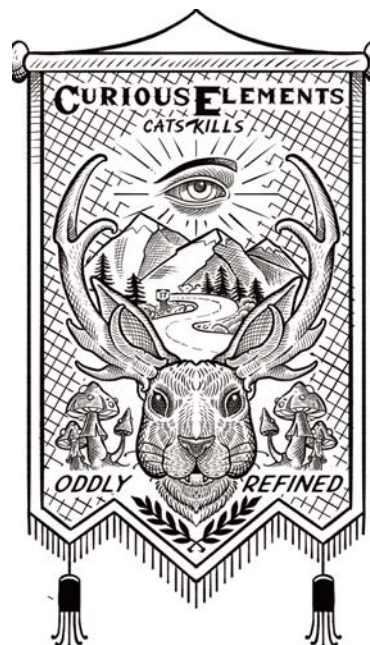
On a sad note, I lost another dear friend from my Manhattan days in late April, my buddy STURGIS NIKIDES. He was with the VELVET UNDERGROUND, then JOHN CALE for several years. This is really hard to write about so I'll be brief. He was recovering well from heart surgery and then, he was just gone. I'll always remember the smirk when he told me he had a Wikipedia page. I'm still having a hard time wrapping my head around that he's no longer in the world.

This coming Sunday, May 26, THE JOHNNY JULES BAND will be at HECTOR'S INN in Bethel; 2pm

And what looks to be a most interesting shop is opening Memorial Day Weekend in Parksville called CURIOUS ELEMENTS. More on that next week.

And the newest strain of CoVid has hit our area, so please be careful. Based on what I have been told by people who have it, you are not only quite sick but there's a really bad cough that comes with it.

Until next time.....



Benjamin Cosor Elementary Announces Honor Roll List for the Third Marking Period

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

Grade 4

Honor Roll: Genesis Anderson, Isaiah Crawford, Dakota DeGraw, Giada Evangelista, Brooklyn Fisher, Leah Glanstein, Jase Hermann, Jackson Hockenberry, Enina Lulanaj, Zoya Meer, Jax Pillius, Taylor Simms, and Tyler Torres.

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

Grade 5

Honor Roll: Dilver Aleman, Hayden Atkins, Elias Bandon Rivera, Rocket Budde, Samantha Clark, Aaron Cubias, Greyson DuBose-Olmo, Muhammed Dumbuya, Taylin Frunzi, Lithsy Fuentes Ardon, Arayaah-Laurice Irby, Jordan Ketcham, Ashley Leon Santos, Caleb Mapes, Marvin Martinez Gonzales, Theresa Medina, Katherine Reyes Serrano, Erick Rivera Moreno, Madison Samora, Blinera Selimaj, Melanie Wang, and Marleena Wright.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Armani Alencaster, Arabella Almodovar, Bryan Balcazar Lavin, Ava Berrios, Isaac Castillo Miranda, Aubrianna Clark-Wheat, Nelson Duque Moroy, Anthony Frunzi, Emanuel Granados, Selina Lazroe, Bryan Lopez-Romero, Alexandria Mann, Grayson Mungeer, Christian Robles-Hernandez, Kendra Rodriguez, Derrick Saravia, Blerina Selimaj, Gabrielle Spruill, Annabella Vences-Urquiza, and Benjamin Wizwer.

Grade 6

Honor Roll: Brianny Argueta Hernandez, Giselle Ascencio Martinez, Darlin Chub Ujpan, Franco DiCostanzo, Mylaan Dolberry, Kimberly Duncan, Dania Duque Enamorado, Shamiah Foy, Janary Fuentes Ardon, Charlie Giron Saravia, Genesis Gonzalez Alvarez, Aryanna Irby, Khloe Jordy, Joaquin Lundy, Margie Madrid Castro, Jackelyne Mariaca, Ariel Payne, London Redding-Hall, Logan Retana, Alexandra Margoth Reyes Lopez, Malika Rivers, Leon Rodriguez Morales, Leonardo Rojas, Anthony Santos Morales, Claudia Smith, Ambar Vasquez, and Allison Yautentzi Reyes.

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



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Ulster County's Annual 'I Voted' Sticker Contest for Student Art in Full Swing *Submissions Accepted Now Through June 1*

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County's student-designed "I Voted" stickers are a popular way of showing our voting pride and inspiring our neighbors to vote! For the fourth year, the Ulster Board of Elections (BOE) is inviting our student community to design and submit their best "I Voted" sticker art. The winning design will be distributed to each polling location in Ulster County for the Presidential Election on November 5, 2024.

WHO: Any young person aged 9-18 residing in Ulster County is eligible to participate.

WHAT: Design a logo that we will use to create 2-inch "I Voted" stickers and digital graphics that can be used for sharing during the November 5th General Election. The phrase "I Voted" must appear somewhere in the design, but the rest is up to the designer.

WHEN: Artwork submissions will be accepted from April 1, through June 1, 2024. The Ulster County BOE Commissioners will curate the top designs and subsequently open the contest for public voting on their website in July. Throughout the month, individuals can visit VoteUlster.com to cast their votes for their preferred design. The winning artwork, chosen from the top vote-getters, will be unveiled on September 9, 2024. Stickers featuring the winning design will then be distributed to polling locations across Ulster County during the November 5th General Election.

HOW: Students can submit their artwork (in PDF or JPEG format) to elections@co.ulster.ny.us.

"Civic engagement begins with our youth, and the 'I Voted' sticker contest is a wonderful opportunity for young artists to express themselves and inspire others to participate in our democratic process. I'm thrilled to see the creativity and enthusiasm of Ulster County's students on display once again this year. Their designs not only brighten the moods of each resident who visits our polling locations on election day, but also serve as reminders of the importance of every vote. I encourage all young residents to participate and make their mark on our community," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger.

For more information, please visit the Student Resources section of the Ulster County BOE website at www.voteulster.com, contact (845) 334- 5470, or email elections@co.ulster.ny.us.

Ulster County Polluter Brought to Justice J. Karolys and Son, LLC ordered to completely clean up dump sites and pay \$8 million in fines

Saugerties, NY - In a judgment signed May 10, 2024, New York State Supreme Court Justice Richard Mott ruled that J. Karolys and Son, LLC of Saugerties, NY must remediate three illegally-sited construction and demolition debris dumps and pay \$8 million to the State of New York. Catskill Mountainkeeper's Executive Director, Ramsay Adams, responded with the fol-

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lowing statement:

Bringing polluters to justice can be very difficult, yet that's precisely what the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Attorney General Tish James, aided by a diligent and highly engaged community in Saugerties NY, has accomplished in the case of J. Karolys & Son, LLC.

In a recent ruling by the New York State Supreme Court, the polluters have been ordered to clean up the mess they made and to pay significant, attention-getting fines totaling \$8 million. This landmark decision serves as a stern warning to anyone considering illegally dumping or accepting construction and demonstration debris--New York will pursue and prosecute polluters, and convicted polluters will be forced to pay. Our water, air, lands, and communities are worth more than anyone's ill-gained profits.

Catskill Mountainkeeper has been at the forefront of combating widespread illegal dumping in Ulster County since 2018. This decisive action by the Court, coupled with the unwavering support of local organizations, thousands of Mountainkeeper advocates, and affected residents and communities, reflects a collective determination to hold polluters accountable and safeguard our environment for generations to come.

Read more about the ruling in the Albany Times Union, posted online

<https://www.timesunion.com/hudsonvalley/news/article/karolys-clean-up-woodstock-saugerties-dump-sites-19457536.php>

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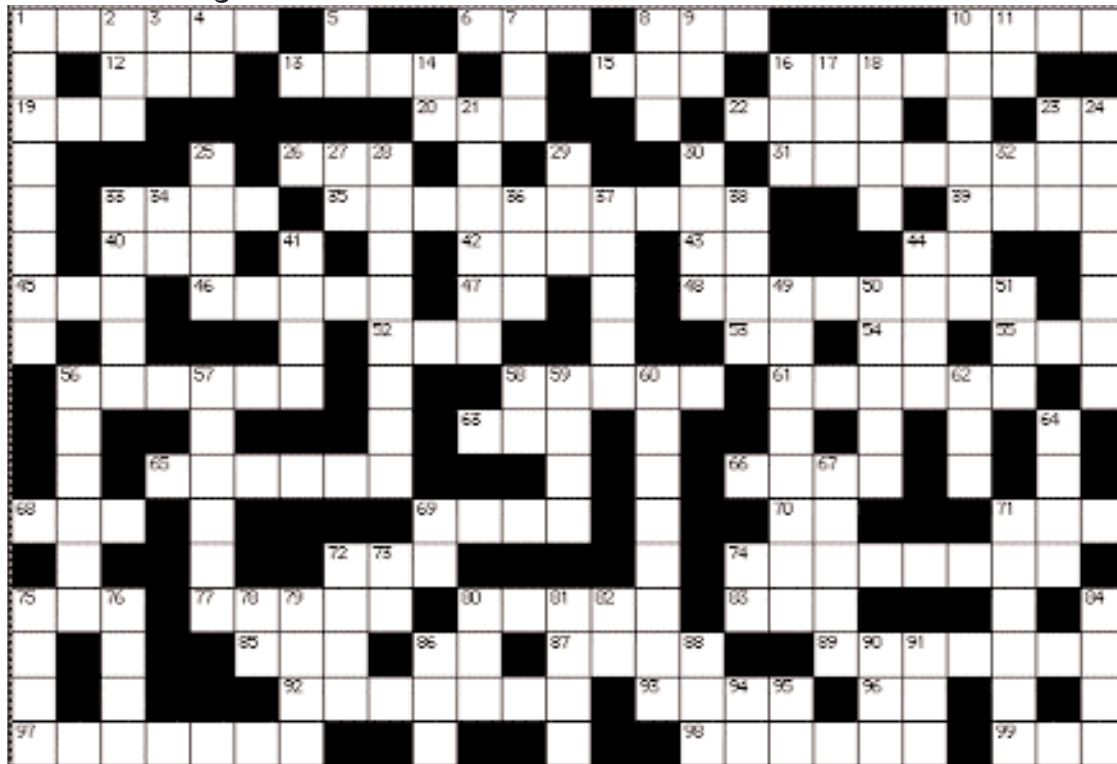
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- 6 Move through the air
- 8 Move at high speed
- 10 Cast a ballot
- 12 Purge
- 13 Belonging to the person the speaker is addressing
- 15 Cooking utensil
- 16 Warmest season in the Northern Hemisphere
- 19 Dialect form of your
- 20 Jocular form of often
- 22 Merge water
- 23 High water
- 26 Semi-circle
- 31 Cookout
- 33 Bundle of hay
- 35 Adornment; laurel
- 39 Advice
- 40 Ultra-violet radiation of relatively long wavelengths
- 42 Plural past of was
- 43 Executive Order
- 44 Fourth note of the major scale
- 45 Pull
- 46 Tomb
- 47 Printer's measure
- 48 Walking in a military manner
- 52 Disfigure
- 53 Masculine pronoun
- 54 Resting atop
- 55 Container used for ashes
- 56 Waterloo, NY
- 57 General druggist who suggested decorating graves of Civil War patriots in 1866
- 58 Round juicy yellow flesh stone fruit
- 61 2nd day of the week
- 63 Jelly
- 65 Seneca County Clerk who helped promote Decoration Day
- 66 Muslim caliph
- 68 Fifth month of the year
- 69 Droop
- 70 Having to do with two
- 71 Ferret
- 72 Stop living
- 74 Remembrance
- 75 Referring to that girl
- 77 General who in 1868 first officially observed May 30th as Decoration Day
- 80 Frighten
- 83 Anger
- 85 Stout
- 86 Rhode Island
- 87 Fat
- 89 Announce
- 92 Commander of an army
- 93 Sweet potatoes
- 96 One's mother
- 97 Members of the Procyonidae family
- 98 Time and the Valleys is one
- 99 Long period of time
- DOWN** 1 Nationalists
- 2 Weep
- 3 Chemical element nickel
- 4 Part of the human mind
- 5 Not any
- 7 A great deal
- 8 Game farm
- 9 Third person singular pronoun
- 10 A person who served in the military
- 11 Used to link alternatives
- 14 Right-hand page of an open book
- 16 Short for substitute
- 17 United States of America
- 18 Insignificant
- 21 Seed bearing part of a plant
- 23 Dept of Housing and Urban Renewal
- 24 Generally Saturday and Sunday
- 25 Ensign
- 27 Road (abbrev)
- 28 Celebration
- 29 Armed conflict
- 30 Rhyme
- 32 Common Era
- 33 Brass instrument
- 34 Audio Visual
- 36 Rapid Eye Movement
- 37 Earth
- 38 Biblical patriarch and builder of the Ark
- 41 Lights out bugle call
- 44 Discover
- 49 Recall
- 50 Esteem
- 51 Fellow
- 56 Ring of flowers
- 57 Aromatic evergreen shrub related to the bay tree
- 58 Father
- 59 Release
- 60 Burial ground
- 62 Upper limb
- 64 Fold up
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79 Jokes

80 Title of a knight

81 Colleague

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Antipasto Salad for Family Style Picnic

- 2 packages spiral pasta
- 4 to 5 large tomatoes, chopped
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 large green peppers, chopped
- 2 cans (15 to 16 ounces each) chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1 pound julienned sliced Genoa salami
- 1 pound sliced pepperoni, julienned
- 1/2 pound provolone cheese, cubed
- 1 cup pitted ripe olives, halved

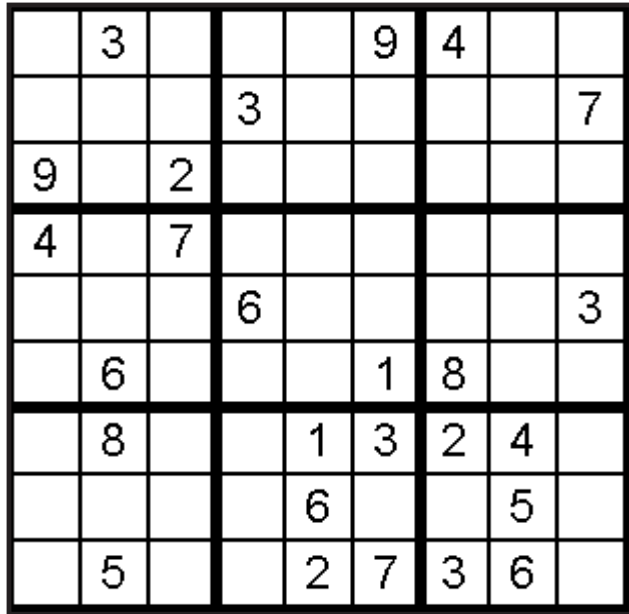
DRESSING:

- 1 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1-1/2 cups olive oil

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain; rinse with cold water. In several large bowls, combine pasta with next eight ingredients.

For dressing, pulse vinegar, sugar, oregano, salt and pepper in a blender. While processing, gradually add oil in a steady stream. Pour over salad; toss to coat. Refrigerate, covered, 4 hours or overnight.

