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Monticello Elks Cleanup



Photo by PER Mike Brennan.

Twenty-one Elks from the Monticello Lodge attended the Spring Cleanup on April 20th. They are: Exalted Ruler/PDD Jim Gerrard, PER (Past Exalted Ruler) Mike Brennan, Scott Cooper, Wayne Mancroni, Trustee Brian Johnson, Gene Dalpiaz, Sam Rosado, Robyn Watwood, Jay Mendels, Rosemarie Paty, Peter Kunz, Esquire Ryan Walker, PER Brian Bock, Past State Vice President Pete Scannell, Barbara Urban, Lecturing Knight Julie Brennan, Leading Knight Lis Bringle, Rusty Welsch, Dennis Mandina, Trish Cahalan and PER Bill James. Rick Conklin donated the roll off dumpster and Gary Huebner lended a pressure washer. Photo by PER Mike Brennan

SC Sheriff's Honors Martin Rutberg and Lawrence Breskow

On Thursday April 18, 2024, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office honored two individuals, during a meeting of the County Legislature, for their support of the Sheriff's K-9 program. Martin Rutberg and Lawrence Breslow of the Rutberg Brelow Law Firm donated \$5000 recently towards the purchase of a new dog and equipment.

The agency's K-9 program was put on pause several years ago when one dog died of an illness and another was hit by a car. Sheriff Mike Schiff decided to revive the program earlier this year and has assigned a deputy, who is currently in training at the Orange County Sheriff's K-9 Academy. "Budget limitations for special units are always a concern", said the Sheriff. "We appreciate this important donation which will help us re-establish our K-9 program". Mike Schiff thanked Mr. Rutberg and Mr. Breslow for their dedication to the community and their support of the Sheriff's Office.



Left to right: Sheriff Mike Schiff, Martin Rutberg, Lawrence Breslow and Undersheriff Eric Chaboty.

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More than ever, thank you for your continued support.

On the Front Burner: There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.
John 4:18

OBITUARY

Dick D. Hennessey of Grahamsville, passed away on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at Garnet Health Medical Center. He was 67.



He was the son of the late Wayne Hennessey and Grace O'Dell, born on May 11, 1956, in East Branch, NY.

When he was younger, he worked with his family at their family stone quarry. He later joined the Navy and proudly served our country for four years. Once he got out, he began his career as a Correctional Officer at Sullivan Correctional Facility until his retirement. He was previously the caretaker of Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. In his free time he enjoyed hunting and spending time with his family, especially the new edition to the family, his granddaughter Lorelai. He was such a genuine person and had a heart of gold. He would help anyone and give them the shirt off his back if they needed it.

He is survived by his devoted wife Penny Hennessey, his two daughters, Cheyenne Hoagland and her husband Josh, Sierra Hennessey and her fiance Lindsay Green, his granddaughter Lorelai Hoagland, his siblings Earl Hennessey and his wife Kelly, Mary Hennessey and her husband Gerry Wormuth, his brother in law, David Nevin, mother-in-law, Bonnie LaDuke, sister-in-law Renee Simerson and her husband Jeff, his dear friend Tommy Mackiel, and a host of extended family and friends including his loving nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his sister Bonnie Nevin, his father-in-law Chester LaDuke, and his sister-in-law Annette Dabrowski.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Tommy Mackiel for all his help, long visits, and support throughout this time.

Services will be handled privately.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like any donations to be made to the Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club, where Dick was a member for many years.

Arrangements were under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for

further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com.

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Dick Hennessey, please visit our Tree Store



Irene Elna McAndrews, 85 of Melbourne FL, formerly of Napanoch, NY passed away peacefully on April 10th, 2024. She was born on January 24th, 1939, in Stockholm Sweden to Elna and Alex (Geritzlehner) Carlsson.

Irene loved her morning walks followed by a nice swim in the pool. She enjoyed traveling all over the world but really loved going back to her home country of Sweden and visiting with friends and family.

Irene loved to keep busy and worked at several local businesses. Whether it was the Ellenville Bank, JM Originals, BOCES or the Town of Wawarsing, she always was loved by her co-workers and always left a lasting impression.

Irene is survived by her loving husband of 47 years Paul McAndrews, her son Pierre Warnott (Stacey Zanetti), stepdaughter Kristy Irwin (Kirk), stepson Patrick McAndrews (Lisa) and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She leaves behind her brother Hasse Geritzlehner, close cousin Thomas Marshall (Annelie) both of Stockholm, Sweden.

There will be no service. The family will hold a private memorial at a later time

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

May 19, 1954

Mrs. C.T. Carlsen of South Hill, was elected to the office of Secretary of the Orange- Rockland-Sullivan FFA group at the meeting in Florida on Monday night. Frank accompanied his Vo-Ag teacher, Mr. Richard Strangeway, and Alfred Einert, the Tri Valley delegate to the meeting.

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DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History (From Pg. 2)

There's a wily old trout
in the depths of a pool,
Have you watched him leap and play?
He's the vision of speckled loveliness
Who elbowed your hook
the other day.
He's a little bit smaller than a whale
And he's known as
"the one that got away."

April 29, 1964

Miss Linda Crispell received word last week that she had been accepted at Skidmore College. Miss Crispell, a Tri Valley senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crispell of Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Roosa of the Woodbourne Road have announced the engagement of their daughter, Maria Twila, to Charles L. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clark of Curry, N.Y. Miss Roosa is a senior at Tri Valley Central School. Her fiancé is employed by Elliott Truck and Tractor Sales, Woodridge. The wedding is planned for July.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dexheimer of Neversink are the parents of a son, Thomas Harold, born on April 23 at Liberty Loomis Hospital. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nielsen. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dexheimer of Liberty are the paternal grandparents.

May 8, 1974

Mrs. Nancie Seaman of Neversink will celebrate her 103rd birthday on May 13th. Mrs. Seaman was born near Grahamsville and one of six children. She and her husband, Charles, opened a store in Neversink in 1930 and following his death she continued to operate it until 1966.

Lana A. Keller, 66, of Pepacton Hollow Road, Grahamsville, died Monday at Imogene Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown after a long illness. A 20-year area resident, she was born Feb. 22, 1908 in Neck City, Mo. to James and Julia Kendall Mance. She married Frank Keller on Feb. 2, 1925. Mr. Keller died in 1973. Surviving are a daughter, Mary Jane Donelli of Grahamsville; a son, Ernest D. of Grahamsville; and four grandchildren.

May 3, 1984

Dean Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hall of Grahamsville, has been named valedictorian of the Class of 1984. Dean, Regents Scholarship recipient, has compiled an academic average of 94.2 in his four years of high school. Susan Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Davis of Grahamsville, has been named salutatorian of the Class of 1984. She has compiled an average of 93.2 during her four years in high school.

Frank F. Fletcher of Claryville, a retired self-employed real estate and insurance agent and a lifelong area resident, died Wednesday, April 25, 1984 in Tarpon Springs, Fla. He was 86. The son of the late Henry and Agnes Edwards Fletcher, he was born Aug. 17, 1897 in Newburgh. Survivors include his wife, Margaret Fletcher at home.

Household Hint:

No More Tomato Stains on Plastic Containers

Prevent tomato stains on plastic containers: Spray the inside of the container with non-stick cooking spray before storing the sauce.

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.

Hail the Trees

We know that trees keep our air supply fresh by absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen. In one year, an acre of trees can absorb as much carbon as is produced by a car driven up to 8700 miles. Trees provide shade and shelter, reducing yearly heating and cooling costs by 2.1 billion dollars. Trees lower air temperature by evaporating water in their leaves. Trees cut down noise pollution by acting as sound barriers. Tree roots stabilize the soil and prevent erosion. Trees improve water quality by slowing and filtering rain water as well as protecting aquifers and watersheds.

The death of one 70-year old tree would return over three tons of carbon to the atmosphere.

The world's oldest trees are 4,800+ years old Bristlecone pines that live in the Methuselah Grove in California.

... and now we have Moon Trees in the USA!

In 1971 while Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell did experiments in the Fra Mauro region of the Moon, Stuart Roosa was in the command module with bags of tree seeds that were collected before their journey. Roosa brought 400-500 tree seeds that orbited the moon 39 times on the first few days of February 1971. The seeds were part of an experiment conducted by NASA and the USFS.

When the seeds returned to Earth with the astronauts, they were ready to complete the second part of their great destiny. They went through a decontamination process. Unfortunately as the sealed bags were removed from the canister, they burst due to the pressure difference and spread all over the chamber. It was feared the seeds might no longer be viable due to the explosive decompression and exposure to vacuum. Nevertheless, the technicians gathered up the seeds. After sorting them all by hand, they gave them to Dr. Walkinshaw to be germinated.



*Moon Tree at
Marschall Space Flight
Center in Huntsville,
Alabama*

It soon became apparent that a large selection of the seeds that were germinated had not been damaged and they grew as anticipated. Unfortunately the conditions in the Houston lab were not the best, and most if not all of those seedlings died. The remaining seeds were sent to the IFG stations where they originally came from in Gulfport and Placerville. With better facilities the seeds were grown into healthy seedlings that went on to become the first Moon Trees on earth.

The seedlings were planted in 40 states. Of those states New York, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota and South Carolina list the status of the Moon Trees as unknown. To date, there are still over 30 states where Moon Trees are growing and data is kept up-to-date.

The next rainy day, that you can't go for a walk in the woods, check out some more facts about Moon Trees and how they are doing back on Earth in the good old USA!

https://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/lunar/moon_tree.html

Happy Arbor Day!

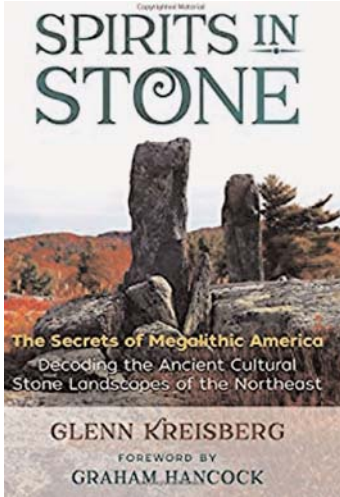
Native American Stone Structures of the Catskill Mountains

a talk by author Glenn Kreisberg

Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m. In person and virtual

Members: Free, Non-Members: \$5

[Grahamsville N.Y.] Author Glenn Kreisberg of the Overlook Mountain Center will give a presentation Native American Stone Structures of the Catskill Mountains on Sunday, May 5th at 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County.



Scattered throughout the wooded uplands of the Catskill Mountains are a large number of standing lithic structures that are often dismissed as colonial era stone walls and field clearing piles. These formations are increasingly emerging as part of a Native American tradition of ritual building practices. Glenn Kreisberg author of the book, *Spirits in Stone: The Story of Megalithic America* will present information on potential Native American sacred sites in the Catskills to discern patterns in their construction, positioning and alignments to sky observation.

Admission is \$5 per person, and FREE for Museum members. In person attendance also includes admission to the museum's exhibitions, shop and light refreshments. To join the program virtually, please register by email at info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org

and put "Native American Stone Structures Talk" in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700. A link will be sent to you. Non-members will be asked to please first make a donation on the Museum's website: www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/donate.

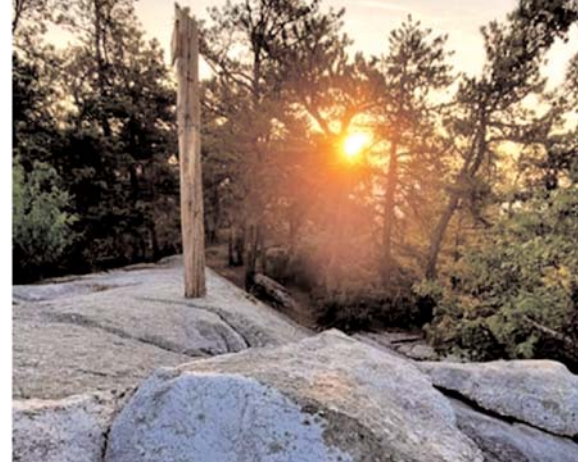
About the Author: Glenn Kreisberg is an author, outdoor guide, and radio engineer, who researches archaeoastronomy and landscape archaeology in the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains of New York. His books include *Spirits in Stone*, *Mysteries of the Ancient Past* and *Lost Knowledge of the Ancients*. He served two terms as vice president of the New England Antiquities Research Association (NEARA) and studied archaeoastronomy at SUNY and archaeoacoustics on Malta. He is co-founder of the non-profit Overlook Mountain Center (www.overlookmountain.org) in Woodstock, NY, where he lives with his wife and their two offspring.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Memorial Day through September and from October to May by appointment and during programs. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

Museum exhibitions are interactive and both fun and educational for all ages:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.
- o Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds a collaborative augmented reality art exhibition of the buildings and homes taken for NYC's water system.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.



Monticello Elks Hold Penny Social

(Monticello) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 invites everyone to a Penny Social on Sunday, April 28th in the lodge at 46 North Street in Monticello. Doors open at 11:30. Calling begins at 1:00 pm. Look for fabulous prizes, baskets, gift certificates, door prizes and a 50/50! A sheet of 25 tickets is just \$1.00. 6 for \$5.00. Food will be available from the kitchen. The not-for-profit Monticello Lodge supports local veterans, scouts, Little League and the Homeless Federation, as well as providing winter coats and gloves to elementary school children.

For information call the Lodge after 3 pm weekdays at 794-1544.



Monticello Elk Lis Bringle shakes the coffee can for another lucky winner at last year's well-attended Monticello Elks Penny Social.

A Blazing Competition Between Sullivan County Fire Departments Halfway Point of The Healthiest Fire Department Challenge

[Liberty, NY] The 2024 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge launched on January 1, 2024 with 20 of Sullivan County's Volunteer Fire Departments have joined. At the halfway point in the 8-month long challenge, almost 1,000 activities have been completed by local volunteer firefighters!