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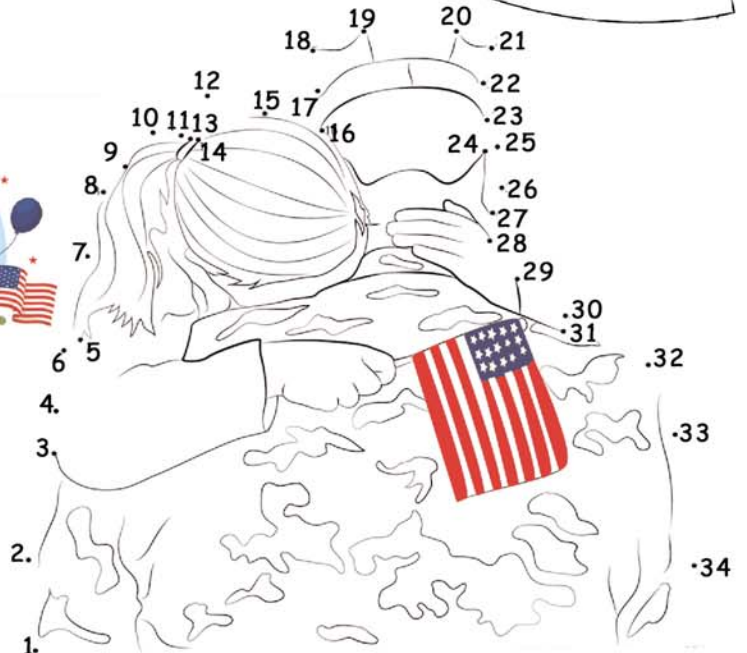
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Kids' Fun Page
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Daniel Pierce Library Budget Vote

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Library Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Daniel Pierce Library (the "Library") at Grahamsville, New York on: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. (EDST) for the purpose of presenting the Library's budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money which will be required for the following year for Library purposes, exclusive of public money, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Special Meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a Special Meeting of the qualified voters of the Tri-Valley Central School District shall be held at the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York, 12740, on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. daylight savings time. The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at said meeting:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York, be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of \$458,438, separate and distinct from the School District's tax levy, for the annual support of the Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville, New York, and pay over such monies to the trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library for library services for the benefit of residents of the School District during the 2024-2025 fiscal year and each year thereafter?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. A date for personal voter registration has been set for Wednesday, June 12, 2024 in the Administration Building, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, June 13, 2024 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to June 18, 2024. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this Special Meeting. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the Special Meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a Military Ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (845) 985-2296, ext. 5102 and normapena@trivall-eycsd.org. For a military voter to be issued a Military Ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2024. Military voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter by filling out a Military Voter Registration Application, which can also be obtained by requesting an application from the District Clerk. Military Voter Registration Applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2024. Military voters may indicate a preference for receiving a military voter registration application, military ballot application, or military ballot by mail, fax, or e-mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. The School District will transmit Military Ballots to military voters no later than May 24, 2024. Completed Military Ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2024 in order to be counted.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee Ballots must be applied for unless the voters registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Special Meeting if the Absentee Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, June 11, 2024) OR the day before the Special Meeting (Monday, June 17, 2024), if the Ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their authorized agent. Absentee Ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Special Meeting. A list of all persons to whom Absentee Ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) in the District Office on each of the five days prior to the Special Meeting, except Sunday, and will also be available at the polling place of the Special Meeting. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. (Contd. Pg. 18)

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Daniel Pierce Library Budget Vote**

(From Pg. 17)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-e of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for EARLY MAIL BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Special Meeting if the Early Mail Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, June 11, 2024) OR the day before the Special Meeting (Monday, June 17, 2024), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their authorized agent. Early Mail Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Special Meeting. A list of all persons to whom Early Mail Ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. prevailing time, in the District Office on each of the five days prior to the day of the Special Meeting, except Sunday, and will also be available at the polling place at the Special Meeting. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge.

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By order of the Board of Education
Tri-Valley Central School District
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Norma Peña, District Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Chris Mathews, Supervisor of the Town of Neversink, has called a **Special Meeting** of the Town of Neversink Town Board on **Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.**

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss sponsoring Hudson Valley Credit Union in the formation of a Banking Development District and any other business that may legally come before the board.

Staci Conjura, Town Clerk
Dated: May 16, 2024

5/23/2024

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning will hold a Special Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 set to begin at 10 am, for Proposed Resolution No. 40 of 2024 - Establishing a Banking Development District in the Town of Denning together with Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union as Co-Applicant.

No other business will be before the Board at that time.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD
Nancy Parrow
Town Clerk
May 21, 2024

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Neversink Fire District is looking for certified lifeguards to work at the Neversink Pool for the 2024 Summer Season. All inquiries, please reach out to Commissioner Patty Mullen at (845) 707-1737 or neversinkfiredistrict@gmail.com

5/16; 5/23; 5/30; 6/6; 6/13; 6/20

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5/23; 5/30; 6/6; 6/13; 6/20; 6/27
22.50

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

Tri-Valley's Board of Education

will hold Regular Meeting #22 on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level.

This meeting will be on Tri-Valley's YouTube LIVE Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkI224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>.

The Agenda will be available on BoardDocs 1 day before the Board Meeting.

CLOSURE ON STATE ROUTE 55 IN THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK, SULLIVAN COUNTY

The New York State Department of Transportation is advising Sullivan County motorists that State Route 55 will be closed between Meyers Road and West Shields Road, in the town of Neversink, Sullivan County, to all but local traffic beginning Monday, April 29 at 6 a.m. The closure is expected to last through the end of May and is necessary to facilitate a large culvert replacement.

Motorists are advised to follow the posted detour utilizing State Routes 42 and 52.

Construction activities are weather-dependent and subject to change based on conditions. Motorists should anticipate travel delays and build extra travel time into their schedules.

Motorists are urged to slow down and drive responsibly in work zones. Fines are doubled for speeding in a work zone. Convictions of two or more speeding violations in a work zone could result in the suspension of an individual's driver license.

For up-to-date travel information, call 511, visit www.511NY.org or download the free 511NY mobile app.

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Permit Requirements and Special Regulations for Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor and Blue Hole in the Sundown Wild Forest

Special regulations are in effect for the Blue Hole and Peekamoose Valley because of the huge increase in visitors. The purpose of these regulations is to increase public safety and reduce impacts to the environmental resources. Permits are required to visit the Blue Hole, or to camp at the nearby campsites in the Peekamoose Valley. The Special regulations:

- o Require visitors to obtain a permit for a \$10 fee through Reserve America, consistent with fees for other recreation-oriented Day Use areas in the Forest Preserve;
- o Limit parking to designated parking areas only. Parking along the shoulder of the road is prohibited by the Town and is a Tow Away Zone;
- o Users are required to use portable restroom facilities for human waste disposal and the dumpster for all other waste
- o Except for the nearby designated camping area, the Blue Hole is only open to the public from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.
- o Parking is limited to designated parking areas only. Parking along the shoulder of the road is prohibited by the Town and is a Tow Away Zone.

The following are prohibited at the Blue Hole (limited use will be allowed at the nearby designated camping area only):

- o Camping
- o All fires (including charcoal fires, wood fires, gas grills, propane stoves or other portable stoves)
- o Use of portable generators
- o Alcohol
- o Glass containers
- o Coolers larger than 12" in any dimension
- o Radios and other audio devices

To obtain a permit to the Peekamoose Blue Hole, please visit

<https://dec.ny.gov/places/peekamoose-blue-hole>

Sullivan County Memorial Day Parades & Services - 2024

NOTE: This list will be updated as more events are announced. Anyone with a new event to add should contact our Veterans Service Agency at 845-807-0233 or Sheldon.Dillon@sullivanva.us.

Saturday, May 25th

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 Phillippsport Community Center, 10:30 am - Burlingham Cemetery, and 11:15 am - Pine Hill Cemetery. (Times are approximate)

Sunday, May 26th

Lew Beach: 2:00 pm - The Beaverkill Valley Fire Department will be Hosting a Chicken Barbecue at 1524 Beaverkill Road, Livingston Manor.

Tusten-Highland-Lumberland: The Tusten-Highland-Lumberland VFW Post 6427 will have cemetery ceremonies to honor our deceased Veterans: 11:00 am - Lava Cemetery, 11:30 am - St. Francis Cemetery, 11:45 am - Glen Cove Cemetery and 2:00 pm - Ceremony at the Old Tusten Church, Town of Tusten.

Monday, May 27th

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: 9:15 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: 8:45 am - Sylvan Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will conduct a Memorial Service at the Eldred Cemetery.

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. Refreshments served after.

Fremont Center: 9:30 am - Allan Milk Memorial VFW Post 7276 and H. Russell Kenyon VFW Post 5808 will have the 140th Annual Memorial Service at Veteran's Park. 10:00 am - Fremont Town Hall Veterans Monument and Parade down County Route 94.

10:45 am - Flag Folding Ceremony featuring Guest Speaker and awards.

Grahamsville: 11 am - Town of Neversink Flag Exchange Ceremony. The program will take place 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 John H. Morton who served in the U.S. Army during WWII from 1943-1946. Boy Scout Troop 97 will accept a flag to honor William Mitchell who served in the U.S. Navy from 1953-1956, which will fly for six months. The Flag Exchange is sponsored by the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association.

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.

Livingston Manor: 10:00 am - Parade down Main Street and concludes at Rock Avenue (old VFW property.) Ceremony to follow.

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 will be holding a brief event in commemoration of Memorial Day, at the Lumberland Town Hall, 1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey. The event begins inside the Town Hall and is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available.

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 315 will have a Memorial Day Parade. 11:00 am - Memorial Day ceremony immediately after the Parade in front of the Roscoe-Rockland Firehouse.

Wurtsboro: 1:00 pm - The American Legion Post 1266 and Edward M. Maier Memorial VFW Post 4947 are hosting the 2024 Memorial Day Parade. Refreshments and ice cream will be served at the Wurtsboro Fire House at the conclusion of the parade.

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Covered Dish Supper
5:30 pm
June 1, 2024**

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Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

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

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

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
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9:00 AM Saturday

HOLY DAY EUCHARIST
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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

First Thrift Sale of the Season!
June 1st
9 am to 12 noon

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

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If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

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845-985-7480

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Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



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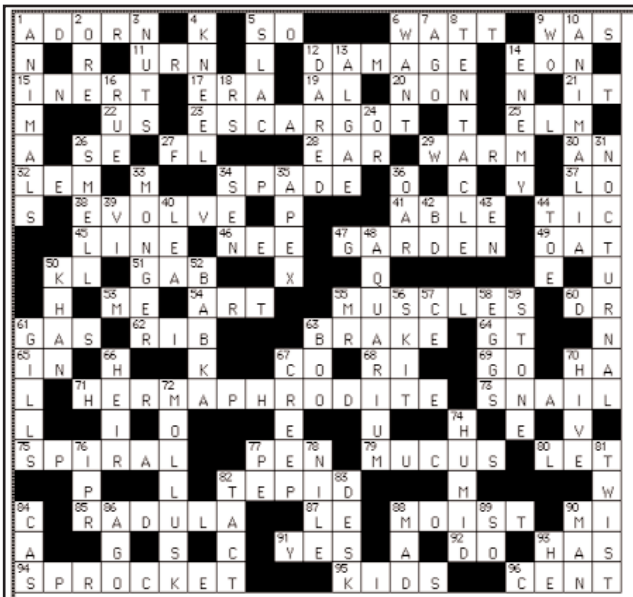
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Ans to last week's Crossword



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 answer

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7	8	6	5	1	3	2	4	9
3	2	9	8	6	4	7	5	1
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Grahamsville United Methodist Church
 356 Main St. P.O. Box 86
 Grahamsville, NY 12740
Thrift Sale Schedule 2024
 All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

June - 1st and 15th Sept - 7th and 21st
 July - 8th and 20th Oct - 12th and 28th
 August - 3rd and 17th Nov - 2nd and 18th
 Dec 7th - **Holiday Craft Sale**

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 starting March 14, 2024, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appoint-
 ment. Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.
 grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com
Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

Sundown
United Methodist Church
Covered Dish Supper
 Saturday,
 June 1, 2024 5:30 pm
 at the Church Hall
Check out the tables with Yard Sale items
available for sale
 (Covered Dish Suppers are held the
 First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm
 at the Church Hall)

Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic

Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 2 to 3:30 pm
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Bring prior proof of vaccination with you

**Primetimers Plan Trip to Wind
 Creek Casino/Outlets**

The Primetimers of Temple Sholom is sponsoring a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlet Mall in Bethlehem, PA on Thursday, July 18th . The bus leaves at 9:00 AM from Temple Sholom Parking Lot at 5 East Dillon Road, Monticello, NY. Enjoy an exciting day of gaming, dining and shopping. Cost is \$55 including tip and \$30 free slot play. Deadline is July 1st. For further info and reservations, call Paula at 845-794-2314.

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6/1/24	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon
6/1/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
6/4/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
6/5/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
6/11/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
6/12/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
6/16/24	Claryville Fire Department All You Can Farther's Day Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon
6/20/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
6/20/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

Save the Date!

The Matthew Bertholf Annual Horseshoe Tournament will be Sunday, July 14, 2024

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of May 20 - May 24, 2024

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

Monday, May 20

o **4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 861 5893 0805 Passcode: 917996

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

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

Tuesday, May 21

o No Meetings

Wednesday, May 22

o **12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline**

o **12:00 PM - Periodic Compensation Review Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o **7:00 PM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District**, 5 Park Lane, Highland, 12528

o **7:30 PM - Fire Advisory Board**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, May 23

o **9:30 AM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Reform Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building

o **5:00 PM - Fleet Management Review Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Zero Waste Committee**, in the UCRRRA Offices, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Regular Board Meeting**, in the UCRRRA Offices, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

Friday, May 24

o No Meetings



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Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack Announces Opening of 2024 Matthewis Persen House Museum Season with World War II Presentation



Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is thrilled to announce the opening of the Matthewis Persen House Museum & Cultural Heritage Center's 2024 season on Saturday, May 25th, 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 4:00 p.m. until closing for the season on October 26th.

For opening day, join us for an exclusive D-Day presentation led by Hank Yost and Dan Swart, experts on World War II history. They will be highlighting the airborne part of the assault in Normandy on June 6, 1944, in particular, the American 82nd and 101st regiments. Yost and Swart will be wearing accurate jump uniforms for the D-Day invasion and carrying and displaying much of the equipment used by these paratroopers. Visitors are encouraged to bring artifacts and stories of family members participation in WW2, be it in the military or on the home front.

"Historical reenactors bring history to life, and we couldn't be more excited to have Hank and Dan kicking off our season at the Persen House. Their unwavering commitment to authentically depict pivotal moments and individuals from this extraordinary historical



Hank Yost, WWII Reenactor, at the Persen House. Photograph by Jonathan Palmer

era is an invaluable asset to our entire community," stated County Clerk Nina Postupack. "We are equally 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."



Africans in America and Antiquity exhibit at the Persen House. Photograph by Jonathan Palmer.

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 are also pleased to be a part of this year's Burning of Kingston events in October.

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, please contact the Ulster County Clerk's Archives at (845) 340-3415 or archives@co.ulster.ny.us. You can also visit us online at <https://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house> or on the County Clerk's Facebook page for updates and announcements.

Remembering
Museum Trustee,
Artist and Friend
**Elise
Hornbeck**



Sunday, May 26, 2024 2 p.m.

Time and the Valleys Museum
332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) Grahamsville, N.Y.

*Tributes, refreshments and self-guided tour
of Elise's exhibit contributions*



For more information and to R.S.V.P.
info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org

845 985-7700

Join us!



David Gizinski Arrested Again

David Gizinski, 37, of Gizinski Construction, LLC has been arrested again in connection with two more contractor scams. The Defendant was originally arrested in March of this year when he took \$13,656 from a Grahamsville couple as down payment on a roofing job that he never performed. The defendant was arrested again last week by deputies for taking \$1,012.50 on a window replacement job in the Town of Thompson and \$3,000 to repair a deck in Fallsburg. None of the work was ever started. "Sullivan County has a shortage of contractors", said Sheriff Mike Schiff.



David Gizinski

"Homeowners are often anxious to get a repair done and go with the first one who calls them back and shows a little interest in their job. Unless you check these people out thoroughly you might wind up having a problem". The Sheriff urged citizens to do some research, look at the Better Business Bureau website, internet reviews and social media to see what other people's experiences have been with a contractor that you are thinking of hiring. "If a contractor wants full payment in advance or asks you to give them a positive review before they even start the job, that's a red flag", said Schiff. Gizinski was released under New York's bail reform laws pending a future court appearance.

Gillibrand Calls for Boost in Federal Funding for Local Fire Departments

Many NY Fire Departments Are Using 20+ Year Old Gear; Funding Would Provide New Equipment, Fight Staffing Shortages

Last Year, Gillibrand Helped Deliver Over 200 Grants Totaling Nearly \$50 Million To NY Fire Departments - But There Is Still More Need

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a virtual press conference to announce her push to provide a boost in federal funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) in the FY25 appropriations bill. The AFGP provides funding for local fire departments to purchase equipment and emergency vehicles and address staffing shortages. As many fire departments across New York State continue to rely on outdated equipment and struggle with staffing shortages, Gillibrand is pushing for additional federal funding for the AFGP to ensure firefighters have what they need to stay safe as they protect their communities.

"Fire departments across our state are operating with outdated fire trucks and protective gear, and replacing it can cost millions of dollars that many of them just don't have," said Senator Gillibrand. "The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program provides federal funding to fill those gaps, allowing departments to buy new emergency response vehicles, personal protective gear, breathing apparatuses, infrared cameras, hazmat detection

devices, and more. It also helps fire departments struggling with staffing shortages to hire or retain trained firefighters. Every year, I fight to include AFGP funding in the government spending bill and deliver money for hundreds of fire departments across New York State. This year, I'm calling for increased funding to address nationwide need. Firefighters put their lives on the line for us, and we owe it to them to provide the resources they need to do their jobs."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program offers multiple types of grants, including Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG), which help fire departments acquire new emergency vehicles, protective gear, and equipment, and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER), which help fire departments hire and retain trained firefighters to meet industry minimum standards and ensure 24-hour staffing. Last year, Gillibrand helped secure over 200 AFG and SAFER grants totaling nearly \$50 million for fire departments across New York State.

The full text of Senator Gillibrand's letter to Senate appropriators is available below:

Dear Chair Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chair Murphy, and Ranking Member Britt:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year (FY) 2025 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations bill, we urge that you include increased funding for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program. We appreciate the committee's previous strong support of these vital programs, but were concerned to see the cuts levied against these vital programs in Fiscal Year 2024, as they make important investments in public safety in states and local jurisdictions throughout the country.

The AFG Program has strengthened public safety by providing much needed funding for infrared cameras, personal protective gear, hazmat detection devices, improved breathing apparatuses, interoperable communications systems, and much more. This equipment is critical to ensuring the safety of firefighters as they respond to emergencies and protect our communities. The cost of this equipment, however, continues to increase year after year, and demand for the AFG Program continues to significantly outpace available funding.

Similarly, the SAFER Grant Program provides much-needed funding for career and volunteer fire departments to hire, recruit, and retain firefighters. This program is critical because more than half of all career and volunteer fire departments in our nation do not have sufficient personnel to protect the public effectively. In order to bring our nation's fire departments to the staffing levels needed to serve their communities and respond to emergencies, the SAFER Grant Program must be adequately funded.

The AFG and SAFER Programs are vital to firefighters across the country, and yet, the programs face a statutory sunset date of September 30, 2024. We urge Congress to pass the Fire Grants and Safety Act (S. 870) to reauthorize these essential programs. Should the Fire Grants and Safety Act not be enacted prior to your drafting of the Homeland Security appropriations bill, we request that you include language to extend the sunset of AFG and SAFER for one year, until September 30, 2025.

We have an obligation to protect those who protect us by providing them with the necessary resources to perform their jobs as safely and effectively as possible. We urge you to help Congress meet that obligation by accounting for the increased needs of firefighters nationwide and providing increased funding for the AFG and SAFER programs in FY 2025. Thank you for your consideration of this request and your ongoing commitment to our nation's firefighters.

DEC Recognizes May 23 as World Turtle Day

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today reminded New Yorkers that turtles are nesting in May and June and encouraged motorists to 'give turtles a brake.' In New York, thousands of turtles are killed each year by unsuspecting drivers when turtles cross roads to find nesting areas.

"Vehicle strikes are a major cause of mortality among turtles and at this time of year, turtles are particularly vulnerable as they seek sandy areas or loose soil in which to lay their eggs," Interim Commissioner Mahar said. "When travelling on roads near rivers and marshy areas, DEC encourages drivers on New York roads to slow down and keep a lookout for turtles in our communities."

Drivers who see a turtle on the road are encouraged to slow down to avoid hitting it with their vehicle. If the vehicle can safely stop and drivers are able to safely do so, motorists should consider moving the turtle to the shoulder on the side of the road in the direction it was facing. Motorists are advised not to pick turtles up by their tails, which could injure the turtle. Most turtles, other than snapping turtles, can be picked up safely by the sides of their shells. Snapping turtles have necks that can reach far back and have a strong bite, and should be picked up by the rear of the shell near the tail using both hands, or dragged safely across the road on a mat or blanket. Never drag turtles by the tail as doing so can dislocate the tail bones.

A licensed wildlife rehabilitator may be able to help if an injured turtle is found.

DEC reminds people not to take turtles home. All native turtles are protected by law and cannot be kept without a DEC permit. Most of the 11 species of land turtles that are native to New York are in decline. Turtles are long-lived species and it takes many years for a turtle to reach maturity. Losing even one mature female can have a negative impact on a local population. Learn more about New York's native turtles on DEC's website.

DEC recognizes May 23 as World Turtle Day®. American Tortoise Rescue (ATR), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the protection of all species of tortoise and turtle, created World Turtle Day® to celebrate and protect turtles and tortoises and their disappearing habitats around the world. These gentle animals have been around for 200 million years, yet are rapidly disappearing due to smuggling, the exotic food industry, climate change, loss of habitat, and the illegal pet trade.

Follow @NYSDEC's social media accounts on May 23 for more information about turtles in the state.

Update on AA Trivia

So, as you may have noticed, there's been no trivia announcements for a couple of months. I was on hiatus while River Rep prepped for its benefit, I did some Shakespeare in the city, and I reprised my role as The Catastrophist.

Well, in that time, The Tango Cafe closed and is now reopening but with a different focus. The Sullivan House just closed its doors for good. Apparently, they couldn't withstand my absence. But fear not, those of you who seek to test their knowledge: I'm baaaaack. This Friday, 5/24, I'll be hosting trivia at the DVO in Lake Huntington. 6pm. I may switch it up from time to time, but for now, it will be a kinder, gentler Tango-type format.

That's this Friday. In just over 3 weeks, River Rep's production of 'Art' opens at the DVO. In July, I'll be in the play 'Terror' with Catskill Public Theater and River Rep will have a staged reading of 'The Handless Maiden' which I'm directing.

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Ulster County Provides Update on Work of Truth and Reconciliation Commission

New Website and Narrative Walking Tour Planned for Later This Year

KINGSTON, NY - The Offices of the Ulster County Executive and County Clerk announce the progress made by the Ulster County Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and plans to share its findings with the public this year.

The Ulster County Truth and Reconciliation Commission, comprised of professors, local historians, and educators, was created three years ago with the support of then-County Executive Pat Ryan and Radio Kingston to conduct primary historical research into slavery in Ulster County and chronicle the lives of individuals of African descent, with the goal of providing an honest and expansive understanding of the legacy of slavery in Ulster County, and to create an accessible resource for educators, students, and the community.

The Commission is completing a website, which will go live in June, with a searchable database of all primary documents, an interactive map containing the locations of historic houses in Ulster County known to have been involved in enslavement, an overview of historic Black burial grounds, and an extensive collection of stories chronicling the lives of historic personages of African descent.

Later this year, the Commission will unveil a narrative walking tour through history, produced by Sound and Story, and presented in the voice of Ceazar Smith, a 19th-century Black resident of Kingston who was laid to rest in the Pine Street Burial Ground.

The Commission's efforts are bolstered by its dedicated members:

- o Albert Cook (Co-Chair) has been a member of the Social Studies Department at New Paltz High School for 25 years, where he currently teaches World History, AP American History, and Black History. He also has been an instructor in the Urban Education Initiative at Vassar College, where he co-taught classes on the Legacy of Dr. King, the History of Black Voter Disenfranchisement, and the History and Legacy of Mass Incarceration. He has lectured throughout the region on issues surrounding the history of African Cultures and the development of Race and Racism in North America.

- o Susan Stessin-Cohn (Co-Chair), co-author of *In Defiance, Runaways from Slavery in New York's Hudson River Valley, 1735-1831*, and former professor of social studies education at SUNY New Paltz, is currently the Historian for the Town of New Paltz. She is a recipient of the Bruce Dearstyne Award for excellence in the educational use of local government records; the New York State Archives Award for the best use of primary local documents in a curriculum in NYS; and the Pride of Ulster County Award for research on the Ulster County Poorhouse. She has appeared on both CSPAN and PBS.

- o Ashley Hurlburt-Biagini is a research historian and web developer in the Hudson Valley. She is the former Manager of Collections and Archives at Historic Huguenot Street, where she co-curated various exhibits. Ashley has appeared on WYNT Channel 13, is on the research committee for the Sacred Place of My Ancestors, and is the co-author of *In Defiance: Runaways*

from Slavery in New York's Hudson River Valley, 1735-1831.

- o Philip White is a recent graduate of SUNY New Paltz and has been involved since the Fall of 2022 in researching the history of slavery in the Hudson Valley. The son of a historian, he grew up in Poughkeepsie, where he first became acquainted with the long legacy of anti-slavery movements in the area.

In addition, the Commission benefits from the expertise and guidance of County Historian Geoffrey Miller and the County Archivist Jonathan Palmer, and the Commission's Advisory Board, which includes Erica Brown, Taylor Bruck, Debra Bruno, Jimmy Buff, Wendy E. Harris, Donna Jeffress, Esi Lewis, Esq., Jonathan Palmer, Kitt Vanderzee Potter, and Philip Timbrouck.

"The establishment of the Ulster County Truth and Reconciliation Commission signifies our commitment to confronting the legacy of slavery and chronicling the lives of individuals of African descent whose stories have not been told," said County Executive Metzger. "By acknowledging this history and expanding our perspectives on it, we take a significant step toward healing and understanding. I commend the dedicated members of the commission and advisory board for their work in bringing this important initiative to fruition."

"It has been very exciting to see the amazing historic records in our care scrutinized and utilized so extensively," said Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack. "As the keeper of these documents, I have been honored to work in partnership with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to ensure our records contributed towards the formation of an authentic truth, no matter how difficult that truth may be, concerning the legacy of slavery in a community I've had the pleasure to serve."

"The Truth and Reconciliation Commission is a unique opportunity for the Ulster County Government to show our commitment to eradicating racism by allocating resources and sharing primary documents under the care of the County Clerk to provide a more complete and accurate history of slavery in Ulster County for the healing and uniting of our collective community," said Ulster County Chief Diversity Officer Esi Lewis. "We are grateful to the Commission and the advisors for the time and energy they continue to invest into this project and our community."

Ulster County and Community Foundations Announce Availability of Food Security Grants

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Executive, in partnership with the Ulster County Legislature and Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, is pleased to announce the availability of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support food security and resilience efforts throughout the County.

Building on the information learned from a Food Insecurity study undertaken by the Legislature in 2022, Ulster County has dedicated \$275,000 of ARPA funding to support the emergency food security network throughout the County and help bridge the gap between those in need and healthy, accessible food. As part of the project, the County has helped to convene an emergency food working group and provide grant funding that will benefit emergency feeding providers, those they serve, and the resilience of the emergency feeding system.

Additionally, Family of Woodstock facilitates the Ulster County Food Security and Access Network (UCFSAN), which conducted a needs assessment of the system in 2023.

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UC and Community Foundations Announce Availability of Food Security Grant

(From Pg. 29) In alignment with both the Legislature and UCF-SAN report findings, funding will focus on proposals that effectively address one or more of the following: (a) food security, (b) leveraging existing resources and expanding existing emergency food services, (c) providing equipment or personnel to increase capacity to collect, store, distribute, and provide food to those in need, and (d) ensure sustainability for organizations addressing food insecurity in critical geographic areas where providers are limited.

A total of \$275,000 will be granted to non-profit organizations in Ulster County, and grants made through this program will range from \$1,000 to \$15,000 for individual organizations. Collaborative projects/programs may ask for excess of \$15,000 and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

“With 12% of our residents and 17% of our children facing food insecurity, these grants are intended to help bolster the work of our emergency food network to meet this significant need,” said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. “We are fortunate to live in a County where so many caring people, organizations, and volunteers donate their time and resources to addressing food insecurity, and these grants will help build capacity, support innovative approaches to meeting the need, and contribute to the long-term resilience of our emergency food system.”

“Ensuring food security for our residents is a fundamental priority. We are deeply grateful to our partner organizations for their unwavering dedication and collaborative efforts. This funding will strengthen our emergency food network and ensure that everyone in Ulster County has access to healthy, nutritious food,” said Peter Criswell, (D-7) Chair of the Ulster County Legislature.

“Addressing community food insecurity, and making sure our residents have access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food was our goal and I’m glad that the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allowed us to do this,” said Thomas Corcoran, Ulster County Legislator (D-11) and Chair of the ARPA Special Committee.

“Ulster County prides itself on agriculture and agri-tourism yet many of our community members are struggling to make ends meet and put fresh, healthy food on their plates,” said Megan Sperry, Vice Chair of the Ulster County Legislature (D-17) and Deputy Chair of the ARPA Special Committee. “We can do better, and with this partnership we will be able to assist individuals

and families who have been struggling to eat better and support our local farms at the same time.”

“The Community Foundations is proud to support the critical work of Ulster County organizations and programs addressing the pressing needs of food security, access, and improved food system sustainability in our community,” said Cristin McPeake, Community Foundations Vice President of Programs.

Applications for the grant program opened on April 15, 2024, and have a June 14, 2024 deadline for submission. Visit <https://communityfoundationshv.org/grants/> for more information and to apply.

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley is a key funder of food security through the Hudson Valley Farm Fresh Food Initiative which provides grants to regional nonprofits to bring more fresh Hudson Valley produce to people in the region who need it most.

Contact Cristin McPeake, Vice President of Programs at cmcpeake@communityfoundationshv.org or 845-452-3077 for questions about the grant application.

Contact Suzanne Flaum, Assistant Program Director of the Farm to Food Pantry Collaborative at Family of Woodstock at sflaum@familyofwoodstockinc.org or 845-800-0437 for questions about the UCFSAN.

Contact Kristen Wilson, Deputy Director of Ulster County Planning at kwil@co.ulster.ny.us or 845-340-3338 for questions about this ARPA-funded initiative.

About The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley

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Ulster County Executive Invites Public to Ribbon-Cutting for New O&W Connector Trail

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger is pleased to announce a ribbon-cutting for the O&W Connector Trail, formerly known by its project name - the Kingston Rail Trail. The 1.8-mile O&W Connector begins at a trailhead on Washington Avenue in Kingston, and ends at a junction with the O&W Rail Trail along Route 209 in the Town of Hurley. This new trail connects the Kingston Greenline system with the 27-mile O&W Rail Trail.

The public is invited to join this celebration on the Hurley side of the trail on Thursday, May 30, at 4 pm. (The rain date is Friday, May 31, at 4 pm.) Parking for the event is located at the Hurley and O&W Rail Trail main parking lot along Route 209 in Hurley, just .3 miles north of the ribbon-cutting (a 5-10 minute walk). (Driving south from Kingston, the parking lot is on the left immediately after crossing over the Esopus Creek Bridge. Parking lot coordinates: 41°56'05.1"N 74°03'13.5"W.)

For those interested in checking out the full trail prior to the ribbon-cutting, the County's Department of Health will lead a walk and the County Sheriff's Bike Patrol will lead a ride at 3 pm from the parking lot at 79 Hurley Avenue to the ribbon-cutting.

"This new rail trail connection marks a significant milestone for our trail system, connecting urban and rural areas, widening access, and expanding recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike," said County Executive Metzger. "I want to thank our Planning and Public Works Departments for bringing this project to fruition, and I look forward to riding my bike from Marletown to Kingston!"

"We are so pleased to see the completion of this crucial connection between the Kingston Greenline and the O&W Rail Trail," said Kingston Mayor Steve Noble. "I want to thank Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger and the Ulster County Planning team for realizing the need for a connector in this area and seeing this project through. We are so lucky to have such a robust trail system in our region and State, and it's thanks to the leadership and coordination between municipalities that has helped make the trail network such a success."