2024 Participating Departments: Bloomingburg, Grahamsville, Highland Lake, Hortonville, Hurleyville, Jeffersonville, Kauneonga Lake, Lake Huntington, Livingston Manor, Loch Sheldrake, Lumberland, Monticello, Narrowsburg, Rock Hill, Roscoe-Rockland, Smallwood-Mongaup Valley, White Lake, Woodridge, Wurtsboro, Youngsville.

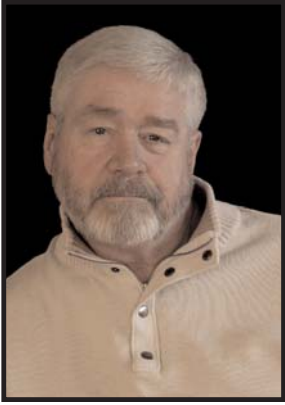
The challenge calls attention to the mental and physical health of our firefighters. From the moment the tones drop, a firefighter's heart rate increases 47 beats per minute. Firefighting is physically and emotionally demanding. More than half of all firefighters have elevated blood pressure, are obese and pre-diabetic. 90% or more have poor diet or exercise habits, additionally, suffering from heart disease, PTSD and lead in suicide more than any other first responder. Firefighters are consistently managing the balance between family, work and serving their community. Absorbing the trauma of each call has impacts that are not always visible or obvious.

Departments receive credit in the form of 'turtle points' for each health focused activity they complete. The two departments earning the most turtle points will be eligible for a grant in the amount of \$15,000 and \$10,000, respectively. Additional grants will be awarded based on a tiered point system. All winners will be announced at the Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Parade in Livingston Manor on September 7, 2024.

"Seeing the department getting together and answering the challenge and taking steps to becoming healthier is inspiring," Retired Arizona Fire Chief, Alan Brunacini said. "Firefighters hate two things- change and the way things are, but I think the Healthiest Fire Department Challenge proves just how untrue that statement is. The bond that we're building and the way we've all bought into making these healthy changes has made such a positive impact on the department in just a few short months," said Anthony Morgano, Challenge Captain for Roscoe-Rockland Fire Department.

The competition is in full swing, and the departments are vying to be named Sullivan County's Healthiest Fire Department. To follow their progress and watch live tally of leading departments, visit Sullivan180.org.

Sullivan 180 is working to build a healthy community, one degree at a time, through people, places and policy with support from Bold Gold Media Group, *Manor Ink*, *The River Reporter*, *The Sullivan County Democrat* and WJFF Radio Catskill. Learn more at Sullivan180.org or [Facebook.com/Sullivan180inc](https://www.facebook.com/Sullivan180inc).



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The Measure of Time

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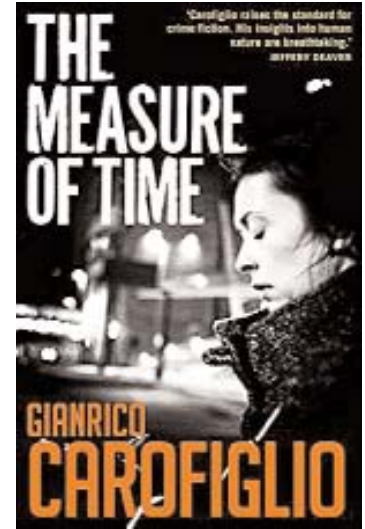
by John Dwaine McKenna

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If you're a fan of long, contemplative novels that feature many memorable insights into numerous character's thoughts and memories . . . *The Measure of Time*, (Bitter Lemon Press, PB, \$14.95, 285 pages, ISBN 978-6913394-48-6) by bestselling and award-winning Italian author, Gianrico Carofiglio, is just what you want. It's the sixth volume in his Guido Guerrieri series, and finds the aging courtroom fighter slowly burning out on his chosen profession as a defense lawyer in the southern Italian town of Bari.

The novel begins with Guerrieri contemplating his age and experiences when a new client named Lorenza Delle Foglie comes in and asks him to handle an appeals case for her son, Jacopo. He's been in prison for the past two years, ever since he was convicted of murdering a local drug dealer in a case involving organized crime, guns, drugs and questionable police tactics. The case appears hopeless when read by Guerrieri and his associates, but he agrees to take it on anyway, because of a brief love affair he had nearly three decades earlier with Lorenza, a teacher and aspiring writer . . . an affair that didn't end well.



**John Dwain McKenna's Books
are now available at the
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The pre-trial investigative work conjures up painful memories and emotions Guerrieri thought he'd resolved years earlier . . . and leave him musing about the many what-ifs and failures he's experienced along the way. Meanwhile, the appeals trial, with its many discoveries, surprises and new testimony, keeps moving forward, relentlessly grinding toward its conclusion with the young man's life hanging in the balance.

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda Rain, Rain, Go Away

"Rain, Rain, Go Away." I bet you sang it in your mind. I have been playing this tune in my head like an "ear worm" as I listen to the weather forecast or look out the window. And my

mind adds, "Go Away. Come back again another day!"

I think the earth is loving it as it soaks up its spring elixir. The landscape is awash in green and yellow. However, I long for the blue sky to go with it.

Paw prints and nose art on the sliders are Hudson's contributions to this spring weather. Labs love water, but rain? Not so much.

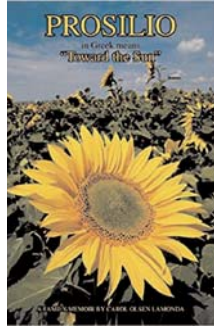
Our global warming trend has created record-breaking rainfall totals. I just know that the warmer temperatures to come are going to create an Amazonian growth of vegetation when it eventually stops sprinkling and treats us to some seventy-degree weather.

Enough complaining....The water table will be high. Right now the Spillway of the Ashokan Reservoir is going full force, and the splashes and waterfalls in the gorge across the road are fierce and awesome.

Supposedly, it was Mark Twain who said, "Everyone talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." I wonder with AI if the next step is to try to control the weather. I often wonder why we pipe fossil fuel and not water to areas of the country that need it.

Ancient Roman aqueducts were common and yet we have floods here and drought there. Why not share?

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*



OLIVE FREE LIBRARY

Community Yard Sale at the Library!

Saturday April 27, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Are you doing some spring clean-up at your house and would you like to recycle some of your goods? Join us for a community yard sale at the library!

Space is \$15, or \$20 to use one of the library's tables

If you're not selling your own things, we also need volunteers to help organize the event!



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Daniel Pierce Library

Between the Bookends

The DPL is Busy this Spring!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-With the Spring Children's Program well underway these past two weeks, our library has been buzzing with the sounds of happy children-just the way we like it. It's been a reunion of sorts as the children who attended the fall programs have returned, included our new attendees, and forged their friendships over again. It's a flurry of activity Wednesday through Friday mornings here!

The first of our four LEGO programs will be April 24, for Tri Valley Elementary students in grades 4-6. Registration is required for all of the LEGO programs which range in age from toddlers to sixth grade. When registering online, if there is a note that says the program is full, please call and speak with Deirdre McHugh, our Children's Program Coordinator. Often times, we have a wait list available for our programs and with last minute cancellations it has been helpful in the past. For more information regarding the specific age groups, the LEGO activities for each program and to register, please see our website.

As for our teen programs, dates had to be changed for the Rock the Library and Teens Teach Tech programs-both of these will be meeting throughout May instead of April. The chess club is meeting here regularly on Wednesdays from 3:15 to 4:45PM and is open to Tri Valley Secondary School students in grades 9-12. Bussing is available from the school to the library and back again for the 5PM late bus, but arrangements need to be made between the student and the secondary school main office.

If you happen to stop at the library in the next few weeks, you may notice that we are sprucing up our flower beds and the sidewalk. We will be laying more mulch and new stones for the sidewalk.

Also, we'd like to extend a huge thank you to our local Little League program, who has offered up the popular discount card fundraiser to us. In the past, many in the community have purchased these fantastic cards from the Little Leaguers-and now we are offering the very same cards that you are familiar with. In house, we have cards for Monticello, Kingston, Liberty, Ellenville, Middletown and Kerhonkson. These are available at the adult circulation desk at the library, are \$15 each and are payable by cash or check. If you'd rather purchase the cards online, we have a QR code on the flyers that will grant you direct access to the website to purchase cards (if done this way, there are additional towns; such as, Pine Bush, available for purchase) and the cards will then be mailed to your home.

And finally, tickets are available-and going fast-for our very popular "Boujee" Bingo! Our library fundraiser is a lot of fun; a great night of laughs and excitement. Bingo will take place on Friday, May 31 with doors opening at 6:30PM and calling starting at 7PM. Tickets are \$40 per person, which includes seven games, door prize entry and light refreshments. There will be additional game boards available for purchase throughout the night for \$5 each. The prizes are awesome and include: a meat package, Splash Pass & Stay, a hotel package, a smart TV and so many more. In addition, during the games, there will be opportunities to purchase Tricky Tray tickets for a chance to win additional prizes. Stop by the library to pick up your ticket. For more information, call 845/ 985-7233.



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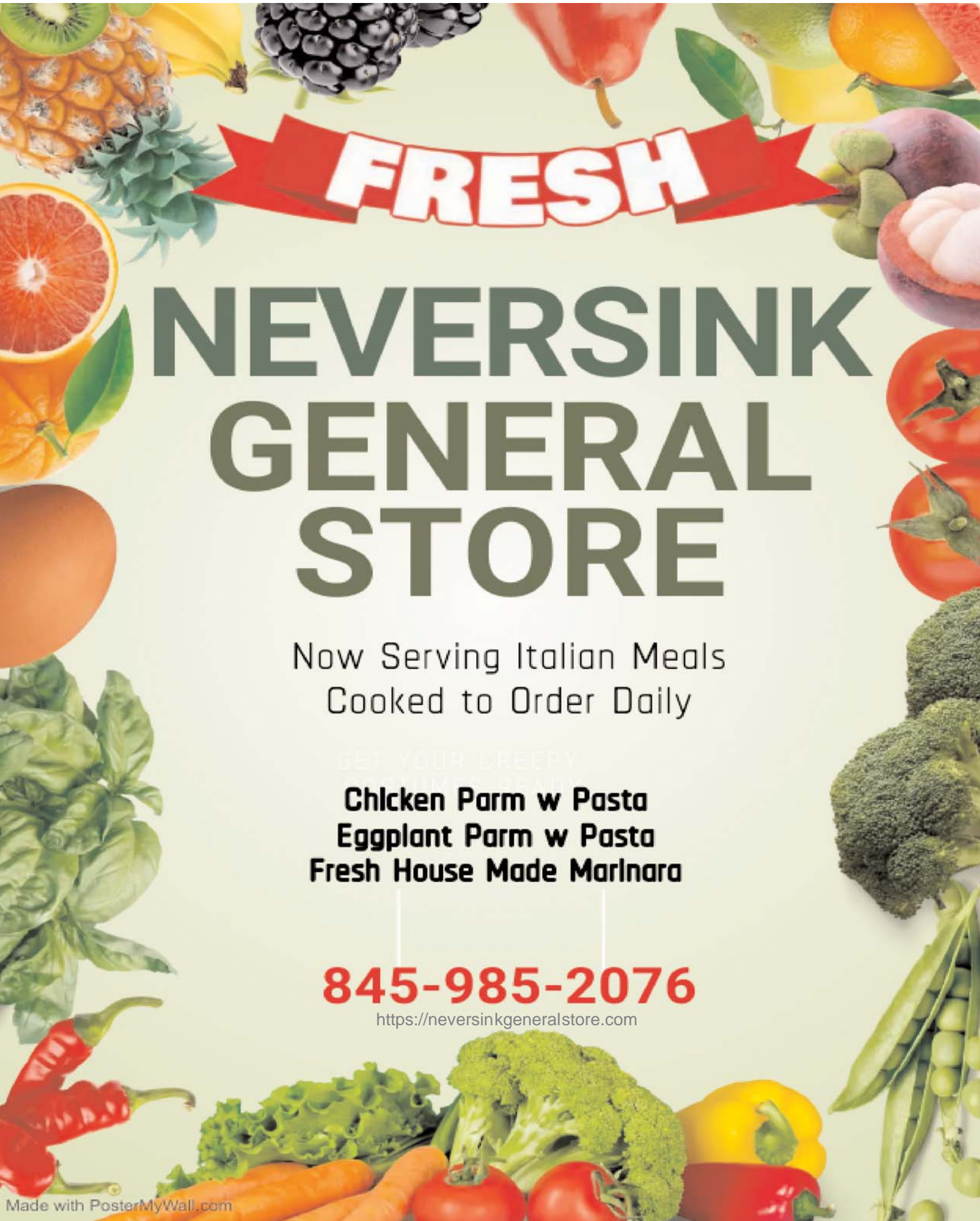
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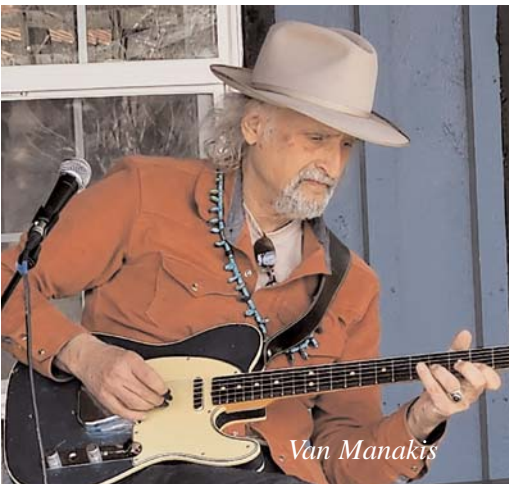
- By Jane Harrison

So, this is spring? I don't care what they say the temperature is, the comforter stays on the bed!!

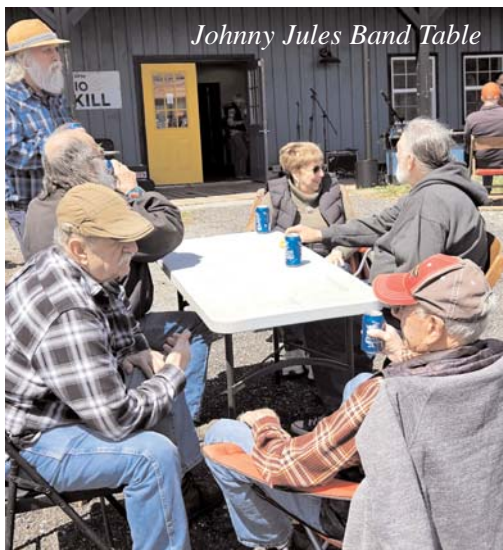
Saturday afternoon was party time at WJFF 90.5FM radio in



Liberty. No, I mean a real party, with live music, hand made pizza, volunteer-made butterscotch scones (oh soooo good!), other sweet goodies and beer from the local Catskill Brewery! LITTLE SPARROW (CAROL SMITH and ALDO TROIANI - co-host of JAMBALAYA) kicked off the day with their iconic bluesy Americana followed by KATHY GEARY (host of THEN and NOW) brought her JONI MITCHELL-ish originals, PAUL KUGOT master of the improvisational guitar, MARIANNE OSIEL a multi-instrumentalist, VAN MANAKIS who is known to all of us as an incredible guitarist and rounding out the day with the full



JOHNNY JULES BAND. The only thing that could have made the day better would have been more blue sky and less wind! This was one of the best fundraising events I've been to, a little something for everyone. It was also a good day to spend with friends LIL SCOLES and BILL GRIESBECK at the JOHNNY JULES band table!



I was not familiar at all with MARIANNE so I was happy to get a chance to talk with her. Although her performance was more bluesy folksy, she is in a group that stretches her understanding of improvisational music. AND she has performed at some of the same places my Jazz loving friend DON MILLER has in Woodstock. I think she is a person I'd like to know more about.



'Improvisational music' seems to be crossing my path a lot these days. What does that mean? I guess I'll wait and see.

Then early Sunday afternoon, it was ALBI at the HASBROUK TAVERN. It's always a pleasure to be at his gigs as there is always a new song list. I mean seriously, when is the last time you heard a musician do THE EDMUND FITZGERALD? But he did it. All seven verses are different and my hat's off to him on that one and for WHITE ROOM by CREAM. He also did a few I haven't heard in a long time; PAINT IT, BLACK by the ROLLING STONES and VAN MORRISON'S INTO THE MYSTIC. And this was just the first set! His repertoire is incredible, and he seems to always select just the right songs for his audience. (Contd. Pg. 12)



The Scene Too



Happy' Lunchers'

(From Pg. 11) I was hoping for their brunch menu, but alas, it was not to be. My 'settling' for a chicken sandwich wasn't settling at all. The bread was not bread, or roll or bun, but a delicious onion-poppo seed concoction and the onion rings tasted hand made. Even a simple sandwich was made extra special.



My lunch

From one native son, to the next. SHANE RENNISON is releasing a new single on April 26 *WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW* from his follow up EP, *IRRATIONAL*. This comes on the heels of the success of his first EP, *NICE TO MEET YOU*. Reading through his press release for this, this song was inspired by those self-absorbed people who are used to getting what they want simply by the way they look and words of advice for the future. Oh boy, don't we all know a few that never grew out of that, whatever age you are! You know I had to listen to it. SHANE tells the story in rational terms with his lyrical poetry in a low key, high depth musical envelope. Congratulations! I'm so looking forward to the rest of this EP. Catch him live at THE DALE in Mountandale on April 27.

HECTOR'S Hamburger Day is something I try never to miss. This year it will be on MAY 26th with THE JOHNNY JULES BAND on stage.



Shane Rennison

It's prescribed burning season from the DEC. OK, I get it. It's necessary. But could we have some advanced notice? I've checked the DEC website and couldn't find anything. Am I looking in the wrong place? Wood smoke, as I found out from the Canadian wildfires last summer, can bring on asthma and allergy attacks, both of which can be life threatening. For those with sensitivities, it brings on harsh coughing, difficulty breathing and, in some cases, severe itching of exposed skin. This puts some of those protocols from CoVid back in place, like showering immediately after coming in from outside, putting your clothes in a plastic bag and don't wear them again until laundered in addition to those of last summer like keeping your windows closed and keeping an air conditioner or air purifier on.

That's all for me right now. I'm going to put something in the oven and warm up. (April 15, heat gets turned off or at least down for apartments.)

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Roscoe, NY- The Catskill Public Theater, a FREE admission pay-what-you-wish LIVE theater, is proud to announce the premiere of its 2024 season with the groundbreaking play "Terror," opening on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at the Roscoe Fireman's Field. This inaugural performance sets a precedent in engaging and interactive theater, inviting audiences to deliberate on a matter of national security, personal responsibility, and the complex nature of duty.

"Terror," written by the acclaimed Ferdinand Von Schirach and directed by the esteemed Leon J. Van Dyke, unfolds within the high-stakes environment of a military tribunal. The play scrutinizes the actions of a USAF Fighter pilot who makes the harrowing decision to shoot down a commercial airliner, carrying 170 passengers, to prevent a terrorist attack reminiscent of 9/11 on a packed sports stadium. The question posed to the audience is as compelling as it is haunting: Is the pilot a murderer, or is he a disciplined, professional warrior acting in the defense of his country?

In a unique and highly theatrical twist, the audience is entrusted with the role of the jury. During intermission, audience members will cast their votes to determine the pilot's innocence or guilt. This decision directly influences the course of the performance, with two distinct second acts prepared to reflect the verdict of the audience jurors.

Each of the nine performances will feature a staple community member acting as a Guest Judge. Audiences can expect to see Paul Ciliberto of Bold Gold Media, Matthew McPhillips our District 1 Legislature, Eugene Thalmann of Sprouting Dreams Farms, and Bradlyn Matican of Insight Cipher, to name a few. Keep an eye on our Social Media and sign up for our email list for more details as they are released!

The Catskill Public Theater invites the community to partake in this unparalleled theatrical experience, which not only showcases the talents of a distinguished cast and crew but also challenges viewers to confront their own moral and ethical boundaries.

Performance Details:

Opening Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Additional performance on July 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

Location: Roscoe Fireman's Field

For Information and Reservations: Visit catskillpublictheater.com or call 844-752-9748 / 844-PLAYS4U

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OSI Launching a Community Survey

OSI is working on a feasibility study to create a vision to transform and connect the 57-mile former O&W Rail Trail and D&H Towpath corridor into a continuous multi-use trail. If completed, residents and visitors will have the opportunity to access and explore a trail with incredible scenery connecting local communi-

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As a part of the project, OSI is launching a community survey, which will assess how members of the community currently view and use trails, as well as what amenities they might want to see in a completed trail corridor in the future. Please take our survey [HERE](#) <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/626de25f05f646f5831095fb5efcf111/page/Take-the-Survey/>

You are also encouraged to get involved by attending one of three planned Open House events, the details of which you can find below. The corridor passes through three counties, Ulster, Sullivan, and Orange, and we are hosting an open house in each county. For all events, participants may stop by at any time between 4pm and 7pm; registration is not required.

o Wednesday, May 1st: Ellenville Village Hall Meeting Room (2 Elting Ct, Ellenville, NY)

o Monday, May 6th: Mamakating Town Hall Community Room (2948 US-209, Wurtsboro, NY)

o Tuesday, May 14th: Port Jervis City Hall Meeting Room (20 Hammond St, Port Jervis, NY)

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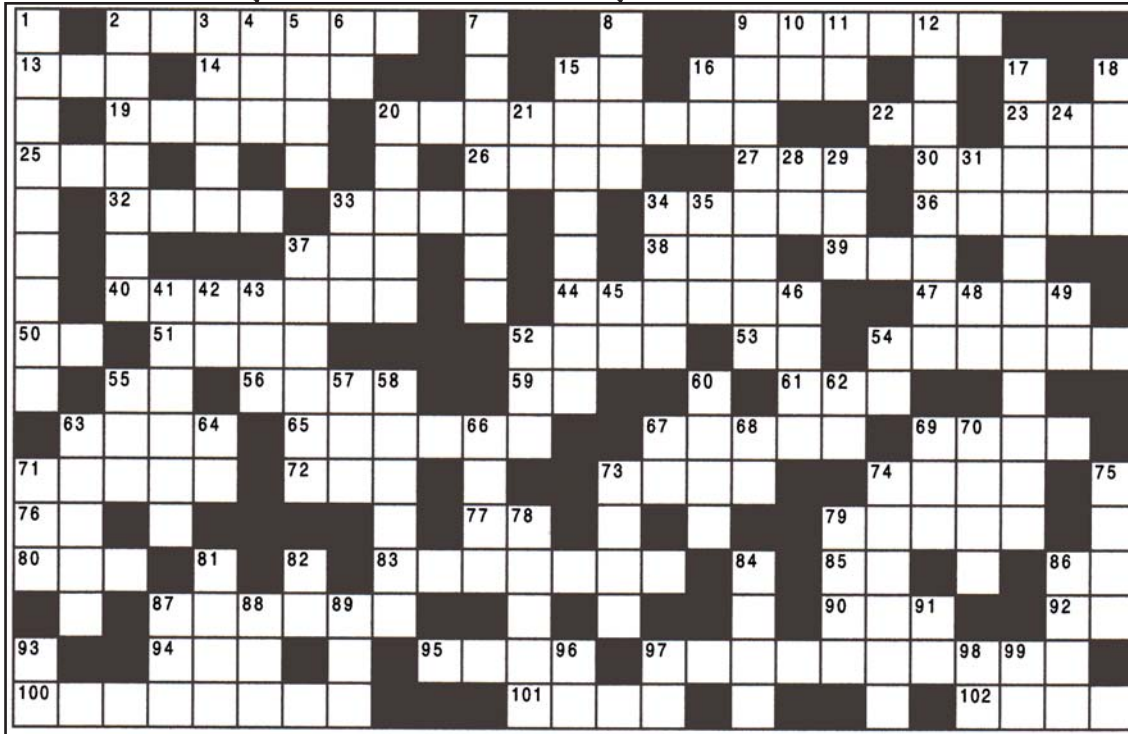
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A Bit of April 26th History - L. Comando



ACROSS

- 2 Exist in spite of hardship
- 9 Long journey at sea
- 13 German grandfather
- 14 Island in the Outer Hebrides
- 15 One's mother
- 16 Living things and their activity
- 19 Book of maps
- 20 Rider
- 22 Anno Domini
- 23 Haul
- 25 Petroleum
- 26 American colonist who supported the British side during the Revolutionary War
- 27 Come to have
- 30 Coastline
- 32 International Amateur Radio Union
- 33 Popular dog's name
- 34 Helped found the colony of Jamestown after landing their on **Apr 26, 1607**
- 36 Smooth-shelled brown nut
- 37 Able to
- 38 Warlike Asiatic nomad of the 4th century
- 39 Single unit
- 40 1607 Virginia

- Company's admiral
- 44 Protein in raw egg white
- 47 Reflected radio beam
- 50 In the direction of
- 51 Armor made with metal rings
- 52 Break suddenly
- 53 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 54 Lunacy
- 55 Lead pellet used in an air rifle
- 56 Precious metal
- 59 Half time
- 61 Adult male human
- 63 Signify
- 65 Slender piece of polished metal with a sharp end
- 67 River in Virginia
- 69 Impolite
- 71 Cape where first Virginia settlers landed
- 72 Sharp, shrill bark
- 73 Dry
- 74 Self-addressed stamped envelope
- 76 Near
- 77 Initials of famous actress named Norma Jean Baker at birth
- 79 Compound of

- oxygen and hydrogen
 - 80 Diagram of an area of land or sea
 - 83 Nicotine rich leaves
 - 85 Audio-visual
 - 86 Title used before a man's surname
 - 87 Plans; strategy
 - 90 Perch
 - 92 Exist
 - 94 A bitter beer
 - 95 Change direction
 - 97 Married John Rolfe in 1614
 - 100 Algonquin Indian Chief 1550-1618
 - 101 365 days
 - 102 Highest male singing voice
- DOWN**
- 1 Settlers of a colony
 - 2 Glaciations in Northern Europe
 - 3 Sovereign
 - 4 By way of
 - 55 International standard serial number
 - 6 Vermont
 - 7 Study of past events
 - 8 Large number
 - 9 First USA settlement was in this state
 - 10 Expressing relationship between a part and the whole
 - 11 Archaic form of thou

- 12 The name of one of three ships that reached Virginia on Apr. 26, 1607
- 15 Someone involved in wholesale trade
- 16 Language engineering
- 17 A shareholder
- 18 Male star in *Midnight in Paris*
- 20 Sharp end of a needle
- 21 To such a great extent
- 24 Plural form of os
- 28 Extraterrestrial
- 29 Informal 'though'
- 31 Masculine pronoun
- 33 Distant
- 34 Large vessel
- 35 Earth and water mix
- 37 Country under political control of another country
- 41 Board a ship
- 42 Washington (state)
- 43 Swine
- 45 Virginia
- 46 Moniker
- 48 Unit of radioactivity
- 49 Ocean (abbrev)
- 52 Feminine personal pronoun
- 54 Surrounded bky
- 55 Inner room of a two room cottage