"The long-sought O&W Connector creates a seamless direct connection between the built spaces of the City of Kingston and the open spaces along the O&W Rail Trail," said Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee Chair Kevin Smith. "Before long, we foresee residents from

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"The O&W Coalition is grateful to have this section of trail complete," said O&W Coalition Co-Chairs Jessica Phelan and Jill McLean. "There have been many volunteers involved to make this trail what it is and what it will continue to be. We live in a beautiful area and are fortunate to have the trail available for all ages to enjoy the outdoors."

The O&W Connector, which was recommended in the County's 2008 Non-motorized Transportation Plan, is the most recent addition to the County's efforts to develop an interconnected Rail Trail system throughout Ulster County. Trails built by the County in recent years include the Midtown Linear Park, the Ashokan Rail Trail, and the Hudson Valley Rail Trail. To learn more about the O&W Trail, visit theoandwtrail.org. To learn more about the Kingston Greenline, visit kingstongreenline.org.

If special accommodations are required for members of the public to participate or for further information on the project, please contact Deputy Director of Planning Kristen Wilson, at 845-340-3338 or kwil@co.ulster.ny.us.

*The attached map indicates the ribbon-cutting location (the "You Are Here" circle), with the O&W Rail Trail main parking lot nearby.

Governor Hochul Announces \$14.7 Million to Strengthen New York's Food Supply Chain Infrastructure through Partnership with U.S. Dept of Agriculture

Regional Food Systems Infrastructure Program Offers Competitive Grants for Projects Designed to Build Food System Resilience

*Applications Open Now and Available Here
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Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a cooperative agreement between New York State and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service that will offer over \$14.7 million in grant funding to provide technical assistance to farmers and food businesses operating at the middle of the supply chain, helping to enhance coordination throughout the food system and improve access to markets for farmers. Applications for the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program are open now through Friday, June 28.

"Thanks to our partnership with USDA, we are strengthening the resilience of our food infrastructure and supply chain here in New York State," Governor Hochul said. "The Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program provides critical funding to support our food supply chain by investing in projects that modernize agricultural facilities, improve training, and facilitate the purchase of new equipment."

USDA Marketing and Regulatory Programs Under Secretary Jenny Lester Moffitt said, "This partnership between USDA and New York State is allowing critical funding to reach areas of the supply chain that need it most. The projects funded through this program will create new opportunities for the region's small and midsize producers to thrive, expand access to nutritious food options, and increase supply chain resiliency."

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM) will partner with Farm and Food Growth Fund, Inc (FFGF) to administer the grant program and to fund projects that expand statewide capacity and infrastructure for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storage, transporting, wholesaling, or distribution of targeted local and regional agricultural food products (excluding meat and poultry products). Successful projects will focus on increasing the supply of New York-sourced food products available in New York markets and will benefit multiple producers and multiple markets.

AGM will also partner with Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust to provide technical assistance to producers to improve supply chain coordination activities. Additionally, the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell University and Cornell Cooperative Extension's Harvest New York Program will conduct an updated assessment of New York State processing infrastructure to identify barriers and opportunities for growth, as well as an analysis of the State's institutional purchasing to provide market information to New York State producers.

Two grant opportunities will be available for New York agricultural businesses:

Infrastructure Grants: This competitive opportunity is focused on funding infrastructure for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, or distribution of agricultural food products (excluding meat and poultry products). Applications may be submitted for projects ranging from \$100,000 to \$3 million.

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Eligible applicants may visit the FFGF website for more information about RFSI requirements, program resources, application details, and to access the application portal: ffgrowthfund.org/rfsi. The deadline for infrastructure grant applications is June 28 at 5:00 pm.

For more information on program details and how to apply, applicants may view a recorded webinar online at ffgrowthfund.org/rfsi. Potential applicants may also join the RFSI team at two open office hour events to ask questions about the program. Office hours will be held on May 29 and June 12 from 12pm-1pm. More details will be posted on the FFGF website.

AMS encourages applications that serve smaller farms and ranches, new and beginning farmers and ranchers, underserved producers, veteran producers, and underserved communities.

For more information, visit AGM's website at agriculture.ny.gov/resilient-food-systems-infrastructure-program and USDA's AMS Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure webpage.

In May 2023, USDA announced the availability of up to \$420 million through RFSI to strengthen local and regional food systems. Through this program, AMS has entered into cooperative agreements with state agencies, commissions, or departments responsible for agriculture, commercial food processing, seafood, or food system and distribution activities or commerce activities in states or U.S. territories. RFSI is authorized by the American Rescue Plan. Updates for each state's Request for Applications for the RFSI program are available on the AMS website. (Contd. Pg. 38)

Governor Hochul Announces \$14.7 Million to Strengthen New York's Food Supply Chain Infrastructure through Partnership with U.S. Dept of Agriculture

(From Pg. 37) New York State's FY 2025 Budget includes additional support in key areas to continue to strengthen the agricultural community, provide a boost to New York's farmers, and create a stronger, more resilient food supply chain. This includes first time investments of \$55 million to bolster New York's dairy industry, over \$60 million in local assistance to support farmers and producers, \$50 million for the continuation of the successful Nourish NY program, a five-year extension of the sale of to-go alcoholic beverages at restaurants and bars, and more. New York State continues to prioritize increasing access to food for all New Yorkers through efforts including the FreshConnect Fresh2You initiative, the Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs, the Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grants Programs, and more.

DEC Urges New Yorkers to Respect Wildlife by Leaving Young Animals Alone Human Interactions with Wildlife Do More Harm than Good If You Care, Leave It There

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today reminded New Yorkers to appreciate wildlife from a safe distance and resist the urge to touch or move young wildlife.

"Spring's warmer weather brings with it more sightings and encounters with New York wildlife, especially young birds and other animals," Interim Commissioner Mahar said. "While some might think these baby animals need assistance, human interactions with wildlife typically do more harm than good. Please remember: if you care, leave it there."

Avoid Interactions with Young Wildlife

Human interaction with young wildlife can be problematic. When young wildlife venture into the world, for a brief time they may have limited ability to fly or walk on their own. While one or both parents teach survival skills to their offspring, some young wildlife receive little or no care.

DEC reminds the public that young wild animals like fawns and baby birds are rarely abandoned. Parents often place their young somewhere to keep them hidden from predators while they are off collecting food.

Bird nestlings can have closed eyes and can be featherless, spending approximately two weeks in the nest until they begin to outgrow the space. Once they outgrow the nest, nestlings become fledglings, a bird with developed feathers, and begin to flap their wings and learn how to fly. In both stages (nestlings and fledglings) the adult birds are nearby and care for them.

If a nestling is found on the ground and cannot be easily and safely returned to the nest, the public is advised to refrain from approaching and instead should call a wildlife rehabilitator.

Fledglings, on the other hand, can hop and flutter on their own, and spend short periods out of the nest on the ground or in low branches. If attempting to return a fledgling to its nest, New Yorkers are advised to remember to stay below the nest so that the other babies do not hop out. If a young bird is alert, fully feathered, and moving around, people are encouraged to watch from a distance and not intervene.

Fawns are born during late May and early June, and although they can walk shortly after birth, they spend most of their first several days lying still in tall grass, leaf litter, or sometimes relatively unconcealed. During this period, a fawn is usually left alone by the adult female (doe), except when nursing. Fawns are vulnerable to predators during this period. If human presence is detected by the doe, the doe may delay its next visit to nurse.

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Sick or Injured Animals

The more serious cases of animals seemingly abandoned are due to injury. Anyone who encounters a young wild animal that is injured or orphaned should call a trained and licensed DEC wildlife rehabilitator.

Rehabilitators are the only people legally allowed to receive and treat distressed wildlife, and have the experience, expertise, and facilities to successfully treat and release wild animals.

Additionally, the public should note the increased risk of rabies in raccoons, skunks, foxes and bats and are reminded not handle these species directly. Anyone who observes wildlife that appears to be sick or behaving abnormally should contact their DEC regional wildlife office. For more information on wildlife health, visit the DEC webpage.

Additionally, DEC reminds the public that young wildlife are not pets. Keeping wildlife in captivity is illegal and harmful to the animal. Wild animals are not well-suited to life in captivity and may carry diseases that can be transferred to humans. DEC also advises the public to keep domestic pets indoors when young wild animals are present. Many fledgling birds cannot fly well when they first leave the nest and are easy prey for house cats. Most people have the best intentions when they find wild animals, but if a fawn, baby bird, or other young wildlife is found, please remember, "If You Care, Leave It There."



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A 16-inch upper Neversink wild rainbow. Read more about Catskill rainbows below. Photo by Ed Ostapczuk

Environmentalist Dan Plummer to Speak at May 23rd Chapter Meeting



The chapter's May meeting will take place on Thursday, May 23rd at 7:30 pm at the Boiceville Inn, on NY 28 in Boiceville. We are very fortunate to host Dan Plummer as our

guest speaker. Dan has an extensive Catskill environmental background and will conduct an interactive environmental discussion with folks present. Below is a short bio of Dan.

Dan grew up in Elmira, New York and was introduced to fishing, hunting and trapping at an early age by both his mom and dad; both were great outdoors enthusiasts, and true self-taught naturalists. They put a very high value on all things wild and taught Dan and his brother John to appreciate all the outdoors had to offer. Dan moved to Southern California in 1979, where he worked for ABC Sports covering events like Monday Night Football and the 1984 Summer Olympics. He then moved to NYC to work for Ralph Lauren and bought his cabin on the East Branch of the Delaware River, downstream of the Pepacton Reservoir. In 2006 Dan took the helm at Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR) where he developed and led the organization for 12 years. He is currently the vice-president for NYS Trout Unlimited Region 4 and is completing an environmental documentary on the Upper Delaware River Watershed.

Dan believes there is not a more spectacular place in the country, and has been dedicated for decades now to making sure the watershed gets the chance it deserves to live up to its full potential. Dan has also served on the boards of The Summit Foundation, The Code Blue Foundation, Trout Unlimited, Friends of the Upper Delaware River, and the Wild Salmon Center doing conservation work.



Brook trout. Photo by Ed Ostapczuk.

Chapter Gets New Grant for the Heritage Brook Trout Study

The Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program has awarded our chapter a \$2,500 grant, which Mark Loete applied for, to conduct another Catskill Heritage Brook Trout study in 2024 on an Esopus Creek watershed trib, yet to be determined. Thank you AWSMP, and Mark, for this grant!

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Trout Unlimited (From Pg. 39)

Ashokan Watershed Conference Begins in June

The Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP) has announced their 2024 Watershed Conference. The conference theme is "Conservation Through Connection," and it includes a number of stream-related events that are worth your time looking over. Visit the conference page on the AWSMP website for information about all the events.



Rainbows in the Catskills



Neversink rainbow. Photo by Ed Ostapczuk

Esopus Creek has long been known for its famous rainbow trout spawning run from NYC's Ashokan Reservoir. And rainbows have long been prized trout in the Delaware tailwaters of the East and West Branches plus the Main Stem. They have also found their way up into the Beaverkill. In his 1933 book - *Any Luck?* - Eugene Connett, 3rd discusses rainbows in the Beaverkill AND Willowemoc Creek.

In recent decades however, wild rainbows have established themselves in other Catskill watersheds, reportedly the offspring of hatchery fish. In the East Branch of the Delaware River, upstream of NYC's Pepacton Reservoir, rainbows now can be caught, allegedly the offspring of hatchery trout stocked by the Tuscarora Club located on Mill Brook, a tributary to this water supply. And on the upper Neversink, upstream of NYC's reservoir, wild rainbows are also caught, as pictured here. Apparently these are offspring of fish from the late Duke Wellington's Claryville trout ponds. Duke raised rainbows and following hurricane high waters, rainbows escaped from the ponds into the upper Neversink. Not only are they now found in both these headwater Catskill branches, but they occasionally find their way downstream of NYC's Neversink Reservoir and also in the Rondout Reservoir, via the tunnel that connects both watershed impoundments.

So, are these trout actually prized fish or invasive species?

Chapter Shorts

The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development announced the Catskills Great Outdoors Expo will be held Saturday June 8th, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Catskill Visitors Center. The Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of TU will be a participating exhibitor, offering a casting demonstration/lesson from 3 to 4 pm. Stop by our table for a chat.

The Catskill Fly Tyers Guild announced a new short fly-tying video titled *Honing the Craft* by Diogo DeAssis and Diego DeAssis. It includes noted tyers: John Apgar, John Bonasera, Dave Catizone, Seth Cavarretta, Diogo DeAssis, Tom Mason, John Shaner, and Peter Van De Merwe. It's approximately twenty-two minutes in length, using clips of interviews to explore featured members' passion for fly tying. This is from the same team who made the excellent film *Streams of Heritage*. You can watch the video on YouTube.

At the April chapter meeting, my son Rob gave a presentation on Euro-nymphing, as a "fishing technique/tool," not a competitive approach to trout fishing. In fairness to those who frown on this approach, this Kelly Galloup YouTube - *Is Euro-Nymphing Really Fly Fishing* - is included for your watching pleasure: Watch the video here on YouTube.

Acid Rain Report

Jody Hoyt reported during April there were five measurable events recorded in Boiceville. These included 1.3 inches of sleet/snow as part of a total 7.38 inches of liquid precipitation having a 6.3 weighted average pH. By comparison, in April 2023 there were eight events--- no snow/sleet--- with 7.47 inches of rain having a 5.9 weighted average pH. Thank you Jody!

Treasurer's Report

After serving as chapter treasurer for 22 consecutive years, Jody Hoyt has stepped aside, with that position now filled by John Yanzek. Once again, thank you Jody for all you have done, and continue to do, supporting our chapter.

Membership

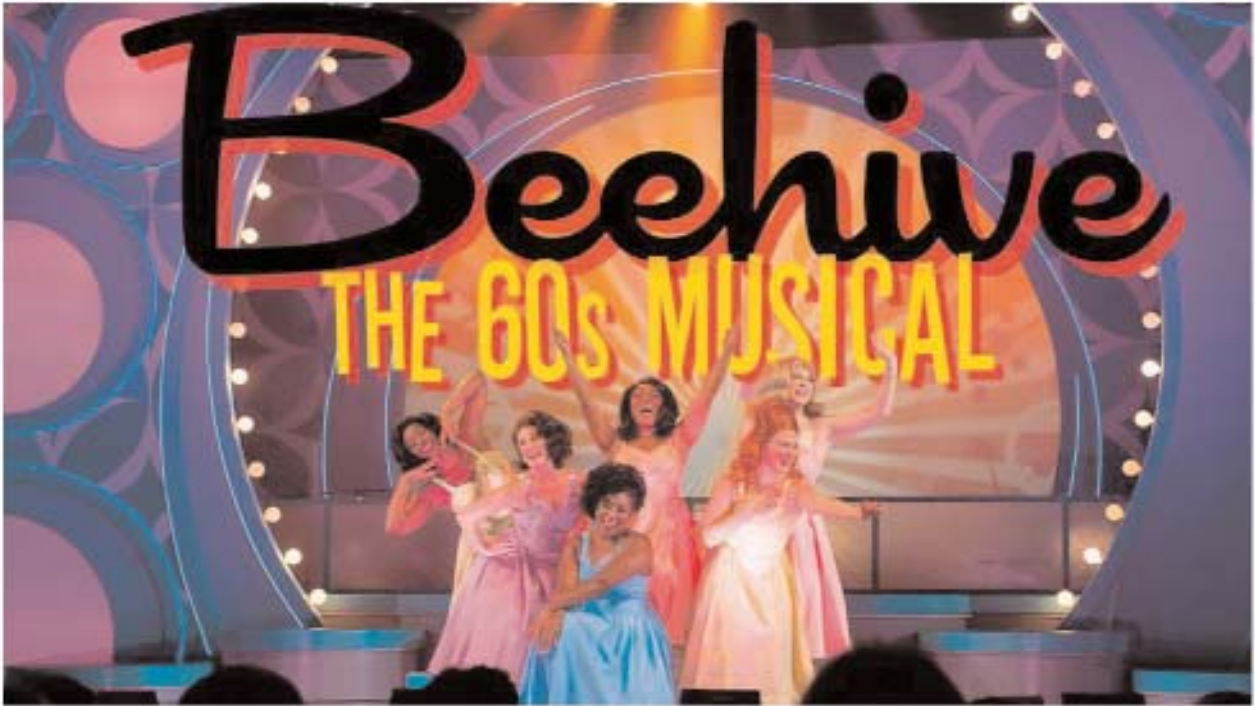
If you have membership questions or concerns, or know someone who wants to join our chapter, please contact Russell Martin at: <mailto:rmartintu@gmail.com?subject=TU%20membership%20inquiry>

Until next time,
Ed Ostapczuk
May 17, 2024

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Our mailing address is:

Ashokan-Pepacton Chapter of Trout Unlimited
PO Box 119
Phoenicia, NY 12464



Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary Presents:

“A Taste of Broadway III”

The Shadowland Theatre at 157 Canal St. is featuring this rollicking '60's Broadway musical coupled with lunch at Gaby's Café, 141 Canal St., Ellenville, NY.