- 57 Meadow
- 58 A parliamentary representative
- 60 Increase
- 62 Like
- 63 Gold or silver
- 64 New York
- 66 Young sheep
- 67 Junior (abbrev)
- 68 Maryland
- 69 Rodent that resembles a large mouse
- 70 Secondhand
- 71 Salted smoked

- meat from a pig
- 73 Curved symmetrical structure
- 74 Emancipator
- 75 Despicable person
- 78 Wed
- 79 Clean with water
- 81 Sunfish
- 82 Rhode Island
- 84 Every one of a group
- 86 Tall upright post
- on a ship
- 87 Express contempt
- 88 Allow
- 89 Deceptive persuasion
- 91 Tennessee
- 93 Toward a higher position
- 96 Northeast
- 97 Pair
- 98 Brit's way of saying thank you
- 99 Alabama

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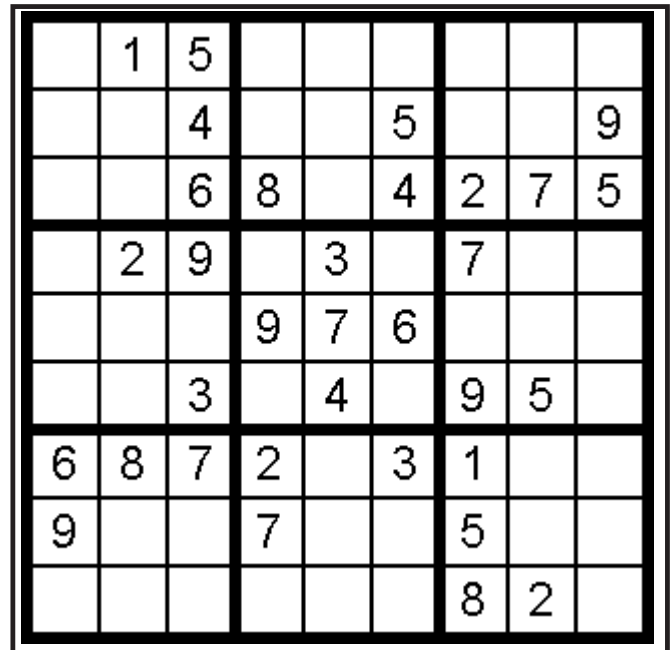
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When you want a quick dessert –just put 3 tbsp of the dry mix in a microwavable cup. Add 2 tbsp of water and then Microwave it for 1 minute.

Add some whipped cream or ice cream (or both) and you have a delicious cake dessert!

If you want great Strawberry Shortcake –use vanilla cake mix, fresh sugared strawberries and of course, lots of whipped cream! Thank you Mary for this all-time favorite!

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- Joyce Kilmer



Find 5 differences between the 2 pictures.

How many words can you make from ARBOR DAY?



Follow the dots

Kids' Fun Page

= L. Comando

Trees Wordsearch



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- AVOCADO
- BARK
- BIRDS
- BUD
- CASHEW
- COCONUT
- DATE
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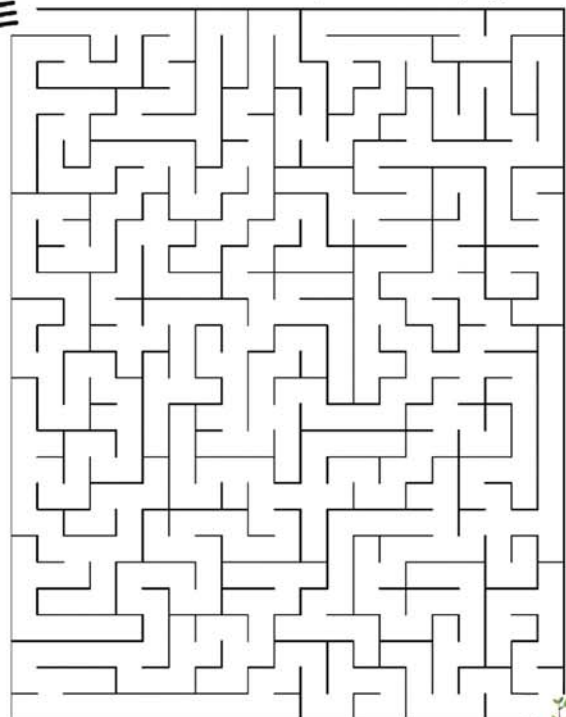
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| LIMB | PEAR | TRUNK |

Cryptogram Key

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Hassina Brodie is a local artist who grew up in Monticello, New York. She became interested in art when her father taught her to draw. Her mother took her to Les Kristt art shop for lessons, and she studied at the Art Students League in Manhattan for three years.

Her work has been shown in the BCA Gallery, and more recently in the Catskill Arts Society virtual show. She paints with acrylics, oils, and watercolor.

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MARCH 15, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Tri-Valley Secondary School Lower Library in said District at Grahamsville, New York, on:

Tuesday, May 7, 2024
At 7:00 P.M. (EDT)

for the purpose of presenting the school 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 school 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 Annual Meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting, including the VOTE upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2024-2025 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 1:00 and 8:00 P.M. daylight savings time at the Main Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Central High School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, on or before 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 22, 2024. Nominating petitions shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer, and, must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. For 2024, there are three Board seats available. Two seats will be three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027, for seats currently held by the following Board of Education members:

Brent Clarke
Rose Woods

A third seat will have a term commencing immediately on May 21, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027, which is currently vacant (James McCarthy, who was appointed to replace Danielle Penney-Stroop, resigned from the position). The successful candidate with the highest number of votes will be seated immediately for the term commencing May 21, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Candidates whose names will appear on the ballot will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the public at the Annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Secondary School Library Lower Level.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, and Thursday, May 16, 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, May 16, 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 May 21, 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 election. 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 annual 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@trivalleycsd.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 pm on April 25, 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 April 25, 2024. (Contd. Pg. 20)

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

(From Pg. 19) Military voters may indicate a preference for receiving a military voter registration, 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 April 26, 2024. Completed Military Ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024 in order to be counted.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-a of the N.Y. 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 voter's 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 election if the Absentee Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 14, 2024) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 20, 2024), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education. A list of all persons to whom Absentee 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 Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education, except Sunday, and will also be available at the polling place at the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education. 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. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the vote.

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 election if the Early Mail Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 14, 2024) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 20, 2024), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their 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 Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education. 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 Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education, except Sunday, and will also be available at the polling place at the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education. 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. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the vote.

By order of the Board of Education

Norma Pena, District Clerk

Dated: March 15, 2024

4/4; 4/11; 4/18; 4/25/24

Immediate Openings Tri-Valley Central School

Cleaners Maintenance Worker

Please forward resumes and
Tri-Valley's application
(located at www.trivalleycsd.org) by **May 10th**
To: tri-valley-recruitment@scbooces.org
Attn: Maintenance or Cleaner Search

4/18; 4/25' 5/2

TOWN OF NEVERSINK SPRING CLEANUP 2024

Spring Cleanup will be held on **April 20, 24 & 27 AND May 1, 2024**. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with Blue 2024 permits will be allowed 2 loads which must be brought during the Spring Cleanup dates. Permit cards will be punched for each load.

TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of for free in the boxes provided. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. **Due to the high volume of traffic during spring cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Spring Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.**

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who have their household and generate their waste material in the Town of Neversink. Ownership of vacant land does not qualify for use of the facility. The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Taxpayers of Sullivan.

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESMENT ROLL

NOTICE OF COMPLETION shall be published once in the official newspaper of the Town of Denning and a copy of the published notice posted on the signboard at the entrance of the Town Clerk's office stating that the Assessor has completed the Tentative Roll, where the roll may be examined and when and where Grievance Day will be held (rptl § 506,526(1), 1526).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sole Assessor of the Town of Denning, County of Ulster has completed the Tentative Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left with the Town Clerk at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 where it may be seen and examined by any interested person until the fifth Wednesday in May 2024 during regular business hours or by appointment.

The Board of Assessment review will meet on Wednesday, May 29th, 2024 between the hours of 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on the written application of any person believing themselves to be aggrieved.

I will be available by phone, 845-549-0552, email assessor@denningny.gov or in person by appointment. You may mail any completed grievance form to me at 1112 State Route 52, Walden, NY 12586, or drop it off at Town Hall to be presented on your behalf. Please call to set up an appointment if you plan to attend so the Board can be prepared.

Dated April 22, 2024
PATRICIA MASTERSON
Town of Denning Sole Assessor
nap

4/25; 5/2

**District Opening
Tri-Valley Central School**

**Secretary to the
Superintendent**

Start Date: May/June

Please forward resumes and
Tri-Valley's application
(located at www.trivalleycsd.org) by **May 15th**
To: tri-valley-recruitment@scbores.org
Attn: Secretary Search EOE

4/25; 5/2; 5/9

TOWN OF NEVERSINK EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – (2) TEMPORARY SUMMER MAINTENANCE WORKER

This temporary position involves the performance of a variety of skilled tasks including flagging, road patching, raking, painting, mowing, weedwacking and general maintenance throughout the Town. Applicant must be at least 18 years or older and have a valid driver's license. Experience with various mowing equipment a plus. Drug and alcohol testing is required. The position is from May to September at an hourly rate of \$16.14 per hour, 40 hours per week, paid bi-weekly. Applications must be received as soon as possible. Applications are available at the Town Hall or on the Town of Neversink website. Please send applications to Preston Kelly, Highway Superintendent, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Please address any questions to Preston Kelly, at (845) 985-2281.

SC ROAD CLOSURE

Jeffersonville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a **portion of New Bridge St. in the Village of Jeffersonville** to repave County Bridge 351, located south of the intersection of **New Bridge St. and State Route 52**.

This section of New Bridge St. is scheduled to be closed to all traffic starting at 8 a.m. April 29, 2024, and will remain closed for approximately two (2) weeks.

SC Road Work Notice

Harris, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works will be working on County Bridge 333 on County Road 174 (Old Route 17) in the Town of Thompson starting this Monday, April 8. County Bridge 333 is located in Harris approximately 500 ft. south of the intersection of CR 174 and CR 75 (Harris-Bushville Rd.).

This section of CR 174 is scheduled to be reduced to alternating-direction, single-lane traffic controlled by traffic signals starting at 8 a.m. on April 8 and will remain single-lane for approximately 5 weeks.

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Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper
5:30 pm
May 4, 2024

Many items from the Indoor Yard Sale will be available for sale at the Supper. Come check them out.

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

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

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

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

HOLY DAY EUCHARIST
Schedule will be listed in the bulletin
<https://smsaparish.org/bulletins>

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(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

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

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

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

First Thrift Sale of the Season!
May 4th
9 am to 12 noon

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

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>
Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740

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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church

The Church with a friendly welcome
Pastor Kenneth Ronk
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 9:30 am
P O Box 238 - Route 55
Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:15 am
Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor
Church Hall available for rent
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

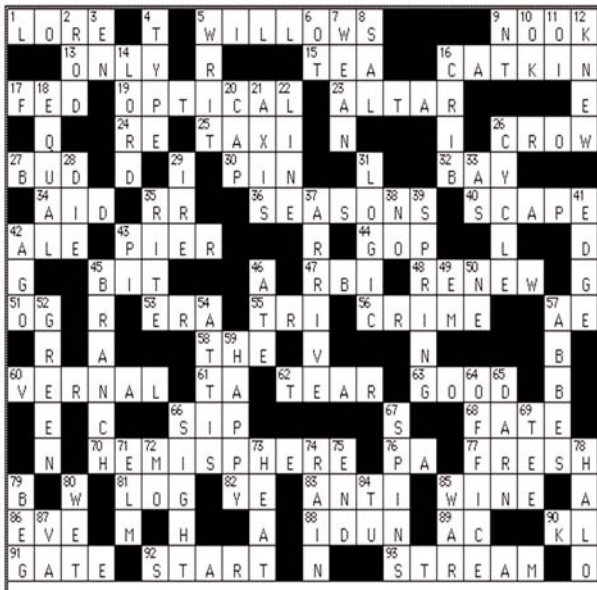
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Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



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

Also
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 People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU
 answer

2	1	5	6	9	7	4	8	3
8	7	4	3	2	5	6	1	9
3	9	6	8	1	4	2	7	5
4	2	9	5	3	8	7	6	1
1	5	8	9	7	6	3	4	2
7	6	3	1	4	2	9	5	8
6	8	7	2	5	3	1	9	4
9	4	2	7	8	1	5	3	6
5	3	1	4	6	9	8	2	7

Clip & Save
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

April - 6th and 20th	Sept - 7th and 21st
May - 4th and 18th	October - 12th and 26th
June - 1st and 15th	Nov - 2nd and 16th
July - 6th and 20th	Dec - 7th Holiday Craft Fair
August - 3rd and 17th	

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays, starting March 14, 2024, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment. Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.
 grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com
Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

Sundown United Methodist Church
Covered Dish Supper
 Saturday,
 May 4, 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)

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

Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic

Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 2 to 3:30 pm
 Grahamsville Fairgrounds-Pavillion
 8320 State Rte 44 Grahamsville, NY
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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/1/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
5/4/24	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon
5/4/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
5/7/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
5/14/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
5/8/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
5/16/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
5/16/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

Save the Date!

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of April 22 - 26, 2024

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

Monday, April 22

- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 874 2621 5918, Passcode: 645760
- 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, April 23

- o **5:00 PM - Recycling Oversight Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & By Phone (646) 558-8656
- Wednesday, April 24
- o **3:00 PM - Electrical Licensing Board**, in the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, 12419
- o **6:30 PM - Ulster County Environmental Management Council**, in the SUNY Ulster Kingston Center, 94 Marys Avenue, Kingston & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 974 4252 9615, Passcode: 278571
- 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, April 25

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

Friday, April 26

- o No Meetings



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Saturday, May 18th 2024
 Rain date: Sunday, May 19th
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 Vehicle Make: _____
 Vehicle Model: _____
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Daniel Pierce Library Celebrating 125th birthday

ATTENTION ALL LOCAL ARTISTS!