Date: Sunday, August 25th – Lunch at 11:45, 2 pm show.

Price: \$99 includes lunch, show and fundraiser.

*If you are a paid season subscriber to Shadowland, your price is \$74.

(Please make check payable to: “ERH Auxiliary” along with your phone #, choice of entrée and if you are a season subscriber.

Mail to Helene Morris, PO Box 105 Spring Glen, NY 12483

Call 845-210-7120 with any seating requirements or questions.

“A TASTE OF BROADWAY III”

Sunday, August 25, 2024

Lunch at Gaby's Café before the Show

11:45 Start/Open Seating (Cash Bar)

Menu

Chips & Salsa

Gaby's House Salad

Choice of Entrees

Pollo 5 de Mayo

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

Pernil al Horno

Roast Pork, Gaby's Style

Pasta Primavera

Roasted Vegetable over Pasta

Dessert

Assorted Cookies,

Soda/Coffee/Tea Included

(Please call Helene Morris, Auxiliary Event Coordinator at 845-210-7120 with your selection)



Sundown
United
Methodist
Church



June 1, 2024
5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share
Enjoy good food and fellowship

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

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

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

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VENDORS**



Do you have treasures you're ready to part with?
Do you have special crafts or products you want to sell?

THEN WE WANT YOU!

Come join us at the 2024 NRAMA Antique Tractor Show

WHEN IS THE SHOW? Saturday September 21 from 10 am to 6 pm

Rain date of Sunday, September 22

WHERE IS THE SHOW? Grahamsville Fairgrounds

If you're interested in participating as a craft or yard sale vendor contact

Cher at cherwoehl@gmail.com

for more information and the registration form.

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.

**COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY FILLED WITH MUSIC, FOOD, TRACTORS,
ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTSMANS GEAR**



Claryville Vol. Fire Department Craft and Vendor Fair & Community Yard Sale



All Vendors are wanted!

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

When: Saturday, August 24th, 2024

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** \$20 per table. Tables are 8ft long or 8ft picnic table (If you require the use of an outlet \$25 per table)- **tables are provided.**
- ****Claryville Fire Dept is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen merchandise****

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

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



CLARYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 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 24th, 2024

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: _____

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

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Description of Merchandise: _____

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

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

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

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

Pavilion: _____ Inside the building: _____

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

Signature of vendor: _____ Date: _____

Cost: \$20.00 per 8ft table or \$25.00 an 8ft table with *electricity*. *Please note vendor spot fee is nonrefundable * Initials _____ Donation for door prize (an item raffled off for vendors) Yes ___ No ___

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

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

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

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

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

Make checks payable to Claryville Volunteer Fire Department
1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725
Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello



Rabies Clinic
Hosted by the Tri-Valley Lions Club



When: Saturday June 22, 2024 From 2-3:30pm

Where: Grahamsville Fairgrounds-Pavillion
8230 State Rte 55 Grahamsville, NY

Cost: FREE - Donations Accepted

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PETS ARE LEASHED OR IN A CARRIER
BRING PRIOR PROOF OF VACCINATION WITH YOU



Daniel Pierce Library

Rock the Library Jam Session Thursdays

Starting May 9th
for Tri-Valley Teens!
3:15 - 4:45 pm



SHANE RENNISON

SONGWRITING WORKSHOP

Bring your instrument and explore alongside local artist, Shane Rennison as he sheds light on his songwriting process.

Goals:

- Demonstrate how music can become a true expression of emotion
- Learn what it means to write a song
- Create songs together as a class using what you've learned

**For registration and bussing students should contact
the TVCS guidance department.**

Programs will run on May 9th, May 16th and May 23rd.



Daniel Pierce Library
328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268
Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233
dpl@rcls.org • www.danielpiercelibrary.org

SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



NICK NEEDS KIDNEY -TYPE O (IN SOME CASES TYPE A BLOOD COULD WORK)

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progresses in stages and, if untreated, can lead to complete loss of kidney function. At CKD stage 5, when both kidneys fail completely, the only options for survival are dialysis or a kidney transplant. Nick is at stage 5.

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

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

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

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All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, June 16th

Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$13

Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs: \$13

Call 845-985-7270

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

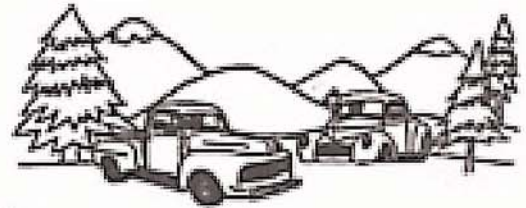
\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry



The Catskill Mountain Classic Car Club

Presents:

The 39th ANNUAL BIG INDIAN CAR SHOW



SUNDAY, JUNE 30th 2024

Location : Big Indian Valley Park, Big Indian, NY
 Gates : Open at 8:00 am
 Registration : Begins at 8:00am and Closes at 12:30 pm **PROMPT**
 Awards Ceremony : Commences at 3:30 pm

**THIS Years Trophies Will Be Awarded
To The Top 30 Vehicles Up To 2004**



Food & Refreshments



50/50
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Special Awards
Fireman's Choice
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Best of Show

**VEHICLES 2005 OR NEWER WILL HAVE THEIR
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AWARDED TROPHIES**

Dash
Plaques
For the
First 100
Cars



The C.M.C.C.C. awards trophies based on a points system for vehicle condition and the quality of detailing. All judging is conducted by Club Members and their decisions are **FINAL!** Please be advised that C.M.C.C.C. member's cars are excluded from judging in the aforementioned award categories. Cars for sale are not permitted on the judging fields. C.M.C.C.C. is not liable for damages to persons or property.

The C.M.C.C.C. is dedicated to the preservation and appreciation of the vintage or late model automobiles. We invite all enthusiasts to join us. Yearly membership dues are just \$10.00 per person. Applications are available at all C.M.C.C.C. events or by contacting us by telephone or mail (information available on registration form below).

REGISTRATION FORM

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City/Town/Village: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Car Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Registration: \$15.00 Pre-Registration: \$10.00 (Must be received by May 31, 2024) Checks payable to: C.M.C.C.C. Mailing Address:
 Frank Stapleton, P.O. Box 83, Big Indian, NY 12410 For More Information: Telephone - Frank Stapleton (845) 254-6238



**ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB
BOX 25**

CLARYVILLE, NEW YORK 12725

PHONE: 845-985-2943 or 845-985-7162

EMAIL: bungst01@gmail.com GLENN

EMAIL: tmatthewsm88@gmail.com TOM

THURSDAY 7/4/24: LIBERTY RISING STREET FAIR

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT, NORTH MAIN STREET, LIBERTY, NY 12754

SHOW TIME: 9:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 3:00 PM PARADE LINE UP 11:30 AM

PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 25: KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. **RAIN DATE 7/6/24**

SATURDAY 7/13/24 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, MAIN STREET WURTSBORO, NEW YORK 12790

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 3:30 PM

PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 30; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; BOARD OF TRADE CHOICE; CLUB PICK AND BEST OF SHOW.

SUNDAY 8/11/24 MONTICELLO BAGEL FEST

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, BROADWAY MONTICELLO, NY 12701

SHOW TIME 10 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 3:30 PM

PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 40; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW

SATURDAY 9/21/24 NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION SHOW

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, FAIR GROUNDS GRAHAMSVILLE NY 12740

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 6:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 3:30 PM

PRICE PER VEHICLE \$15.00 TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 25; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; NRAMA CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW **RAIN DATE SUNDAY 9/22/24**



SAVE THE DATE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st from 10 am – 6 pm

(rain date Sunday September 22nd)

FOR THE

**24TH ANNUAL NEVERSINK RONDOUT
ANTIQUE MACHINERY TRACTOR SHOW**

THIS IS THE “YEAR OF THE DEERE”

Celebrating John Deere Tractors

But as always, all make and model tractors are welcome to the show

This year's show is going to be bigger and better than last year so mark your calendars and come join us for a fun filled day of tractors, hayrides, great food, beverage & entertainment, and so much more.

CHECK OUT OUR *NRAMA FACEBOOK PAGE* FOR UPDATES

Any questions? Contact Paul Kelly @ 845-985-0081

or Cher Woehl @ 845-985-2401

See you at the show!

A BENEFIT FOR THE BORSCHT BELT MUSEUM



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SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND 2024

7:30 PM

555 W 42nd St
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Borscht Belt Museum PRESENTS

BORSCHT BELT CLASSICS

America's Got Talent
Finalists

TOM COTTER



KERRI LOUISE



STEVEN SCOTT

Tickets: BORSCHTBELTMUSEUM.ORG/TICKETS

Catskills Borscht Belt Museum Sunday Events @ the Museum Memorial Day Weekend Comedy Kick Off!

Join us on Sunday, May 26 for an uproariously funny evening featuring a trio of comedians who embody the best of the Borscht Belt.

Bob Greenberg starred as “Morty” in Old Jews Telling Jokes. Other appearances include Tango Shalom, The Tailor, Maid In Manhattan, The Characters, Saturday Night Live, Law & Order.

Jeff Greenberg performs at the Comic Strip Live, Broadway Comedy Club and is a regular at the Comedy Cove in NJ. He also hosted one of the last shows at the Friars Club.

Joey Novick has been a political comedian, camp counselor, attorney, busboy, child actor and an elected official in NJ. But not necessarily in that order.

Sunday, May 26, 7 pm

Borscht Belt Museum, 90 Canal St., Ellenville, N.Y.

Tickets \$15 Light refreshments served.

Libations courtesy of City Winery

Our Sunday Event Series Continues All Summer!

BOOK TALK – June 9, 3 pm – Allen Frishman, author of “More Borscht from a Catskill Mountain Plumber,” delivers Borscht Belt lore, humor and a dollop of potty talk.

COMEDY – June 23, 5 pm – Open Mic Comedy Hour

Do you have what it takes to make 'em guffaw?

Try out your best routine before a live audience. Grab your 5 minute slot at comedy@borschtbeltmuseum.org

So would it kill you to follow us on social media? Don't forget to like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates on our events, progress on the museum building, and of course, your requisite dose of Borscht Belt nostalgia!

Farm Arts Collective Ribbon-Cutting & Open House is Sunday, June 2

Damascus, PA--Farm Arts Collective, based on Willow Wisp Organic Farm will host a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Sunday June 2nd. The event celebrates the opening of modern new barn on the farm that provides a permanent home for Farm Arts Collective

Designed by Jeffrey McMahon Design + Build, the 127-foot-long barn offers Farm Arts Collective a permanent space to operate its programs and welcome community. Founding Artistic Director, Tannis Kowalchuk describes the new location as an “Agri-Cultural Center dedicated to the life sustaining practices of Farming, Art, Food, and Ecology with a mission to celebrate and enhance rural community life.”

The open house celebration starts at 3 PM with an official ribbon-cutting and land acknowledgement and blessing from The Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania. Guests are invited to tour the new barn, meet the building designer, chat with Willow Wisp farmer Greg Swartz, and hear from Kowalchuk about Farm Arts Collective's vision to build out a contemporary Agri-Cultural Center with the launch of a Capital Campaign.

The event will include entertainment by Farm Arts Collective, Beat the Devil, and video and art installations that document the building process. The Collective will serve up freshly baked

rhubarb pie, farm-fresh soup, and refreshments with contributions from Here and Now Brewing Company, Willow Wisp Organic Farm, and Beach Lake Bakery.

Previously, Farm Arts Collective was working out of a plastic greenhouse located on the farm, which Kowalchuk co-owns with her husband Greg Swartz. Kowalchuk continues, “We look forward to now being able to expand activity and programs year-round focusing on farming and ecological education as well as artistic pursuits that celebrate and engage community.”

The Collective's space in the barn includes a 40-foot by 40-foot education and theatre venue, ADA compliant bathrooms, a greenroom, office, and technical areas. The rest of the barn will be utilized by Willow Wisp Organic Farm for daily operations, staff areas, and a shop for equipment maintenance.

Capital Campaign

Farm Arts Collective is launching a capital campaign to support the build out of their space, including the purchase of flexible audience seating, stage curtains, a ceiling grid, and state of the art light and sound systems. A “home fund” will be established to give Farm Arts Collective the solidity to pay occupancy costs in the first years, while earned income can amass from increased programs and activity over time.

Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening

June 2, from 3-6 PM

At Farm Arts Collective on Willow Wisp Organic Farm

38 Hickory Lane

Damascus, PA 18415

For more information go to www.FarmArtsCollective.org

Rep. Molinaro Announces Winner of 2024 Congressional Art Competition



Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced Sofia Shaff, a sophomore at Charles O. Dickerson High School in Tompkins County, has been named the winner of the 2024 Congressional Art Competition for New York's 19th Congressional District. Sofia's piece, titled 'Amalie,' will hang in the U.S. Capitol for one full year.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I am extremely proud of all the talented local students who participated in the 2024 Congressional Art Challenge and am excited to share Sofia Shaff is our winner for her breathtaking piece. I look forward to seeing her artwork in the halls of the U.S. Capitol, proudly representing New York's 19th Congressional District for the next year."

Rep. Molinaro's offices received unique and creative entries from students from across the 19th Congressional District. The winning piece of artwork was selected by a panel of local judges.



News from Representative Ryan

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

PROTECTING THE HUDSON RIVER

I'm proud that my Hudson River Protection Act was passed in the House last week!

This is a victory for everyone across the Hudson Valley who came together to demand that big corporations are never allowed to turn our cherished Hudson River into a parking lot for dangerous barges.

I fought tooth and nail to get this bill on the House floor and led an overwhelming bipartisan majority to vote to protect Hudson Valley families and ecosystems from polluting barges.

I won't stop pushing until it is signed into law.

HONORING OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Last week, we honored our local law enforcement officers for National Police Week. To our officers, thank you for the huge sacrifices you make and risks you undertake to keep our families and communities safe.

It was a privilege to recognize a few of NY-18's outstanding officers on the House floor.

Newly-named Newburgh Police Chief Brandon Rola is Newburgh through and through, a true public servant and a 16-year veteran at only 38 years old. Congrats on the new role, Chief Rola! Watch my speech here <https://x.com/RepPatRyanNY/status/1790499534293881086>

Poughkeepsie Police Captain Steven Minard went above and beyond his call to protect Poughkeepsie families. He uplifted the entire community and made communities across New York safer through the curricula he developed and taught at local colleges and police academies.

Last weekend, I had a great time attending his retirement party and was thrilled to wish him a happy retirement this week on the House floor.

Last Wednesday, we also solemnly marked Peace Officers' Memorial Day, honoring and remembering those officers who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our families. We owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid.

I'm grateful that my team was able to attend the Dutchess County Sheriff's Memorial Service to pay tribute to our fallen heroes.

CONTINUING TO FIGHT FOR FLOOD RELIEF

For many families in Orange County, last year's devastating flood is a nightmare that continues to this day - I haven't given up the fight to get them the relief they need and deserve. The Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act is critical legislation that would finally deliver some of that relief, but Speaker Johnson refused to bring the bill to the floor.

So I kept pushing, working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to use a discharge petition, which requires signatures from 218 Congressmembers to overcome the Speaker blocking a vote. I'm proud to say I delivered the final signature on it, making it the first successful discharge petition since 2015, and guaranteeing a vote on the bill in the coming weeks.

I don't care how many roadblocks get put up, or what polit-

ical party is in charge of Congress; I'll keep fighting with everything I've got to deliver for Hudson Valley families.

HELPING LOCAL BUSINESSES SAVE ON ENERGY COSTS

When our local small businesses thrive, our entire communities thrive.

Last week, I delivered \$721,098 in federal funds to local businesses to help them slash their energy costs and promote energy efficiency.

The positive impacts of these investments are felt across the Hudson Valley, from creating union jobs to reducing air pollution so kids with asthma can breathe a little easier.

If you want to learn more about federal funding opportunities and grants that could help your business or family save money on energy costs, contact my office here on my website or by calling (845) 443-2930.

FIGHTING TO SAVE THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

Over 46,000 NY-18 families rely on the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) to access telehealth, connect with loved ones, complete schoolwork and more, but the House GOP let funding run out in April.

I recently joined with a bipartisan group of colleagues to call for the recent FAA reauthorization bill to include critical funding to continue the ACP.

I won't stop fighting to bring back the ACP for Hudson Valley families. Have you used the ACP to access the internet?

STANDING WITH OUR UNIONS

Last week, I joined Transport Workers Union (TWU) President Samuelsen for a great conversation about how we're working together to deliver quality, good-paying jobs for Hudson Valley families.

Proud to always stand with my friends in labor!

REVITALIZING iPARK 87

I've proudly fought to turn around the former IBM campus since my first day as County Executive, leading a bold revitalization effort alongside state, county, and local partners working closely with National Resources.

Last week's announcement marks another huge step forward, with Ulster BOCES, SUNY Ulster, and SUNY New Paltz - and their exceptional track record of success - committing to build the future Hudson Valley workforce right here at iPark 87.

This site will bring thousands of good-paying jobs to the region, cementing the Hudson Valley at the forefront of a vibrant new economy in New York State for decades to come.

I couldn't be more excited for the future of this project and what it means for Ulster County families.

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

Everyone deserves the assistance they need right where they're at. My team goes that extra mile to bring assistance with federal agencies directly to you in your neighborhood with the C.A.R.E.S. Van.

If you need assistance with anything from IRS tax returns to passports for your summer vacation, join my team at this week's events - Tuesday they'll be at the Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market, Wednesday at the Cornwall Farmers' Market, and Saturday the 25th at the Walkway Over the Hudson Mayfest Farmers' and Makers' Market.

WORKING WITH OUR APPLE FARMERS

Our apple farmers are critical to the Hudson Valley economy and our nation's food system. (Contd. Pg 58)

News from Representative Ryan

(From Pg. 57) Grateful Maria from my team met with Sharon Soons of Soons Orchard to discuss how we can work together to keep our orchard and agricultural communities thriving!

CELEBRATING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

This Jewish American Heritage Month, we celebrate how invaluable NY-18's Jewish communities are to the fabric of our nation.

Built over 300 years ago, the Gomez Mill House in Newburgh is the oldest Jewish dwelling in North America. Learn more about the historic site here .

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Grateful for the decades of extraordinary and selfless service that Dr. Susan Jensen of Horizon Family Medical Group and Michael Gilfeather of the Orange Bank & Trust have given to support Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties. Congratulations on your well-deserved awards at its gala!

GRANTS CORNER NEW!

Funded under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021, the USDA Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) grant program aims to expand each state's middle-chain capacity and infrastructure for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storage, transporting, wholesaling, or distribution of targeted local and regional agricultural food products. Meat, poultry, cannabis, animal food and forage, fiber, and wild caught seafood products are not considered under this program. The application deadline is June 28, 2024 at 5pm.

Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts' creative placemaking grants program, using arts, culture, and design to strengthen communities and advance local priorities such as health, community development, environment/climate, and public safety, among other community issues and aspirations. Learn more here ! Application deadline is August 1, 2024.

Empire State Development's Division of Science, Technology, and Innovation's Innovation Matching Grants (IMG) Program aims to grow small businesses and support the development of new technologies in New York State by providing matching funds for federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grants. Learn more here !

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation is now accepting applications for the inaugural round of the new Green Resiliency Grant (GRG) program. Governor Kathy Hochul has made at least \$60 million available for green infrastructure projects such as green roofs, green streets, and permeable pavement. The new program will prioritize grants to flood-prone communities for projects that help protect New Yorkers from extreme weather events.

The 2024 Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program will support the adoption and deployment of eligible Class 6 and 7 zero-emission vehicles while also funding zero-emission vehicle fueling infrastructure and workforce development and training. Across the nation, over 3 million Class 6 and Class 7 vehicles are currently in use, spanning a wide variety of vehicle types. The program is divided into two, separate, sub-competitions: The School Bus Sub-Program for applicants replacing school buses and the Vocational Vehicles Sub-Program for applicants replacing non-school bus Class 6 and 7 vehicles, including box trucks, dump trucks, street sweepers, delivery trucks utility trucks and more.

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

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you



Demanding a Special Counsel Investigate Biden's Decision to Delay Aid to Israel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k8sHpBQUdCM>

The law is clear: the President cannot unilaterally withhold aid appropriated by Congress. By failing to promptly deliver the 1,800 2000-lb bombs and 1,700 500-lb bombs to Israel that were appropriated for by Congress, President Biden has put our greatest ally in the Middle East at risk and has violated the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (ICA) and the subsequent Supreme Court case law. That's why I demanded Attorney General Merrick Garland to immediately appoint a special counsel to investigate President Biden for violating the law!

READ MORE: House Republican demands Garland appoint special counsel to investigate Biden over stalled Israel aid <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/house-republican-demands-garland-appoint-special-counsel-investigate-biden-stalling-israel-aid>

Working to Restore Trust in our Elections

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bFv76GHl6io>

Twenty-eight states have banned Zuckerbucks, prohibiting partisan bureaucrats, billionaires, and corrupt special interest groups from interfering in our election process. It's time for the federal government to follow suit. As the founder and co-chair of the Election Integrity Caucus, I am pleased to see my End Zuckerbucks Act advance in the Ways and Means Committee and move one step closer to being signed into law.

We must restore confidence in our self-governing Constitutional Republic by ensuring that Americans in every state and territory have free, fair, accurate, and transparent elections.

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

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 1213, A resolution regarding violence against law enforcement officers. H.Res. 1213 expresses condolences to the loved ones of fallen law enforcement officers, acknowledges the tremendous difficulties law enforcement officers face, and condemns calls to defund the police. While I am glad that the overwhelming majority of my colleagues supported this commonsense resolution, I am dismayed that 61 of my Democratic colleagues voted against this resolution. The radical left's "defund and demoralize the police" movement has increased violence and threats towards law enforcement, and it is a travesty that 61 members of Congress refused to recognize the horrific effect that this movement has had on our law enforcement community. Rest assured that I will always Back the Blue and support those who keep our communities safe. H.Res. 1213 passed the House by a vote of 337-61.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8369, the Israel Security Assistance Support Act. Recently, the Biden administration chose to unnecessarily delay the distribution of lethal aid to Israel, including various defense systems. This delay potentially violated the Impoundment Control Act of 1974, which requires the administration to obligate and expend aid appropriated by Congress without delay, unless it goes through a formal notification process that the Biden administration failed to do. That is why I led a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland demanding a special counsel be appointed to investigate and prosecute any wrongdoing. In addition to holding the Biden administration accountable, we must ensure this aid is distributed to Israel expeditiously. That is why I am a cosponsor of the Israel Security Assistance Support Act which will prevent the Biden administration from unnecessarily delaying aid to Israel. H.R. 8369 passed the House by a vote of 224-187.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8146, the Police Our Border Act. The Biden administration's border crisis has created new threats and challenges for our brave law enforcement officers. H.R. 8146 requires the U.S. Department of Justice to report to Congress on how the Biden border crisis has affected law enforcement. This includes details on the financial and operations burdens as a result of greater exposure to fentanyl, crimes committed by illegal aliens, and the impact on morale. We must do more to protect our law enforcement officers from the dire consequences of the Biden border catastrophe. H.R. 8146 passed the House by a vote of 254-157.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 354, the LEOSA Reform Act of 2024. Our brave law enforcement officers work tirelessly to keep our communities safe, both when on-duty and off-duty. The LEOSA Reform Act would allow qualified active and retired law enforcement officers to concealed carry in areas where concealed carry is traditionally prohibited, such as national parks and federal facilities. Law enforcement officers have proven their trustworthiness and ability to keep our communities safe and should not be unnecessarily restricted from carrying a concealed weapon that could be used to save lives. H.R. 354 passed the House by a vote of 221-185.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7530, the DC CRIMES Act of 2024. The Council of the District of Columbia's pro-criminal policies have led to skyrocketing crime in our nation's capital. In 2023, crime increased 30 percent over 2022, homicides have doubled since 2012, and motor vehicle thefts have doubled since 2022. In response to this crime epidemic, the D.C. Council chose to rede-

fine "youth" under criminal law, so individuals 25 and younger could not be charged as adults. H.R. 7530 would restore the definition of "youth" under D.C. law to 18 years old and prohibit the D.C. Council from enacting any changes to criminal liability sentencing guidelines. We cannot allow the D.C. Council to continue turning our nation's capital into a safe haven for criminals. H.R. 7530 passed the House by a vote of 225-181.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 1210, Condemning the Biden border crisis and the tremendous burdens law enforcement officers face as a result. Due to the Biden administration's radical open border policies, every community has turned into a border community and faced a surge in crime. Unvetted illegal aliens have flooded our communities, including those involved in fentanyl trafficking and human trafficking. This has placed a tremendous strain on law enforcement to clean up the Biden administration's mess. I am disappointed that so many of my Democratic colleagues declined to support this commonsense resolution that stands with law enforcement. H.Res. 1210 passed the House by a vote of 223-185.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7581, Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act. Law enforcement officers across the United States face increasing threats and violence due to the radical "defund and demoralize the police" movement. However, we currently lack sufficient data to determine the best methods to address the physical and mental impacts of this violence on our law enforcement officers. H.R. 7581 will require the U.S. Department of Justice to develop reports related to violent attacks on law enforcement, the efficacy of current data collection, and the efficacy of existing programs to support law enforcement officers. This commonsense bill will improve our ability to support law enforcement officers and ensure they have every tool necessary to protect our communities. H.R. 7581 passed the House by a vote of 356-55.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7343, the Detain and Deport Illegal Aliens Who Assault Cops Act. In January 2024, an illegal alien who assaulted two NYPD officers was released without bail and fled New York's jurisdiction. H.R. 7343 would ensure that any illegal alien who assaults a law enforcement officer is detained and deported by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. We cannot continue allowing violent illegal aliens to remain in the United States. H.R. 7343 passed the House by a vote of 265-141.

I voted "Yes" on S. 546, the Recruit and Retain Act. S. 546 would expand the U.S. Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant program to include recruitment and retention efforts. It would also establish the COPS Pipeline Partnership Program to support partnerships between local schools and law enforcement agencies as a means to improve recruitment. This bill strongly supports recruitment and retention efforts by our local law enforcement officers which will help keep our communities safer. S. 546 passed the House by a vote of 370-18.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7659, the Coast Guard Reauthorization Act of 2024. H.R. 7659 reauthorizes the U.S. Coast Guard through fiscal year 2026 and includes many important programs for drug and human trafficking interdiction, as well as search and rescue operations. The U.S. Coast Guard provides vital services for many NY-24 communities on Lake Ontario and the surrounding shoreline. We must continue to support our Coast Guard and ensure they have the resources they need to bolster our national security and lakefront communities. H.R. 7659 passed the House by a vote of 376-16.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4510, the NTIA Reauthorization Act, which reauthorizes the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). (Contd. PG. 60)

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This bill will significantly bolster America's technological capacity by increasing spectrum management, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence. Additionally, it requires the NTIA to establish an interagency process to consider the law enforcement and national security implications of foreign ownership interests when licensing or authorizing telecommunications systems and infrastructure. It is long overdue that Congress moved forward with a comprehensive spectrum strategy. Passing this critical piece of legislation is a step in the right direction to ensure America's connectivity future. H.R. 4510 passed the House by a vote of 374-36.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1797, the Setting Consumer Standards for Lithium-Ion Batteries Act. This bill will set federal standards to protect against the risk of fires from lithium-ion batteries. Specifically, it will require the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to set standards for lithium-ion batteries for micromobility devices, including battery chargers, charging cables, external terminals on battery packs, external terminals on micromobility devices, and free-standing stations used for recharging. Particularly due to the increasing adoption of these devices, it is clear that unregulated lithium-ion batteries pose an escalating threat to the public's safety. H.R. 1797 passed the House by a vote of 378-34.

I voted "Yes" on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3935, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024. H.R. 3935 reauthorizes the functions of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) through FY2028, including activities and programs related to aerospace innovation, airport planning and development, facilities and equipment, and operations. In addition, it includes an amendment I led with Representatives Langworthy and Higgins to preserve the 1,500-hour flight requirement for pilots. The 1,500-hour requirement was passed in 2010 in response to the 2009 Colgan Air Flight 3407 crash in Clarence, NY, that killed all 49 individuals on board and one person on the ground. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) determined in its accident report that the crash could have been avoided if the pilots had received additional training in effectively handling a stalled aircraft. Ultimately, H.R. 3935 will support passenger safety on aircrafts, bolster the aviation workforce, and ensure that American skies remain the safest in the world. H.R. 3935 passed the House with a bipartisan majority of 387-26.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4581, the Maternal and Child Health Stillbirth Prevention Act of 2023. H.R. 4581 clarifies that current funding through the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant may be used for stillbirth prevention activities. Approximately 21,000 babies are stillborn in the United States a year, 1,400 of which occur in New York. For the United States, with one of the most advanced health care systems in the world, this is a shocking and unacceptable reality. This bill builds on the success of the MCH Block Grant program by expanding its scope to include critical research and evidence-based programs and activities to reduce the rate of stillbirth. H.R. 4581 passed the House with a bipartisan majority of 408-3.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4310, the Youth Poisoning Protection Act. H.R. 4310 would ban the consumer sale of products containing high concentrations of sodium nitrite, a meat-curing chemical that can be lethal when ingested. A 2021 report revealed that an online suicide forum was promoting sodium nitrite as an easily accessible method for suicide. The forum, masquerading as a safe space for discussing suicidal thoughts, contained threads where anonymous users share detailed methods and real-time guidance on using sodium nitrite to die by suicide. This legislation is a proactive step in addressing the ongoing mental health crisis among children and young people in our

country and eliminates toxic consumer products that are used for self-harm. H.R. 4310 passed the House with a bipartisan majority of 376-33.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6960, the Emergency Medical Services for Children Reauthorization Act of 2024. H.R. 6960 reauthorizes through FY2029 the Emergency Medical Services for Children State Partnership Program, which is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration. The program awards grants to state governments and medical schools to support emergency medical services for children who need treatment for trauma or critical care. This four-decades old program is the only federal grant program specifically focused on addressing the needs and challenges of children in emergency departments (ED) and will ensure continued access to ED services for children in NY-24. H.R. 6960 passed the House with a bipartisan majority of 399-13.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6572, the Deploying American Blockchains Act of 2023. H.R. 6572 directs the Secretary of Commerce to take necessary actions to promote the competitiveness of the United States related to the deployment, use, application, and competitiveness of blockchain technology or other distributed ledger technology. This legislation will foster competitiveness and innovation for new technologies, like blockchain, and ensure the United States can outcompete China in the 21st century. H.R. 6572 passed the House with a bipartisan majority of 334-79.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6571, the Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act of 2023. H.R. 6571 establishes a critical supply chain resiliency and crisis response program in the Department of Commerce, which will help promote American leadership in deploying emerging technologies. This initiative would establish a comprehensive government-wide strategy to map, monitor, and proactively strengthen American supply chains, which will bring manufacturing jobs back to the United States and reduce costs for New Yorkers for essential consumer products. H.R. 6571 passed the House with a bipartisan majority of 390-19.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3950, the Transparency In Charges for Key Events Ticketing Act or "TICKET Act". H.R. 3950 requires ticket sellers to clearly and prominently disclose the total ticket price and an itemized list of fees (e.g., service, processing, delivery, facility charge, tax, or other charges) at the start of the transaction and before a ticket is selected. This total ticket price must also be included in any advertisements, marketing materials, or price lists. Additional fees at the end of a transaction frustrates and confuses fans who expect the listed ticket price to be the final amount they will pay. H.R. 3950 passed the House with a bipartisan majority of 388-24.