The Daniel Pierce Library will be celebrating our 125th birthday and we are holding an art contest.

The subject matter must be of local interest of the Neversink area.

Medium is your choice: oil, pastels, acrylic, charcoal and pencil are all accepted.

Dimensions should be approximately 24" x 30".

The library will frame the winning entry and it will be placed above this mantel in the 1902 building on permanent display.

Winner will receive \$500.00 (donated by a friend of the library)

All entries must be brought to the library no later than
12:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024

The Primetimers of Temple Shalom in Monticello sponsoring

A Day on Your Own Bus Trip to New York City

on Wednesday, June 19th

Donation is \$55.00 round trip, including gratuity

The bus leaves the Temple parking lot
on East Dillon Road at 8:15 AM and
will return at approximately 8:00 PM

Checks should be made out to Primetimers and
must be received by May 19th

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



SUNY Sullivan Welcomes Dr. David Potash

The State University of New York Board of Trustees has appointed Dr. David Potash as president of SUNY Sullivan. Dr. Potash's appointment is effective on or before July 1, 2024.

The SUNY Board of Trustees stated, "Congratulations to the SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees for conducting a thorough, comprehensive search for the college's next president. Dr. Potash's accomplishments are many, and we know his experience will empower him to lead the expansion of the campus's academic programs, student resources, and workforce development partnerships. His leadership will greatly benefit SUNY Sullivan's campus community."



*Dr. David Potash, President of
SUNY Sullivan.*

"I am very excited to join SUNY Sullivan, a growing institution with a crucial mission. Throughout the search process, I have been deeply impressed with everyone's deep commitment to student success."

- Dr. David Potash

"The SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees has chosen a president who, throughout his career, has demonstrated a focus on rigorous academics, service to an increasingly diverse student population, and keen attention to wrap-around services to ensure student success," said SUNY Chancellor John B. King, Jr. "I look forward to working with Dr. Potash during his tenure as we continue to build on the fantastic offerings at SUNY Sullivan."

SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees Chair Nancy Hackett said, "The board of trustees are so pleased to welcome David Potash to the SUNY Sullivan community. Dr. Potash brings the extensive experience in leadership and guidance that will position our college to continue to flourish. We are encouraged by Dr. Potash's track record of increased student success and community engagement."

SUNY Sullivan has been led by Officer in Charge Casey Crabill since July 25, 2023.

Chancellor King said, "Dr. Casey Crabill was beloved at Onondaga Community College and came to SUNY Sullivan with an excellent reputation, which she only burnished through her efforts at Sullivan. We truly appreciate Casey coming out of retirement and leading the campus during the search for SUNY Sullivan's eighth president."

About Dr. David Potash

Dr. David Potash joined Wilbur Wright College as president in 2013, bringing extensive higher education administrative experience to the independently accredited Chicago community college. As president, Dr. Potash guided the 85-year-old Wright to significant increases in student success, new programs and certificates; sustained efforts at equity, community service, civic engagement,

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career, workforce, and apprenticeships; served the community's growing Hispanic population; and led the creation of a Center of Excellence in Engineering and Computer Science. Wright College received Campus Compact's Eduardo J. Padrón Award for Institutional Transformation in 2020 and the prestigious Seal from Excelencia in Education in 2021.

Prior to this role, he served as the chief academic Officer at Curry College, a four-year institution in Massachusetts, where Dr. Potash strengthened faculty development, advanced learning outcomes assessment, and enhanced Curry's long-standing commitment to pedagogy and serving diverse learners.

He also worked for 10 years in the City University of New York system, where Dr. Potash was associate provost and assistant vice president for academic affairs at Hunter College and associate provost at Baruch College. At both institutions he had responsibilities for accreditation, curricula and program development, enrollment, and facilitating student success.

Dr. Potash holds a bachelor of arts from Rice University where he majored in English and philosophy, a master's of art in history from New York University, and a doctorate in history from Cambridge University. He has taught composition and US history courses. Dr. Potash serves on several advisory boards and is a frequent speaker at conferences and other events.

About SUNY Sullivan

SUNY Sullivan is the leader of innovative higher education and a catalyst for workforce development throughout the Sullivan Catskills and beyond. Our diverse community cultivates personal growth and professional advancement, preparing students for success in a sustainable and interconnected world. A forward-looking, top-tier community college in New York, SUNY Sullivan offers over 40 degree programs, certificates, and microcredentials for learners at all levels of their educational goals. We value critical inquiry and creativity while supporting our students in a culture of inclusion and respect.

Sullivan Public Library Alliance Hosts Sullivan County Youth Book Festival in Monticello this Spring

The Sullivan County Youth Book Festival will take place Sunday, May 19th, 2024 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm on the grounds of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library. We will welcome 33 authors and illustrators of books for infants through young adults. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet talented book creators and purchase books. There will be free entertainment throughout the day including musical guests, crafts, face painting, character meet and greets, stilt performers, and more. The award ceremony for the Sullivan County BOCES Cross County Reading Challenge will take place midday. All are welcome to join us for a day to celebrate literacy and books.

Grab some friends and stop by for family fun for all ages. More information is available on our website, scybookfest.org or by following @scybookfest on Facebook or Instagram. Call 845-794-4660 ext. 8 or email scybookfest@gmail.com for more information. This event will take place rain or shine under the big tent that will be set up in the library parking lot at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library located at 479 Broadway in Monticello, NY. Parking will be available at any of the municipal lots along Broadway.

Sullivan 180 Empowering a Healthier Generation Grants *District Impact Grants awarded to Livingston Manor and Roscoe*

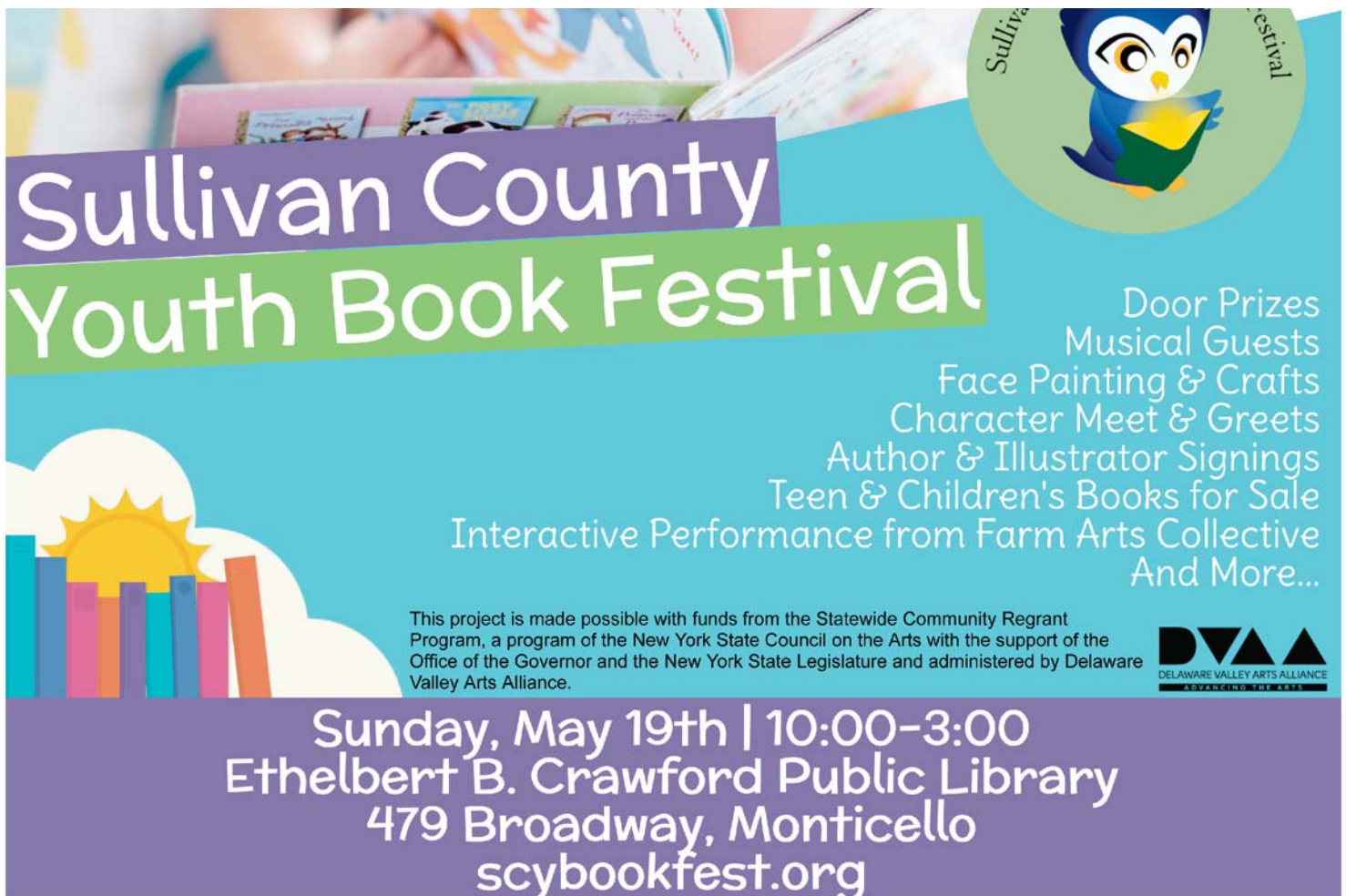
[Liberty, NY] Sullivan 180 is pleased to announce the Healthier Generation District Impact Grant recipients for the 2023-2025 grant cycle. The \$20,000 Healthier Generation District Impact Grant supports specific goals of the District's Wellness Policy to improve the health and wellness of the school community, district-wide or in a particular school building.

Livingston Manor Central School District was awarded a Healthier Generation District Impact Grant to purchase a Grab & Go Breakfast Cart, a water bottle filling station, and a refrigerated salad bar. This nutrition-focused endeavor will help make healthy breakfasts more available to students on the go, increase water consumption, and expand healthy options in the cafeteria.

Roscoe Central School District was awarded a Healthier Generation District Impact Grant to install outdoor fitness stations along their walking trail. The outdoor physical activity initiative will boost the benefits of the trail to include additional forms of exercise that are safe and fun for both youth and adults.

"We are very happy with our first ever Healthier Generation District Impact Grant Awardees' initiatives," said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Director of Health and Wellness at Sullivan 180. "The addition of fitness stations to Roscoe's walking trail will benefit the entire community and, we are thrilled to support Livingston Manor's continued commitment to expanding their healthy breakfast and lunch programs."

Additional Healthier Generation Grant recipients will be announced over the coming weeks.



**Sullivan County
Youth Book Festival**

Door Prizes
Musical Guests
Face Painting & Crafts
Character Meet & Greets
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Sullivan BOCES Recognize Students of the Month

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March

Elementary students:

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 Steven Boynton (Monticello)
 Bailey Callender (Fallsburg)
 Thorin Chandler (Sullivan West)
 Tyler Chmura (Sullivan West)
 Tristan Clark (Monticello)
 Bryce Closs (Walton)
 Kaysen Ledesma (Port Jervis)
 Liam Leon (Liberty)
 Faith Matthews (Monticello)
 Daequan Robinson (Monticello)
 Jayden Rodriguez-Cortes (Tri-Valley)
 Leah Talmadge (Monticello)
 Justin Worden (Sullivan-West)

Secondary Students:

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 Erick Aliers-Amparo (Liberty)
 Alyiah Andrews (Monticello)
 Niko Franco (Monticello)
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 Elijah Meletiche (Liberty)
 Kaiyla Morrison (Monticello)
 Zach Narozny (Roscoe)
 Aarik Sauer (Fallsburg)
 Emily Sheldon (Roscoe)
 Kami Simmons (Livingston Manor)
 Joshua Slater (Liberty)
 Dakota Vaile (Fallsburg)
 Tyler Walden (Monticello)
 Finnegan Wall (Fallsburg)
 Maleke Ward-Stringfellow (Monticello)

Governor Hochul Announces Construction to Begin on 57-Unit Affordable Senior Housing Development in Ulster County

\$22 Million Silver Gardens Development in Town of Lloyd to Include 29 Apartments for Seniors Experiencing Homelessness

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the start of construction on Silver Gardens, a 57-unit affordable housing development for seniors in the Ulster County town of Lloyd. The \$22 million development will include 29 apartments set aside for seniors experiencing homelessness, and access to important social services and public transportation.

“Safe, affordable housing is not a privilege, it's a right. Yet far too many older New Yorkers struggle to find housing in the communities they call home,” Governor Hochul said. “Silver Gardens creates opportunities for more seniors in the Hudson Valley to age comfortably in a modern, sustainable and healthy home with direct access to the services they need to thrive.”

In the last five years, New York State Homes and Community Renewal has created or preserved more than 600 affordable homes in Ulster County. Silver Gardens continues this effort and is part of Governor Hochul's \$25 billion comprehensive Housing Plan that will create or preserve 100,000 affordable homes across New York, including 10,000 with support services for vulnerable populations, plus the electrification of an additional 50,000 homes.

Silver Gardens will consist of a single three-story building with 57 one-bedroom apartments. All apartments are reserved for New Yorkers aged 62 or

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Twenty-nine apartments will be reserved for seniors experiencing homelessness who will have access to supportive services and rental subsidies through an Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative award administered by the New York State Department of Health. Services will include self-advocacy support, socialization activities, educational training and transportation coordination with public transit or medical transportation providers. RUPCO is the supportive service provider.