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

1. Illegal guns off our streets

Thanks to Kirsten's legislation making gun trafficking a federal crime, this week, another gun trafficking ring in Brooklyn has been dismantled and 79 more illegal guns have been taken off our streets. (Contd. Pg. 61)

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2. Funding fire departments

Firefighters risk their lives every day to keep our communities safe, yet many New York fire departments are facing staffing shortages and using equipment that is over 20 years old. Kirsten is fighting to get firefighters the resources they need.

This week, she announced her push to secure more money for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) in this year's government funding process. The AFGP provides local fire departments with funds to upgrade equipment like emergency vehicles and personal protective gear, while also helping to address staffing shortages.

Last year, Kirsten delivered over 200 grants totaling close to \$50 million for New York fire departments, but there is still a need for more funding. She will continue to fight so New York's firefighters have the resources they need to protect our communities.

3. Expanding the police workforce

Police departments across New York are facing unprecedented workforce shortages. Kirsten is fighting to secure more resources to support the police workforce and improve public safety.

In Cicero, Irondequoit, and Albany, Kirsten stood with local law enforcement officers to announce her bipartisan Providing Child Care for Police Officers Act. The bill would provide \$24 million in federal funding annually for the next 5 fiscal years to expand child care services for our police officers to accommodate their nontraditional work hours and boost recruitment.

4. Meeting with transportation workers

This week, Kirsten met with members of the Transport Workers Union from across New York State to discuss their priorities and how she is fighting to improve transportation worker safety and increase transportation funding.

5. Honoring a sports legend

Throughout her career, Billie Jean King has been a trailblazer in women's sports and a pioneer for gender equality. This week, Kirsten announced that her legislation to award Billie Jean King the Congressional Gold Medal to honor her lifetime of achievement unanimously passed the Senate. If the bill is passed by the House, King would be the first ever individual woman athlete to be presented with the prestigious award.

6. ATTN: Olean area small businesses

On Monday, June 3rd at 11:00 AM, Kirsten's office will partner with the Olean Business Development Center to host a workshop to discuss opportunities for government support available to small business owners.

Representatives from the Department of Commerce, the Small Business Administration, and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Jamestown Community College will be on hand to discuss their respective resources and funding opportunities.

7. LISTEN: Kirsten on WAMC

Kirsten joined WAMC's Congressional Corner to talk about what she is working on in Washington, including her legislative wins, her efforts to recruit more police officers by providing them with child care, and much more.

8. Helping New York's nonprofits

A sustainability nonprofit organization reached out to Kirsten's office for help when it needed to expedite its request for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status or risk delays for important project milestones. Kirsten's team contacted the IRS on the nonprofit's behalf, and the organization was promptly granted 501(c)(3) status.



Molinaro Memo

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

Ranked Second Most Bipartisan Member Of Congress

I was ranked 2nd most bipartisan member in all of Congress by Georgetown University's non-partisan Lugar Center. When I came to Congress, I said I would do things differently and work with anyone who is honest about solving the problems we face. The families, farmers, and small businesses I represent in Upstate NY are sick of the division. I'm here to make a difference and this ranking is proof that I'm delivering.

Unveiled 2024 Farm Bill That Delivers For Upstate NY Farmers & Working Families

After holding 11 town hall meetings, three Farm Bill listening sessions, and meeting with hundreds of farmers, working families, and nutrition advocates in Upstate New York, I unveiled the 2024 Farm Bill with the House Agriculture Committee. This Farm Bill includes 10 bipartisan bills I authored, an increase for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), more money for food banks, relief for special crop and organic farmers, and more support for farm families with disabilities. Click here to learn more.

Passed 6 Bipartisan Bills With FAA Reauthorization

I voted to pass legislation that reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) safety and infrastructure programs for the next five years. I fought for a pro-worker and pro-innovation FAA bill that has Upstate New York priorities and I'm proud to have 6 of my bipartisan bills pass in this legislation and become law to improve aviation infrastructure and safety programs.

Introduced Bipartisan Bill To Crack Down On Antisemitism On College Campuses

American taxpayers should not be subsidizing hate. I introduced the College Antisemitism Transparency Act to crack down on antisemitic demonstrations on Cornell University, Binghamton University, and college campuses across the county. My bipartisan bill holds federally funded colleges and universities accountable for allowing antisemitism and hostility towards Jewish students on their campuses. Antisemitism has absolutely no place on any college campus.

Honored Binghamton's Jim Ehmke on the House Floor For 25 Years with NewsChannel 34

I celebrated NewsChannel 34's very own Jim Ehmke on the House Floor for his 25th year serving the folks of Binghamton! An all-around great man who has given a voice to the voiceless and shared many community stories.

Passed My Bipartisan Bill To Protect the Hudson River

The Hudson River is a treasure that brings tourism, facilitates commerce, and delivers drinking water to families across the Hudson Valley. I have consistently held the line against those who damage the river and the ecosystems it supports. I'm proud to see such crucial legislation that I authored with Democrat Congressman Pat Ryan pass with immense bipartisan support. With this bill, we are taking another big step to protect the Hudson River.

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Announced the 2024 Congressional Art Competition Winner!

Congratulations to Sofia of Charles O. Dickerson High School in Tompkins County for winning New York's 19th Congressional Art Competition! I look forward to seeing this breathtaking piece in the halls of the U.S. Capitol for the next year!

Investments in Upstate New York

I'm beyond proud to bring back vital federal funds for the Town of Kinderhook. \$1.2 million will be used to replace 70-year-old cast iron water lines & supply clean water to this water district, which includes the Ichabod Crane Central School District.

It was great to be in the Town of Roxbury where I'm delivering \$1.25 million for vital water infrastructure upgrades. Every community deserves a reliable source for clean drinking water.

Around New York

I had the opportunity to speak at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum for a Cornell University conference. FDR formed genuine connections with the American people. Somewhere along the way, that connection between citizens and those in power has been broken. Every day I'm doing my part to listen to, learn from, and fight for those who call Upstate NY home.

Enjoyed my tour at Columbia-Greene Community College and chatting with President Drummer. She showed me around the auto center, where students work on electric batteries and the construction technology building where they build tiny homes.

Proud to have Ginsberg's Foods in Hudson Valley! Dedicated to serving quality products and services throughout Hudson. Thanks for the tour!

Had a great time at Taconic Hills Little League's Opening Day! Can't wait for a fun filled season of baseball and softball for these little ones. Let the season begin!

In the News

WIVT: Molinaro ranked 2nd most bi-partisan member of Congress

Daily Freeman: Molinaro scores second on think-tank bipartisan listing

lohud. Molinaro, Lawler ranked near top for bipartisan House work in 2023, annual score find

Times Union: Molinaro ranked as second-most bipartisan representative by DC think tank

Mid Hudson: Congress permanently bans barges from anchoring in Hudson River

WHCU: Molinaro introduces college antisemitism bill

River Reporter: U.S. House supports entrepreneurs with disabilities

Sullivan County Democrat: Rep. Molinaro invites students to participate in Congressional App Challenge

2024 Farm Bill Unveiled: Delivers Relief for Farmers & Working Families, Includes 10 Bipartisan Molinaro-Authored Bills

Washington, DC - After holding 11 town hall meetings, three Farm Bill listening sessions, and meeting with hundreds of farmers, working families, and nutrition advocates in Upstate New York, U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today unveiled the 2024 Farm Bill alongside the House Committee on Agriculture. The Farm Bill sets agricultural, food, and nutrition policy in the United States for five years. The newly unveiled Farm Bill delivers relief for farmers and working families struggling with rising

costs and includes ten bipartisan Molinaro-authored bills.

On food and nutrition policy, the bill increases Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits by preserving the program's cost of living adjustment, increases funding for food banks, and enables families to purchase more fruits and vegetables through food assistance programs. It also includes bipartisan Molinaro-authored bills to help food insecure seniors receive healthy meals and allow working individuals with disabilities aged 17 to 21 receive SNAP benefits.

On agricultural policy, the bill includes bipartisan Molinaro-authored bills to strengthen the Dairy Margin Coverage safety net program, increase funding for support services for farm families with disabilities, and deliver more support to organic farmers. Other bills that Rep. Molinaro wrote and got included in the Farm Bill will strengthen flood prevention efforts in rural communities and support workers at National Pipe & Plastics in Endicott.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I asked to serve on the House Agriculture Committee because of its role in crafting the Farm Bill. This bill is a big deal for Upstate New York and I took the past year and a half to listen and learn from working families and farmers in our community. With costs pressing down on farmers, this Farm Bill delivers real relief and should help Upstate New York's agricultural industry breathe a little easier."

Rep. Molinaro continued, "Growing up on food stamps, I also know the value of having strong nutrition assistance programs. This safety net helped get my family out of poverty. For this Farm Bill to earn my support, it had to increase SNAP to account for rising food costs and make more dollars available to struggling food banks. I fought to check these boxes."

A full list of Molinaro's bipartisan bills in the Farm Bill can be found here:

Dairy Farm Resiliency Act: This bill will strengthen the Dairy Margin Coverage safety net program by insuring more milk production.

Delivering for Rural Seniors Act: This bill will allow seniors living in rural areas, seniors with disabilities, and those with mobility or transportation issues to receive home delivery services from food banks participating in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

ThinkDIFFERENTLY Nutrition and Opportunities Act: Under current law, students with disabilities are allowed to be in secondary school until they're 21. If a student with disability aged 18 to 21 gets a part time job, their income gets counted for the purposes of SNAP and can result in a reduction of family benefits. This bipartisan bill prevents these working students from losing benefits

ThinkDIFFERENTLY Agriculture Accessibility Act: This bill reauthorizes and increases funding for AgrAbility, a USDA program that provides funding for support services and assistive technology farmers/farm families with disabilities.

Flooding Prevention, Assessment, and Restoration Act: This bill incentivizes the construction of more resilient flood infrastructure and helps smaller rural communities easier access federal funding for these projects.

Training and Nutrition Stability Act: This bill exempts income earned from SNAP Education and Training Programs from impacting participants' SNAP benefits. Currently, participants who earn income under these temporary workforce development programs can inadvertently disqualify themselves from SNAP.

Organic Dairy Data Collection Act: This bill supports organic dairy farmers in Upstate New York by enhancing data collection at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), allowing the agency and farmers to better understand the costs associated with producing organic milk.

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Food Supply Chain Capacity and Resiliency Act: This bill will lower food costs by providing low-interest loans to businesses investing in food supply chain operations.

The Freight for Farms Act: This bill ensures the USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program includes freight rail infrastructure, so federal funds can be used to increase farmers access to freight rail, which will decrease costs.

Leveraging Efficiency Awareness for Pumping Systems (LEAPS) Act: This bill makes efficient pump & irrigation systems more accessible to farmers and will support workers at National Pipe & Plastics in Endicott. Specifically it requires the USDA to publish a webpage that offers accessible information on energy efficient pumps and pumping systems as well as information on USDA programming to help fund upgrades. It also requires the USDA to train employees on the benefits of efficient irrigation systems so they can help farmers implement more efficient practices.

Rep. Molinaro Holds Listening Sessions in Hudson on Housing Crisis

Hudson, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today hosted a listening session on the housing crisis impacting the City of Hudson and Hudson Valley region. This comes as reports show rents and housing costs increase much faster than wages.

Rep. Molinaro was joined by Columbia County Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Murrell, local housing advocates, and representatives from the Columbia-Greene Board of Realtors, and the Columbia County Economic Development Corporation.

Rep. Molinaro said, "This is a multifaceted issue: there's not enough housing supply because of restrictive state and local land use policies. We have a skilled labor shortage and inflation is pushing up material costs. The result is steep increases in rent and housing costs, causing working families to feel immense pressure. We need to build our way out of this crisis with homes at every step of the ladder. I'm going to keep fighting to incentivize building, address the skilled labor shortage, and push for tax relief so working families can keep more of what they earn."

In Congress, Rep. Molinaro voted to pass a bipartisan tax relief package that will increase the supply of affordable housing by enhancing the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and support working families by expanding the Child Tax Credit. Rep. Molinaro also wrote legislation called the Tools Tax Deduction Act, which will get more workers in the skilled trades by offering tax deductions for tools they have to purchase for apprenticeship programs.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Breeding Grounds For Anarchists

The turmoil and disruptions on college campuses by pro-Hamas sympathizers, and anti-Israel and anti-American anarchists plus the late and weak Biden response, will help Republicans, including Trump, in upcoming elections. Recent polls reflect this development. I say this as an Independent for many decades. About 80% of Americans are pro-Israel, including 60 million Evangelical Christians; and we take exception to the hatred flowing from these colleges.

Some colleges have been breeding grounds for anarchists for years. It has been hidden by college administrators and complicit faculty. The visas of unlawful foreign students should be revoked, and we should implement a strict quota on future student visas from various foreign countries. Civil rights violations should be prosecuted. Congress should convene a committee to investigate anti-American activities and organizations on college campuses, including the infiltration of sympathetic faculty. Is this the evolution of a domestic terrorism organization?

The college administrations must take action against the disruptive students if they are conducting illegal activities or not complying with school policies, including expulsion. The students should not be in charge of the schools. If college presidents do not take action, the board of directors should remove them. High school students should avoid applying to these colleges. U.S. corporations should bypass recruiting potential anti-American agitators from these colleges.

The U.S. has to continue supporting Israel, an ally in a strategic region, who is a blocking force against Iran and terrorist organizations in the Middle East,

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry NH

The Mysteries

Rare books signed by Bill Watterson and John Kascht

The Mysteries is a New York Times, USA Today, Publisher's Weekly and Indie Bestseller, written by Bill Watterson, creator of the beloved comic strip Calvin and Hobbes. Watterson and renowned caricaturist John Kascht collaborated on the book's illustrations.

Only 25 books were signed by both Watterson and Kascht. This is the first time any have been offered publicly. The books are in pristine condition and signed with archival ink. Proceeds benefit the Wayne County Arts Alliance, which is currently hosting an exhibition of art created for the book. www.waynecountyartsalliance.org

Two signed copies of the book are being auctioned separately. The auction for one signed book ends on June 12th at 11:55pm and the auction for the other signed book ends 3 days later on June 15th at 11:55pm. View the details and register to bid at <https://new.biddingowl.com/TheMysteriesSignedBook>

"One of the best books of 2023." -- The New Yorker

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"It's wisdom is grand and chilly." -- The New York Review of books

"Utter garbage." -- Amazon Customer Review

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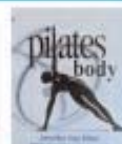


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Shadowland Stages Announcing the cast of **THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES!**

ELLENVILLE, NY - SHADOWLAND STAGES is thrilled to kick off its 2024 Season with the uproarious comedy **THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES**. Adapted from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's classic tale by Steven Canny and John Nicholson, this side-splitting rendition promises audiences an unforgettable evening filled with laughter and mystery. **THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES** is set to run from May 31st to June 16th at SHADOWLAND's MainStage Theatre, located at 157 Canal Street in Ellenville.

The story follows the renowned detective Sherlock Holmes, portrayed by Michael Frederic*, accompanied by the ever-loyal Dr. Watson, played by Jessica Lopez-Barkl*, as they investigate the curious case of Sir Charles Baskerville's untimely demise. With the paw prints of a colossal hound as their only clue, Holmes and Watson dive headfirst into a whirlwind of comedic chaos to unravel the ancient curse haunting the Baskerville family.

Joining Frederic* and Lopez-Barkl* is Paul Herbig* as Sir Henry Baskerville - the three actors seamlessly transition between a plethora of eccentric characters, adding to the madcap hilarity of the production. SHADOWLAND artistic director Brendan Burke will direct.