The all-electric building will utilize geothermal energy systems and Energy Star appliances. The development is expected to achieve Enterprise Green Communities Plus and United States Department of Energy Zero Energy Ready Home certifications.

Amenities will include a community room with an outdoor patio, a laundry room, computer lab, bike room, and access to free high-speed broadband throughout the building. The project is less than a quarter mile from Bridgeview Plaza shopping center.

Tri-Valley Lions
Journey For Sight Annual Walk
Saturday, May 4, 2024

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

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4. Pledges must be collected from your Sponsors and turned in at Registration or no later than June 1 to any Lion.
5. The Journey For Sight will begin at 9:00 am. Participants must sign in between 8:30 am and 9:00 am at the GRAHAMSVILLE FIRST AID BUILDING (where the walk will begin and end). Refreshments will be available during this time.
6. The event will be held rain or shine.
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Governor Hochul Announces Significant Steps to Improve New Yorkers' Health as Part of FY 2025 Budget

- *Historic \$37 Billion Medicaid Investment to Support the Health Care Safety Net and Transform the Health Care Delivery System*
 - *New York Becomes First State in the Nation to Create Paid Prenatal Leave For Pregnant Moms*
- *Eliminates Out-Of-Pocket Medical Costs for Pregnancy-Related Benefits for New Yorkers on Essential Plan, Other Qualified Health Plans*
- *Protects Consumers by Eliminating Co-Pays for Insulin for Any New Yorker on State-Regulated Health Insurance Plans*
 - *Combating Medical Debt by Banning Hospitals from Suing Patients Earning Less than 400 Percent of Federal Poverty Level*

Governor Kathy Hochul announced significant investments to support New York's health care system as a part of the FY25 Executive Budget, including record investments in Medicaid and new policies that protect pregnant moms, diabetics and low-income individuals seeking medical care.

"No one should ever have to fear seeking care because of the costs it will impose or time missed from work," Governor Hochul said. "From supporting pregnant moms to reducing insulin costs, we are taking action to ensure New Yorkers can access the care they need."

Significant Investments in Medicaid for New Yorkers

Governor Hochul's FY25 Budget provides record funding to keep New Yorkers healthy, while also setting the Medicaid program on sustainable long-term fiscal footing. A historic \$37 billion Medicaid investment maintains the State's commitment to supporting the health care safety net and transforming the health care delivery system, while simultaneously making bold investments to expand access to services and support the workforce. The Budget also includes support for the State's recently approved Medicaid 1115 Waiver amendment, investing \$7.5 billion in federal and state funding to promote health equity across the State.

Improving Maternal Health

Through mandating a separate sick leave bank for prenatal care, New York will go further than any other state to ensure pregnant individuals can receive the health care needed to create healthy outcomes for parent and child without jeopardizing employment. Employees are now able to receive an additional 20 hours of paid sick leave for prenatal care in addition to the existing sick leave.

Studies show that prenatal health care is highly correlated with improved health outcomes for mothers and infants; and that pregnant mothers who have access to regular prenatal medical visits are less likely to die in childbirth, and their newborns are more likely to be healthy.

Providing prenatal leave builds on Governor Hochul's previous actions to support new parents and improve maternal health outcomes, including offering 12 weeks of fully paid parental leave benefits to more than 80 percent of the state workforce and extending postpartum coverage for up to a full year after the end of a pregnancy for Medicaid and Child Health Plus enrollees.

In addition, the FY25 Budget also includes financial incentives for hospitals to reduce the number of unnecessary C-sections, and eliminates cost-sharing for certain pregnancy-related expenses, such as prenatal and postpartum visits, for Essential Plan and Qualified Health Plan enrollees.

Eliminating Co-Pays for Insulin

Governor Hochul signed legislation to eliminate insulin cost-sharing for any New Yorker on a State-regulated health insurance plan. This initiative will enact the most expansive prohibition against insulin cost-sharing in the nation, providing financial relief to New Yorkers and improving adherence to these life-saving medications. With 1.58 million New Yorkers diagnosed with diabetes, the proposal is estimated to save

New Yorkers an estimated \$14 million in 2025 alone.

According to the American Diabetes Association, people with diabetes have medical expenses that are 2.3 times higher than people who do not have diabetes and the impact is even larger for communities of color, which face disproportionately high diagnosis rates.

Combating Medical Debt

The FY25 budget includes bold new legislation to protect low-income New Yorkers from medical debt lawsuits by banning hospitals from suing patients earning less than 400 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, or \$120,000 for a family of four. The legislation also expands hospital financial assistance programs for low-income New Yorkers, limits the size of monthly payments and interest charged for medical debt, implements other protections to improve access to financial assistance, and mitigates the deleterious effects of medical debt on New Yorkers.

More than 700,000 New Yorkers have medical debt in collections. Individuals with medical debt are less likely to seek necessary medical care and report being forced to cut back on critical social determinants of health, including food, heat, and rent. As a result, substantial debt levels threaten not only the financial stability of many individuals and families, but also undermine the State's commitment to improving health equity and health outcomes.

Investing in SUNY Downstate

The Budget includes \$300 million in capital funding and up to \$100 million for operating expenses for SUNY Downstate. It also establishes an advisory board to evaluate and provide scalable options for a modernized and financially sound SUNY Downstate; the advisory board may consider 250% of the state's capital commitment and secured federal dollars in their planning efforts.



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Gillibrand Announces Legislation to Fight Critical Shortage of Home Health Aides and Other Long-term Careworkers, Help Seniors Age at Home

- Long-Term Care Workers Help Seniors Eat, Bathe, And Perform Other Basic Daily Tasks; Without Them, Seniors Are At Risk Of Becoming Bedridden And Facing Serious Health Complications;
- New York State Is Currently Facing A Shortage of Over 1.2 Million Home Care Workers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a virtual press conference to announce the Long-Term Care Workforce Support Act, legislation that would address a nationwide shortage of long-term care workers. Long-term care workers, including certified nursing assistants, personal care aides, and home health aides, allow seniors to age with dignity, but low wages, understaffing, and poor working conditions in the field have led to a severe shortage of workers. This shortage means that seniors have to wait months or even years without getting the assistance they need. Gillibrand's legislation would make major federal investments to strengthen and expand the long-term care workforce, including in rural and underserved communities.

Most long-term care workers earn unacceptably low wages. Of the 3.7 million aides in home health or personal care in 2022, half earned under \$30,000 annually. As a result, many are forced to rely on SNAP and other public assistance programs, while others leave for better paying and less physically demanding work. Inconsistent hours, wage theft, and unpaid overtime are also rampant in the industry. The Long-Term Care Workforce Support Act would help address these industry-wide issues, incentivizing existing long-term care workers to stay in the field and attracting additional workers to join it.

"Long-term care workers are too often forced out of the industry because of low wages, poor working conditions, and lack of opportunities for advancement. This has serious consequences for our older adults, who struggle to get the care they need. By providing federal funding to improve compensation and training and implementing robust worker protections, this legislation would help retain current long-term care workers and attract new individuals to work in the industry. It will give some of our most essential health care workers the respect they deserve and make sure our seniors are cared

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Specifically, the Long-Term Care Workforce Support Act would:

1. Help Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) agencies retain staff and reduce vacancies and turnover by providing them with additional federal reimbursement for serving Medicaid recipients. These additional funds would allow HCBS agencies to provide higher compensation and better benefits to workers. Specifically, the bill would increase the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) by 10 percentage points for state Medicaid long-term care services.

2. Provide \$100 billion in federal grants over 5 years to states to expand the long-term care workforce. These grants will help provide eligible individuals - including those in rural and underserved communities that are facing severe home health care worker shortages - with opportunities for education, training, and career advancement.

3. Improve labor protections and benefits for long-term care workers. The legislation would expand protections against wage theft, implement fair scheduling practices, ensure the right to meals and rest, and require all employers to provide paid sick time. It would also give the Secretary of Labor the authority to investigate and take action against any violations.

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DEC Announces Start of Spring Turkey Seasons

Youth Turkey Hunt April 20-21; Regular Season Opens May 1

Turkey Hunting Opportunities for Youth Ages 12-15

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the Youth Turkey Hunting Season will take place on Saturday, April 20, and Sunday, April 21, for junior hunters ages 12 to 15. The regular spring turkey season for all licensed turkey hunters opens May 1 in Upstate New York north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary and in Suffolk County on Long Island.

"Youth turkey hunting season provides an excellent opportunity for experienced adults to mentor young hunters to promote safe and ethical hunting practices, while enjoying time together outdoors and connecting with nature," DEC Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar said. "As hunters take to the field this spring to enjoy the many turkey hunting opportunities throughout New York State, DEC reminds everyone to hunt safe and hunt smart by following the guidelines to support hunter safety."

To participate in the youth turkey hunt, both the junior hunter and their adult mentor must have a hunting license and turkey permit. Each youth hunter can harvest one bearded bird during the two-day hunt. For eligibility requirements and more information, visit DEC's website.

Overall, spring turkey harvest in New York averages approximately 16,000 to 18,000 birds but varies based on the number of participants and turkey productivity in the previous few springs. This spring, DEC expects improved turkey harvest compared to last year. Hunters prefer to take toms (two+ year-old birds), so typically there is a two-year lag between summer productivity and spring take. Overall, New York turkey populations are lower currently than in the early 2000s but are generally stable throughout the state.

Spring Turkey Harvest Data Dashboard

In both the spring and fall, DEC uses extensive hunter surveys to reliably estimate turkey harvest. Data from these surveys help biologists understand trends in populations around the state and are used to help guide management. DEC recently released a new interactive online dashboard for the public to explore historic spring turkey harvest. The dashboard allows hunters to select Wildlife Management Unit aggregates near where they hunt or where they are considering hunting to understand trends in turkey harvest success. For more information or to explore the data, visit DEC's website.

Other Important Details for the Spring Turkey Season, May 1-31, 2024

- o Hunting is permitted in most areas of the state, except for New York City and Nassau County.
- o Hunters must have a turkey hunting permit in addition to a hunting license.
- o Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to noon each day.
- o Hunters may take two bearded turkeys during the spring season, but only one bird per day and no more than one bird per season in Wildlife Management Unit 1C (Suffolk County).
- o Hunters may not use rifles or handguns firing a bullet. Hunters may hunt with a shotgun or handgun loaded with shot sizes no larger than No. 2 or smaller than No. 9, or with a bow or crossbow. Crossbows may not be used in Westchester or Suffolk counties.
- o Successful hunters must fill out the tag that comes with a turkey permit and immediately attach it to any turkey harvested.
- o Successful hunters must report harvests within seven days of taking a bird. Report harvests online at DEC's Game Harvest Reporting website or call 1-866-426-3778 (1-866 GAMERPT).

For more information about turkey hunting in New York, see the 2023-24 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide or visit the Turkey Hunting pages of DEC's website.

Tips for a Successful and Safe Turkey Hunting Season

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 - o Wrap any takes or decoys in hunter orange.
 - o Never wear turkey colors - red, white, or blue.
 - o Always assume any call or footsteps are from another hunter. Don't shoot until the whole turkey can be observed and its sex identified.
 - o When encountering another hunter, speak clearly and don't move. Never wave or use a turkey call to alert another hunter.
 - o Turkeys are tough, and 30 yards or less is the best distance for a clear head or neck shot. Do not try to shoot turkeys in the body or while they are flying.
 - o Smaller shot, no. 4, 5, and 6, work better than larger shot, due to denser shot patterns. New shotshell technologies allow for shot sizes as small as 8 and 9 to be effective for turkeys. Do research and pattern shotguns to learn what works for each setup.
- Buy Sporting Licenses Online
Sporting licenses may be purchased online at any time, and anglers may use privileges immediately by simply carrying a DEC ID# with them while afield. Anglers, hunters, and trappers may also use the HuntFishNY mobile app to display an electronic copy of a license. The HuntFishNY app is available for download through the Apple App or Google Play stores. If purchasing any type of hunting license, permit or privilege online or over the phone, allow up to 14 business days to receive back tag, carcass tags, and license via mail.
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(From Pg. 38) Sporting licenses can also be purchased in-person at over 1,100 License Issuing Agents (LIAs) throughout the state. LIAs will print license and tags immediately upon purchase. To locate a LIA, use the Vendor Locations search tool on the DEC's sporting license sales website. For more information about sporting licenses, visit DEC's website.

Earlier this year, DEC announced the transition to paper tags and sporting licenses for the 2024-25 license year that begins Aug. 1, 2024. The change to plain paper does not apply to the spring 2024 turkey season; please allow ample time to receive your backtag and carcass tags if buying a license online or over the phone.

Citizen Science Opportunity: DEC Seeks Turkey Hunters for Ruffed Grouse Drumming Survey

Turkey hunters can record the number of ruffed grouse heard drumming while afield to help DEC track the distribution and abundance of this game bird. To get a survey form, visit DEC's website or call (518) 402-8883. To participate in DEC's Summer Wild Turkey Sighting Survey or other wildlife surveys, visit the Citizen Science page of DEC's website.

UC Launches Free 'Nature Bus' with Earth Week Kick-Off on Saturday, April 27

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County is thrilled to announce the launch of its trailblazing initiative, the Nature Bus, a new program that kicks off for Earth Week and runs through October 12. Spearheaded by Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, with support from Ulster County Tourism and UCAT, the Nature Bus aims to provide easy access for community members to visit and explore the County's stunning natural landscapes and attractions, including Black Creek Preserve, Kingston Point Beach, Sojourner Truth State Park, Shaupeneak Ridge, Esopus Meadows, Walkway Over the Hudson, Minnewaska State Park Preserve, Sam's Point Preserve, Lippman Park, and the Ashokan Rail Trail.