Described by critics as "a mad hilarity that will make you feel quite sane" (Sunday Times) and "a wonderfully barking spoof" (Telegraph), this adaptation promises to captivate audiences with its irreverent humor and ingenious storytelling.

The production run begins with preview performances on May 31st at 8 PM and June 1st at 2 PM, leading up to the official opening night on June 1st at 8 PM. Opening night celebrations will commence with a pre-show toast in the lobby at 7:15 PM, followed by post-show festivities at Gaby's Cafe on Canal Street in Ellenville.

Don't miss your chance to experience the laughter and excitement of **THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES** at Shadowland Stages. Tickets are \$35 for preview performances on June 2nd at 8 PM and June 3rd at 2 PM and \$43 for all other evening shows. Tickets for Sunday matinee performances are \$39. SHADOWLAND STAGES' MainStage Theatre is located at 157 Canal Street in Ellenville, NY. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at (845) 647-5511 or online at shadowlandstages.org.

SHADOWLAND STAGES, entering its 39th year, is a professional Equity theatre located in New York's beautiful Hudson Valley. The theatre produces a season between May and December of seven shows, including two musicals and a holiday production. Shadowland also houses the Academy at Shadowland Stages, a separate education program providing classes in acting, dance, and music for kids and adults.

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Sullivan 180 Hosts Visit with Commissioner Ball and Team from NYS Ag & Markets

[Liberty, NY] - Sullivan 180 recently hosted a visit with Commissioner Richard Ball from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. Commissioner Ball, joined by his Deputy Commissioner and Senior Policy Analyst, met with Sullivan 180 and several community partners to talk about current and future efforts around nutrition through farm to school initiatives. Farm to school is an extension of Sullivan 180's focus on prevention and youth.

The purpose of the day was to share with the Commissioner and his team the efforts of the School Nutrition Action Coalition (SNAC) to build a farm to school movement. Including lunchroom assessments, surveying food service staff, a Food Service Staff conference, youth led farm to school grant initiatives, edible gardens and sourcing food from regional producers. The Commissioner also had a tour of the Catskills Food Hub to learn more about their efforts to bring healthy food to Sullivan County youth.


"We appreciate the Commissioner spending the day with our team to learn about our work," said Sandra Gerry, Founding Chair of Sullivan 180. "We hope to have Sullivan County considered as an opportunity for a transformative investment."

In addition to A Single Bite + the Catskills Food Hub, Sullivan 180 was joined by Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County; Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Monticello, Roscoe and Sullivan West School Districts.

Sullivan 180 is the recipient of a USDA Grant in the amount of \$100,000 over two years with the intention to build capacity around Farm to School. As part of this grant, formed the School Nutrition Action Coalition that meets monthly.

For more information contact Denise Frangipane at 845-295-2443 or Denise@Sullivan180.org.

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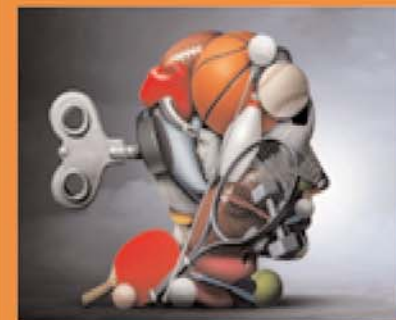
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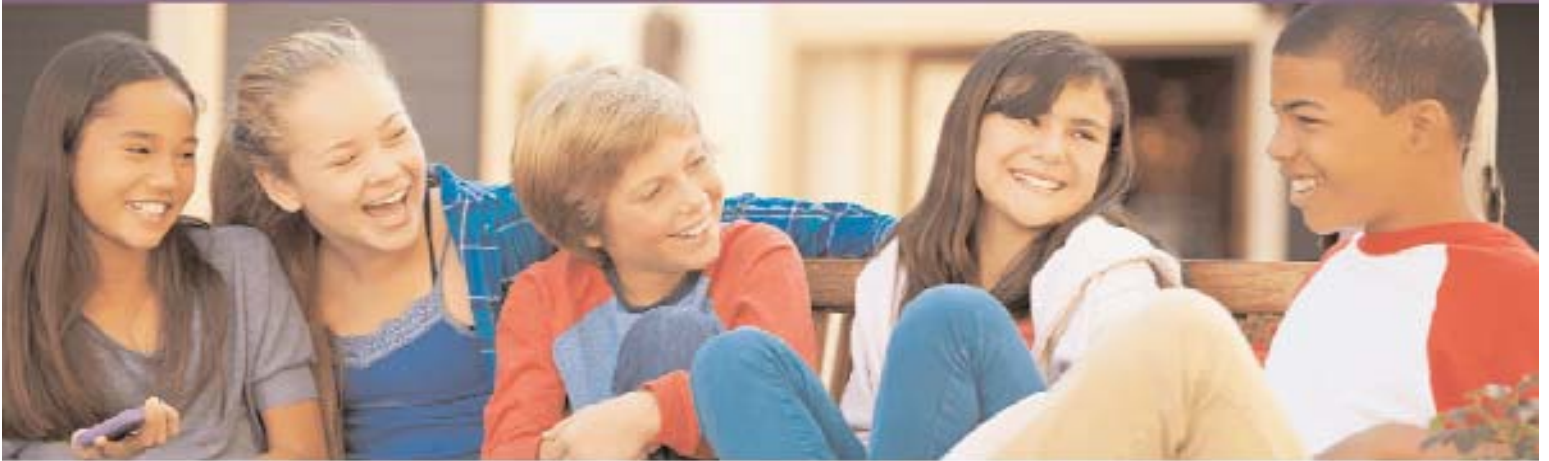
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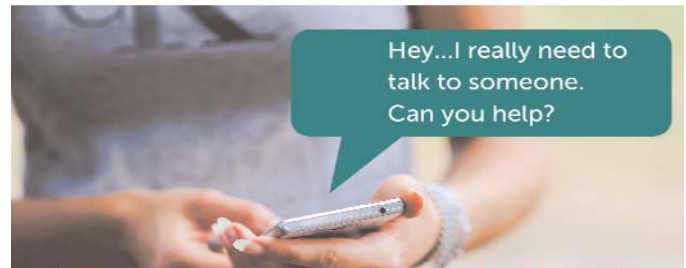
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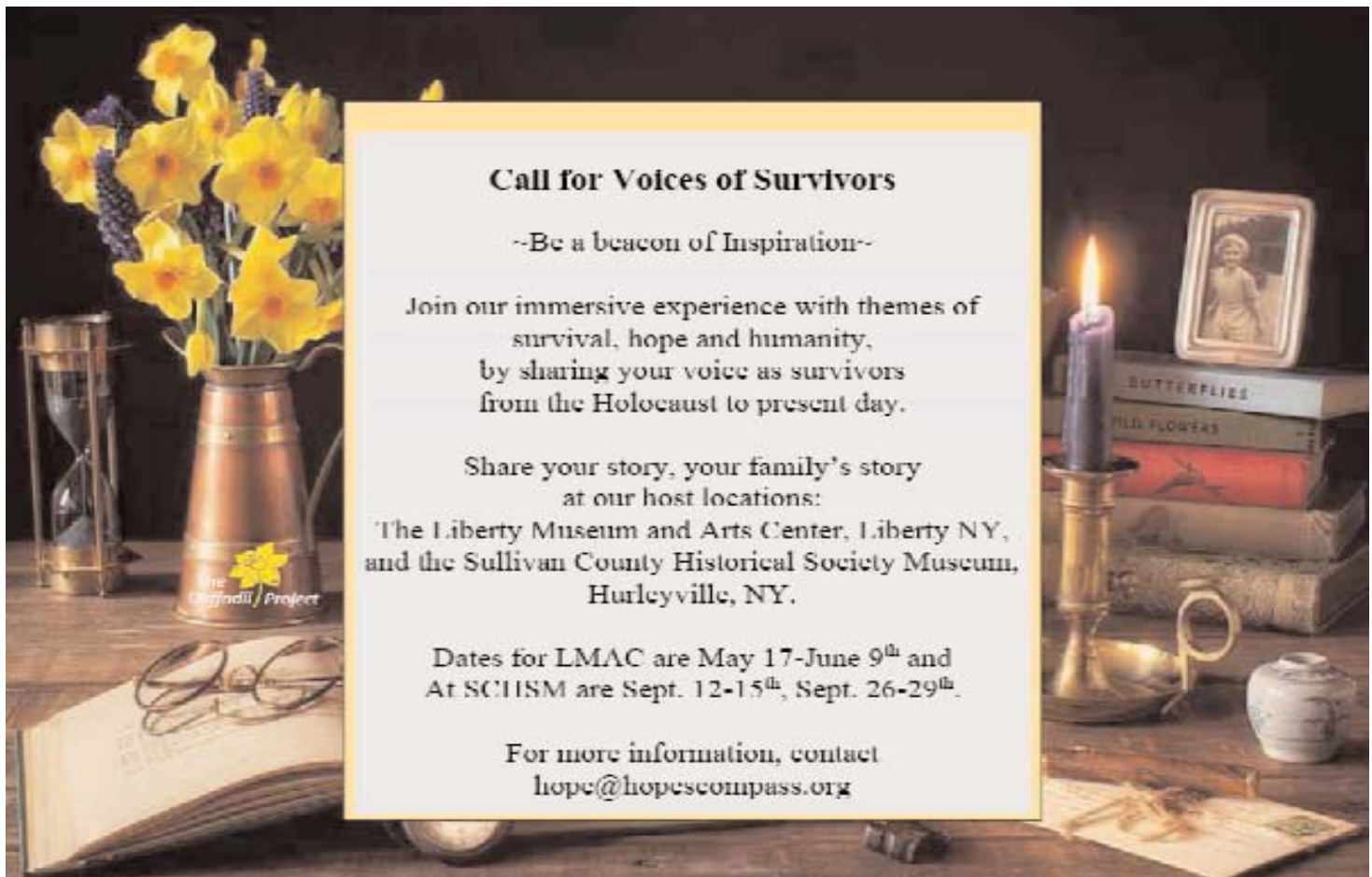
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YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

WEDNESDAY


@ 6:30 PM

VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!






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

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

EVERY 2ND & 4TH

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM



ELEMENTARY SOCIAL SKILLS

Registration is open for Grades K-5.

Action Toward Independence offers fun and interactive Social Skills groups for children with Autism and other developmental, learning, emotional, and behavioral disabilities. These informative sessions cover topics that promote positive behavior, improve interactions with others and build confidence.

- Manners
- Listening
- Hygiene
- Emotions

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

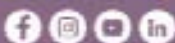
FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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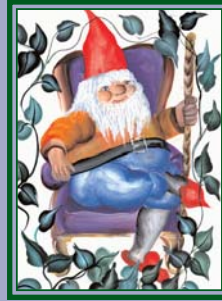
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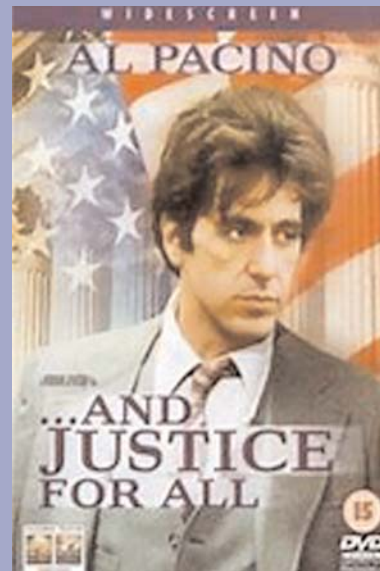


"Knarf's Classic Movies" ON AMAZON, IMOB. NETFLIX And Justice For All

*YES –TODAY IS ANOTHER TIME
THAT TRIES MEN'S SOULS,
THEREFORE, WE NEED THE MES-
SAGE DELIVERED BY THAT GREAT
ACTOR AL PACINO IN THIS WON-
DERFUL TCM FAMILY CLASSIC
FILM, (2h 1979 Courtroom/Drama
Rated TV-MA)*

A defense lawyer with an *imoveable* sense of integrity is confronted with defending a powerful judge whom he suspects is not so cool in the integrity department.

Directed by Norman Jewison. Starring Al Pacino, Jack Warden, Lee Strasberg, Former instructor at the Strasberg School of Acting in the West Village.



This film inspired the *...And Justice for All* album and is the fourth studio album by American heavy metal band METALLICA. Released on September 7, 1988 by Elektra Records, it was the first album following the death of bassist Cliff Burton in 1986, and the first to feature new bassist Jason Newsted.

METALLICA, recorded the album with producer Flemming Rasmussen over four months in early 1988 at One on One Recording Studios in Los Angeles. It features aggressive complexity, fast tempos, and few verse-chorus structures. It contains

lyrical themes of political and legal injustices, such as governmental corruption, censorship, and war. The cover, designed by Stephen Gorman –based on a concept by Metallica guitarist James Hetfield and drummer Lars Ulrich –depicts Lady Justice bound in ropes. *The album title is derived from the American Pledge of Allegiance. Three of its songs were released as singles: "Harvester of Sorrow", "Eye of the Beholder", and "One". The title track was released as a promotional single.*

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *Ingrid Bergman*

This weeks' Trivia question: Return of the Jedi is which film in the Star Wars trilogy?

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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S

ON AMAZON, IMOB;NETFLIX int time for Memorial *honors the greastest generations the world has ever seen*; nothing in the history of war surpasses the compassion of our American hero's WWI & WW2 heros

SERGEANT YORK

(1941 / 2h 14m / War / TV-G)

TRUE STORY OF ONE OF AMERICAS GREATEST HERO'S "ALVIN YORK"

A young Tennesse mountain farm boy of the Two Forks area in Danial Boone country, York violates all the norms of the social justice of the religious right.



Having had enough of drinking, fighting, whoring around, and then finding, and falling in love with a beautiful woman (**Joan Leslie**), he starts reading the Bible, and gets religion. He is converted to a "God Loving Pacifist," then he becomes one of World War I's greatest heros. "that only kills to save lives". **Directed by Howard Hawks, William R. Lasky. Starring; Gary Cooper, Walter Brennan, Joan Leslie.**

WWI "IN THE AIR"

LAFAYETTE ESCADRILLE

(TV-PG-1958 1hr33min · Romance/War)

Lafayette Escadrille, also known as *C'est la Guerre*, *Hell Bent for Glory* (UK) and *With You in My Arms*, is a 1958 American war film produced by Warner Bros. It stars Tab Hunter and Etchika Choureau and features David Janssen and Will Hutchins, as well as Clint Eastwood, in an early supporting role. It was the final film in the career of director William A. Wellman and is based on his original story.



THE REAL FLYERS OF THE LAFFAYETTE ESCADRILLE

MEMORIAL DAY "HELL TO ETERNITY"

ON AMAZON, IMOB. NETFLIX

(1960 2h 12m | War | TV-PG)

A twelve year old Mexican hispanic young boy is adopted by Japanese-Americans, he learns the Japanese language, years later he becomes a hero in World War II.



on the island of Saipan he singlehandedly captured 1400 Japanese Marines. This is Gary Guy Gabaldon another American hero putting life before his own personal safty winning the Congressional medel of Honor. it is said that he saved the lives of two thousand marines. **Directed by Phil Karlson, Clark Paylow Starring Jeffrey Hunter, David Janssen, Vic Damo**

ON AMAZON PRIME

TO HELL AND BACK

(TV-PG / 1955 / 1HR 46MIN / BIOGRAPHY / ROMANCE)

AUDIE MURPHY

The true WWII story of Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier in U.S. history. Based on the autobiography of Audie Murphy who stars as himself in the film.



To Hell and Back is Audie Murphy's 1949 World War II memoir, detailing with the events that led him to receive the Medal of Honor and also to become one of the most decorated foot-soldiers of the war. Although only Murphy's name appears on the book cover, it was

in fact a collaboration with writer David "Spec" McClure. After securing a publishing contract in 1947, Murphy and McClure worked on the book through 1948 in Murphy's Hollywood apartment. Murphy did write some of the prose

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