The program is entirely free for both transportation and admission to the sites, and all Nature Bus routes include destinations for people of all ages and abilities. The Nature Bus will run on Saturdays through mid-October.

The program was initiated to expand opportunities for our residents - including those without a car or who do not drive - to enjoy the County's pristine natural treasures and outdoor recreational destinations. With an estimated 7.5% of Ulster County residents lacking car ownership, and even higher percentages (17-18%) in urban centers like Kingston and Ellenville, this program helps fill a gap in access while providing all residents with the chance to take a fun and free excursion and connect with nature.

The program includes three routes to parks and preserves around the County:

- o River Route: The Route begins and ends pick up/drop off at Kingston Plaza and Garraghan Drive, connecting residents to Kingston Point Beach, Sojourner Truth State Park, Shaupeneak Ridge, Walkway Over the Hudson, Black Creek Preserve, and Esopus Meadows Preserve.

- o Ridge Route: The Route begins and ends pick up/drop off at Liberty Square in Ellenville, connecting residents with Sam's Point Preserve, Lippman Park, and Minnewaska State Park Preserve.

- o Mountain Route: The Route begins and ends pick up/drop off at Kingston Plaza and Garraghan Drive, connecting residents with the Ashokan Rail Trail and the Catskills Visitor Center in Mount Tremper.

All three routes will run for the Earth Week kick-off on Saturday, April 27. For route start times, dates and locations, please visit participate.ulstercountyny.gov/nature-bus. After the April 27 launch, the River, Ridge, and Mountain routes will run on a rotating basis on Saturdays through October 12.

"We want to expand opportunities for our residents to visit and explore our county's remarkable landscapes and world-class recreational destinations, whether or not they own a car or drive," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "The Nature Bus represents a commitment to ensuring that all residents, regardless of their means, age, or abilities, can connect with nature and experience the natural beauty of our region."

"We're excited to be partnering with Ulster County to bring folks to the Catskills to experience our beautiful natural spaces, like the County-developed Ashokan Rail Trail and the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development. "The Visitor Center is the perfect destination for the Nature Bus, offering an opportunity to learn about the Catskills, speak with our helpful staff, walk our hiking trails, visit the Esopus Creek, and climb a fire tower for an incredible view of the surrounding mountains. We look forward to working closely with Ulster County on this effort and future partnerships to provide access and interpretation to the Catskill Park."

Scenic Hudson applauds County Executive Metzger for her visionary leadership in bringing the 'Nature Bus' to life," said Seth McKee, Executive Director of the Scenic Hudson Land Trust. "This free service from UCAT will allow people without access to private vehicles - or those who just want to leave their car at home - to experience the magic of Ulster County's many diverse state and local parks. What a great way to provide equitable access to nature! Four of the properties that Scenic Hudson owns or manages will be on the bus route: Sojourner Truth State Park, Shaupeneak Ridge, Black Creek Preserve and Esopus Meadows Preserve. We look forward to welcoming more visitors to hike, bike, picnic and enjoy the great outdoors."

"The Nature Bus is a fabulous way to provide access to many of the special places in Ulster County," said Linda Cooper, Taconic Regional Director for New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. "State Parks is glad to be a part of the route with both Minnewaska and the Walkway. Come on out and enjoy the great outdoors!"

For detailed bus schedules, more information, and updates, please visit

t <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/nature-bus>.

UC Secures Sale Agreement for 701 Grant Avenue in Lake Katrine

Sale Would Add Nearly \$4M to County Fund Balance

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger announced today that a contract of sale for 701 Grant Avenue, a County-owned commercial building in Lake Katrine, has been forwarded to the Ulster County Legislature for approval. The agreed-to selling price is \$4 million. The County acquired the property through a tax foreclosure in January of 2023. Since that time, the Metzger Administration has worked diligently to manage and market the approximately 310,000 square-foot building. Net proceeds of the sale will total \$3,840,000 and will be added to the County fund balance.

"We are very happy with the agreed price for the property and believe it is fair," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "And most importantly, we are thrilled to get this commercial property back on the tax rolls for the benefit of our tax-paying residents."

"Today marks the conclusion of a long and intricate journey for the 701 Grant Ave. property," said Peter Criswell, Chair of the Ulster County Legislature. "With its sale, we not only bring closure to a taxing chapter but also welcome its return to the tax rolls, fostering economic growth and vitality for our community."

DEC Seeking Data on Vulnerable Species to Inform New Status Assessments

Scientific Input Sought for Planning to Assist State's Species of Greatest Conservation Need

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced it is seeking data on species status assessments for use in updating New York's State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) for 2025-35. The SWAP guides management actions for New York's Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) and is a requirement for New York to participate in the federally funded State and Tribal Wildlife Grants Program. SGCN are species native to New York State currently experiencing threats likely to jeopardize the future of their populations if action is not taken within the next 10 years.

<https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/biodiversity-species-conservation/state-wildlife-action-plan>

"The preservation of New York State's iconic wildlife is critical to the long-term health of our environment," DEC Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar said. "Data provided by the public to help inform the process of updating the State's Wildlife Action Plan will bolster DEC's ongoing efforts to conserve wildlife and protect habitats for the enjoyment of future generations of New Yorkers."

The SWAP serves as New York State's guiding document for managing and conserving species and habitats before they become too rare or costly to restore. Congress requires states and territories to develop a SWAP and update it every 10 years. As part of the SWAP public outreach process, DEC solicits input from partners and stakeholders on SGCN and strategies and actions to address threats to these species.

States may only spend grant funds on SGCN identified in their SWAP. Each SGCN listed in the 2015 action plan has a species status assessment (SSA) updated for the 2025 SWAP. DEC is seeking public input on additional sources of information on the status and distribution of New York's SGCN, including new information on threats to these species.

Draft revised SSAs are available to download <https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/biodiversity-species-conservation/state-wildlife-action-plan> from the DEC website. The public can nominate a new SGCN, or propose a species be removed from the list. Anyone interested in providing data, updates, or other comments pertaining to the nomination of a new SGCN can download copies of a blank form from the website, populate one form per species, and send to nyswap2025@dec.ny.gov by June 17, 2024.

DEC will provide an opportunity for public comment on the draft SGCN list for the 2025 SWAP later this year. In addition, there will be an opportunity for public review and comment of the updated SWAP prior to its submission to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

All input and data are due by June 17, 2024, and may be submitted by email to nyswap2025@dec.ny.gov. Please include "SGCN Feedback" in the subject line. Information may also be sent by mail to:

SWAP Coordinator
Division of Fish and Wildlife
NYSDEC
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-4754

Questions about the status assessment process can be sent to the SWAP Coordinator at nyswap2025@dec.ny.gov or by phone at (518) 402-8858. For more information on New York's State Wildlife Action Plan, visit the DEC website.

Michele Frazier Plans District-Wide Tour

State Senate Candidate to Visit Every County in the 51st May 4th and 5th

State Senate candidate Michele Frazier is planning a seven county tour the weekend of May 4th and 5th, making campaign stops in Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan, and Ulster counties. Frazier's Schedule for the Weekend Includes:

May 4th

9:00am-10:30am - Windsor Farmer's Market on the Windsor Village Green

11:30am-1:00PM - Bohemian Moon in Norwich

2:00pm-4:00pm - Social Eats in Oneonta

5:00-6:30pm - Black Cat in Sharon Springs (light snacks provided)

May 5th

10:30am-12:00pm - Waffle Brunch at Morning Sunshine in Ellenville

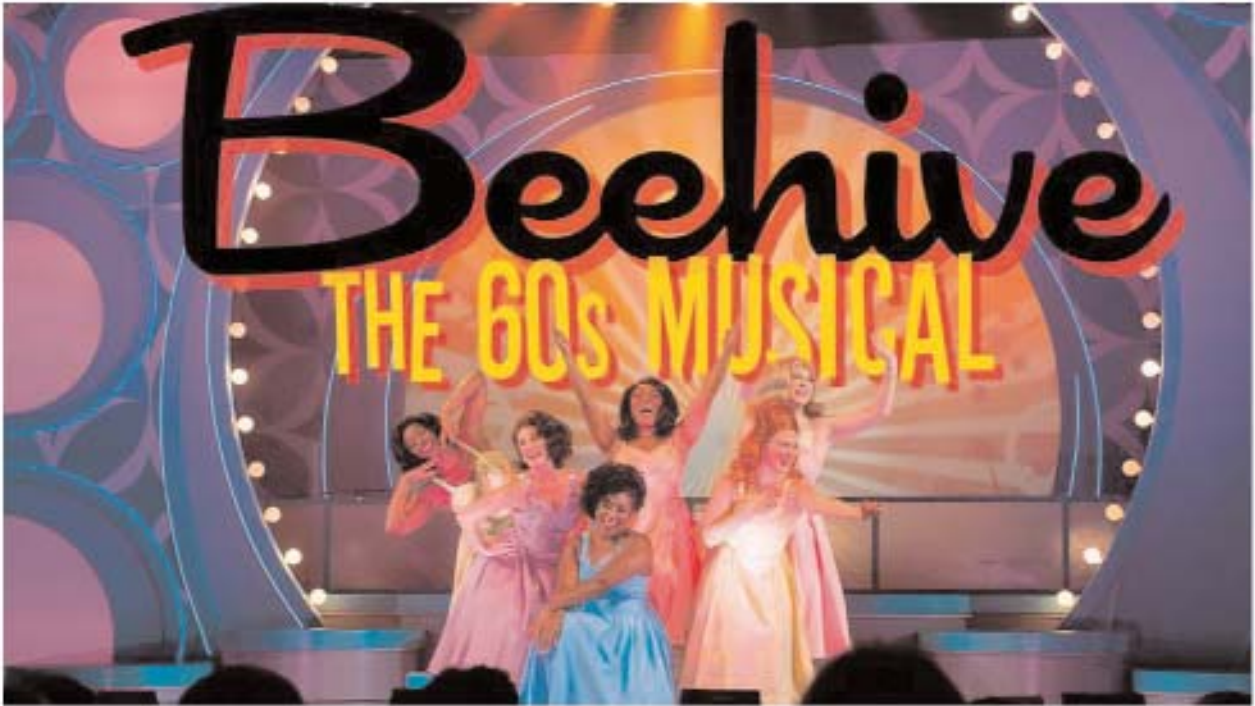
1:00pm-2:30pm - Cinco de Mayo Celebration in Liberty

4:00pm-6:00pm - Maple Shade Farm in Delhi (light snacks provided)

All events are free. RSVPs to tinyurl.com/district51tour are encouraged for planning purposes.

Michele Frazier grew up in her family's flower and greenhouse business in Oneonta - one of the largest geranium growers in the state. A former Oneonta City Council member, Michele now lives in Delhi where she is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at SUNY Delhi. She lives with her spouse and three sons, two of whom are neurodivergent. Michele is also a Real Estate Agent for a locally owned real estate company

. www.michelefrazierfor51.com



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



May 4, 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)

Adventure Begins with LEGO

at the
Daniel Pierce Library
With LEGO, everything is AWESOME!

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Spring
2024

Great Adventure (Grades 4-6) Wednesday, April 24

Join your friends and become mechanical engineers for the afternoon.
Create the next amusement park ride!

Magic School Bus Ride (Grades 2-3) Wednesday, May 8

Jump aboard for an afternoon of wild adventure and invent new things!

Construction Crew (UPK - Grade 1) Wednesday, May 15

Put on your hard hat and share your creativity! Join us for an afternoon of adventure, building with LEGO!

Buddin' Builders (Toddlers Ages 3 & 4 years) Wednesday, May 22

Developing our young engineers, architects and construction workers of the future with LEGO. This is sure to be an adventure! **PLEASE NOTE:** A parent or guardian must be present for your child to attend.

Imagine, create and learn with LEGO

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Advanced online registration is required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org. If you wish for your child to take the bus from school, please send a note to the elementary office no later than the Monday before the program.



Daniel Pierce Library

320 Main Street | P.O. Box 260
Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233
www.danielpiercelibrary.org



Time and the Valley Museum's Community Takeout Chicken BBQ

Saturday, May 18, 2024
4 to 6 p.m. \$15



Museum and Library Parking Lot
332 Main Street, Grahamsville

- *Murray's Chicken*, BBQ'D to perfection by the *Neversink Fire Department*
- Delicious sides of baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and split top roll from *Wilson's Deli*
- Brownie from *Frost Valley YMCA*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ # of Meals: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please send this form with your check to: Time and the Valleys Museum P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740

Order online at: <https://timeandthevalleymuseum.org/product/chicken-bbq-takeout/>
or call 845 985-7700

Pre-Order to Guarantee Your Meal!

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.



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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*

 Follow Nick
[@nickneedsokidney](https://www.facebook.com/nickneedsokidney)

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, May 12th

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

Stop by the library to purchase your tickets
Cash or check only

DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY CHEER & CHARCUTERIE

Fundraising Event!

Saturday, April 27, 2024, 11 am - 12 pm



Let's have some fun at the Library while you learn hands-on how to create a stunning charcuterie board.

Hosted by Victoria Garigliano, owner of Garigliano Events.

You will learn a number of techniques on how to bring your charcuterie board to life!

\$45 per ticket (Adults only)

Includes 1 hour class, all materials & one glass of wine
(non-alcoholic option available)

Tricky Tray tickets available for purchase for extra fun during the event!

Stop in to purchase your tickets or call 845 985-7233 for availability. Space is limited!
Go to our website for further details @ www.danielpiercelibrary.org.

The logo for Garigliano Events, featuring the name "Garigliano" in a stylized, cursive font inside a circular emblem.



**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**

Daniel Pierce Library Fundraiser



Ultimate Discount Card Sale

The Ultimate Discount Cards are a great way to save money all year while helping support the Daniel Pierce Library! Please order one or more for each member of our family and share with your friends and co-workers. We have cards available for Ellenville, Liberty, Monticello, Kerhonkson, Kingston, Middletown and Port Jervis.

Donate \$15
Save much more!

Stop by the library where cards are available

-or-

If ordering online, your cards will be shipped to your home. Scan the QR code or go to this link:

instaraise.com/danielpiercelibrary/ultimatediscountcard



Visit danielpiercelibrary.org for more information.



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

FIGHTING FOR CLEAN WATER

For decades, GE dumped toxic PCBs into the Hudson River, putting profit ahead of the health and safety of Hudson Valley families. We can't let GE off the hook.

I joined with Congressman Marc Molinaro to demand that clean-up continue until GE's PCBs are completely gone from the Hudson.

Congressman Molinaro and I have fought this battle together for years. For your kids and ours, for the more than 100,000 people who rely on the river for drinking water, we will keep fighting until the clean-up is done.

DEMANDING ANSWERS FOR RIFTON

Abrupt closures of post offices are more than inconveniences to daily routines - seniors don't get medications on time, crucial bills get misdelivered, packages get returned. I'm demanding that Postmaster General DeJoy immediately provide answers as to when the Rifton Post Office will reopen.

Rifton families aren't asking for anything unreasonable, just the transparency and respectful customer service they deserve. I'll keep pushing for answers to ensure that the Rifton community has the services the USPS promised them.

KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE FROM TOXIC LEAD

No amount of lead is safe for kids - lead in applesauce, lunchables, or any food is flat out unacceptable.

I'm proud to join colleagues on the Congressional Dads Caucus in the fight to make sure that no parent ever has to worry that their kids' lunch is contaminated with toxic lead.

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

The C.A.R.E.S. Van's second district tour is off to a strong start in Orange County with visits this past week in Greenwood Lake and New Windsor and this upcoming Tuesday, April 23 in Warwick.

If you need assistance with a federal agency like the IRS or VA, or just want to say hi to my team, hope you'll join!

PROTECTING OUR FUNDAMENTAL AMERICAN FREEDOMS

I, alongside my brothers and sisters in uniform, fought in combat to protect our nation's fundamental freedoms.

We cannot allow those very veterans to have their reproductive rights taken away here at home.

I recently joined colleagues in urging the VA to protect and expand veterans' access to IVF.

ENJOYING THE CAPITOL WITH PORT JERVIS STUDENTS

I had an absolutely awesome time joining students from Port Jervis during their tour of the Capitol - and it's always great to catch up with former mayor Kelly Decker!

WELCOMING NY-18'S BRUDERHOF COMMUNITY TO D.C.

I was honored to welcome Pastor Heinrich Arnold from NY-

18's Bruderhof Community as Thursday's guest chaplain in the House of Representatives.

Thank you, Pastor Arnold, for your guiding words and to the members of the Bruderhof Community who met with me on Thursday. I'm grateful for your kindness, compassion, and faith that help make the Hudson Valley a home for everyone.

In these critical days ahead and as our country faces great division, may we draw inspiration from his prayer, as well as from the community's example of selfless service and of truly loving your neighbor as yourself.

THANKING NY-18 LIBRARIANS

This past Tuesday, we celebrated National Librarians Day. Our libraries are critical resources for our families, staples in our community, and help inspire a love of learning for our kids.

Thank you to our NY-18 librarians for your work uplifting our communities! Watch Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System, discuss the importance of our local libraries here .

MAKING QUALITY HEALTHCARE MORE ACCESSIBLE

DaVita Dialysis in Wallkill goes above and beyond, caring for our neighbors with treatments, nutrition, insurance access, and holistic support.

Grateful that Maria from my team joined them for a great discussion on working together to continue delivering quality healthcare to NY-18!

COMBATING THE MATERNAL HEALTH CRISIS

Our country is facing a maternal health crisis - during Black Maternal Health Week, we must call attention to the disproportionate dangers that black moms face:

Black women are 3 times more likely to die from pregnancy complications than white women.

I'm proud to cosponsor the Black Maternal Health Omnibus bill that will address maternal health disparities and save lives.

CELEBRATING WORLD ART DAY

Monday marked World Art Day, and I want to shout out the amazing high schoolers in NY-18 who have been sending in their artwork for this year's Congressional Art Competition.

If you are or know a high school artist - there's still time to submit artwork. The deadline is April 29th, see below for more information, learn more here on my website , or reach out to my office at (845) 443-2930.

DELIVERING STUDENT DEBT RELIEF

Consolidating your student loans could help provide much-needed student debt relief.

There's a big deadline to consolidate your student loans by April 30 and my team has been helping folks through the process. Learn more about the deadline and student debt consolidation here .

If you're not sure if you're eligible for consolidation or need assistance with the process, do not hesitate to reach out to my team at (845) 443-2930 or here on my website .

TAKING THE STRESS OUT OF TAX RETURNS

This past Monday was Tax Day. The Inflation Reduction Act allowed the IRS to hire additional customer support and develop free direct file software that New Yorkers were eligible to use this year.

If you run into trouble accessing your tax return, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office, like Robert did, at (845) 443-2930 or here on my website.



Opposing Further Ukraine Aid

This week, I voted NO to sending an additional \$60 billion to Ukraine. I care deeply about the courageous people of Ukraine and the perilous situation they face against Putin's unprovoked invasion and his diabolical actions against civilians, and particularly children. However, once again, instead of outlining a long-term plan for addressing the war in Ukraine, we're hastily throwing billions of taxpayer dollars at a problem without a clear solution or exit strategy. While I appreciate the bill's provisions requiring a plan for taxpayer spending, it's imprudent to vote on both the overall budget and spending details until after this plan is available for Congress to review. Before any funds are allocated, we owe every American taxpayer a clear path forward with a well-defined exit strategy."

While I support President Trump's suggestion that aid to Ukraine should be in the form of loans, President Biden should not have the authority to forgive up to half these loans during his lame duck period. No loans should be forgiven before the next administration. Furthermore, the United States has steadfastly supported Ukraine, and now it's time for our European allies to step up and shoulder their share of the responsibility. Further, we must address the underlying policies that led to this war by the United States and our European partners. Our European allies' radical green energy policies and Biden's ban on liquid natural gas exports continue to cause Europe to rely on Russian energy, which funds Putin's brutal war and gives Putin leverage. Finally, our European partners must contribute more to the war in Ukraine. While the American people have already contributed generously to Ukraine's defense, including humanitarian aid, the Europeans have yet to match American contributions. Europe must do more to address its own security needs. Americans in NY-24 and across the country rightfully expect their tax dollars to be used to support America First.

Supporting Israel & Taiwan, Divesting TikTok from the CCP, and Securing our Border

This week, I supported legislation to support and defend Israel and Taiwan, hold the CCP and Iranian Mullahs accountable and secure our borders. President Biden has repeatedly failed to support our allies, fueling our adversaries and projecting weakness on the international stage, making it imperative that House Republicans provide strong and resolute leadership. This week, the House demonstrated the necessity of supporting our allies while providing single-subject spending bills that restore regular order. This is essential to providing transparency and oversight to our legislative process. In order to support Israel, our greatest ally, we must continue to provide them with the resources they need to defend themselves against Iranian-backed terrorist organizations. Iran's recent drone and missile assault demonstrated the Iron Dome's state-of-the-art capabilities. If it weren't for this technology, Iran's attack would have been catastrophic. The United States must also continue to counter the Chinese Communist Party's increased aggression and ensure a robust regional deterrence. The CCP continues to enhance its intelligence capabilities, threatening our national security and Taiwan's statehood. I am pleased this legislation

included \$3.3 billion to develop submarine infrastructure under AUKUS, including investments in dry dock construction and advance procurement for Columbia Class and Virginia Class. We must continue to support Taiwan, whose security is critical to American interests in the region.

The 21st Century Peace through Strength Act also includes much needed enhancements to the Senate's bill. This legislation bolsters our national security, by including legislation to force the sale of TikTok to protect Americans' data from China and crack down on their malign influence.

I also voted in favor of the End the Border Catastrophe Act would finally institute key policies, such as the Remain in Mexico policy and the Migrant Protection Protocols, to secure our Northern and Southern Borders. This bill demonstrates House Republicans continued commitment to reversing the disastrous Biden policies that have allowed 9 million illegal aliens to cross our borders. While some of my Democratic colleagues crossed the aisle to support this commonsense bill, I am disappointed that the overwhelming majority of Democrats and a few Republicans stood by the Biden Administration's failed policies. Rest assured, the House Republican Majority will continue do everything in our power to protect our communities and secure the border.

Defunding the Left's Taxpayer-Funded Mouthpiece: NPR

Recently, the NPR editor and self-described liberal Uri Berliner revealed the overt levels of partisanship that have taken over the company's newsroom. According to Berliner, NPR reporters and editors openly made editorial decisions to tear down President Trump and prop up the Biden campaigns. In one instance, reporters ignored the Hunter Biden laptop scandal, claiming that the story could help re-elect Trump. Additionally, the organization's new CEO Katherine Maher has made public, partisan statements including "Donald Trump is a racist," and condoning rioters during BLM protests. Americans' hard earned taxpayer dollars should not be funding a partisan left-wing organization masquerading as a reliable news source.

My legislation, the Defund NPR Act of 2024, ensures no federal funding is used to perpetuate the media bias that has taken over NPR. As a former newspaper owner and publisher, I understand the importance of non-partisan, balanced media coverage, and have seen first-hand the left-wing bias in our news media. These disturbing reports out of NPR confirm what many have known for a long time: NPR is using American taxpayer dollars to manipulate the news and lie to the American people on behalf of a political agenda. It's past time the American people stop footing the bill for NPR, and the partisan, left-wing activists that control it.

READ MORE: Rep. Claudia Tenney unveils bill to defund 'partisan propaganda machine' NPR
<https://nypost.com/2024/04/19/us-news/rep-claudia-tenney-unveils-bill-to-defund-partisan-propaganda-machine-npr/>

PASSED: The Encouraging the EU to DESIGNATE Resolution

In 2019, President Trump designated the IRGC as a foreign terrorist organization, but our EU allies did not follow suit. The Iranian attack on Israel last Saturday underscored the urgency of this matter. Iran launched a devastating attack against Israel, deploying approximately 170 drones, 120 ballistic missiles, and 30 cruise missiles from Iranian territory, as well as through Iranian proxy terror groups in Iraq, Syria, Yemen, and Lebanon.

This assault marks the first time Iran has directly targeted Israel from its own soil, highlighting the pressing need for the European Union to recognize the IRGC as a terrorist organization.

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This Week With Claudia (From Pg. 56)

The international community must send a clear message to the Islamic Republic of Iran that such acts of terrorism will not be tolerated. My legislation, the Encouraging the European Union to DESIGNATE Resolution, which passed the House this week, urges our EU allies to take decisive action by officially designating the IRGC as a terrorist organization. This designation would hold the IRGC accountable for its heinous acts of terrorism and help prevent future atrocities.

I am honored this bill passed the House this week and confirmed the unwavering commitment of House Republicans to stand against the Iranian regime and demonstrates our dedication to eradicating the threat posed by the IRGC.

The NCAA MUST Ban Biological Men from Women's Sports

We must protect the opportunity for women and girls to compete and succeed in athletics fairly. While I applaud the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) recent decision to ban biological men from women's sports, I am deeply disturbed that the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is ignoring the facts and failing to do the same. That's why I sent a letter to NCAA President Charlie Baker urging him to change the NCAA's policies to ban biological men from participating in women's sports. Women fought hard to earn the critical protections of Title IX, and we must continue to protect these opportunities for generations to come. I am dedicated to defending the future of women's sports and providing a level playing field for all female athletes.

READ MORE: House Republicans demand NCAA ban on biological men in women's sports https://www.foxnews.com/politics/house-republicans-demand-ncaa-ban-biological-men-womens-sports?intcmp=tw_fnc

Continuing to Support Israel

For years, the anti-Semitic BDS movement has sought to cripple the Israeli economy and arbitrarily discriminate against goods made in Israeli-controlled areas of Judea and Samaria. That's why I introduced the Anti-BDS Labeling Act to prohibit federal funds from being used to reverse or alter the Trump administration's "Country of Origin Marking of Products from the West Bank and Gaza" notice. This week, Ways and Means Republicans reinforced existing U.S. policy that prevents federal funds from being used to support the BDS movement by passing this legislation out of Committee. I will always support our greatest ally in the Middle East and the lone beacon of freedom and democracy, Israel.

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 "No" on H.R. 8035, the Ukraine Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024. First and foremost, I strongly support the people of Ukraine in its fight against Putin's bloody, unprovoked, and unjust war. Russia's continued targeting of civilians and kidnapping of Ukrainian children is horrifying, and I continue to support the besieged people of Ukraine. However, I have been adamant that we must have a strategic plan from the President outlining U.S. strategy in Ukraine, the long-term cost and outlook of the war, and clearly defining our strategic interests and objectives in Ukraine. The President's current lack of a strategic plan is extremely concerning. That is why I cosponsored the Define the Mission Act to require this plan. While I am pleased that this bill requires a similar strategic plan from the Administration, we should not be appropriating an addition \$60 billion for Ukraine before Congress has an opportunity to review this plan. Further, we must address the underlying policies that led to this war by the United States and

our European partners. Our European allies' radical green energy policies and Biden's ban on liquid natural gas exports continue to cause Europe to rely on Russian energy, which funds Putin's brutal war and gives Putin leverage. Finally, our European partners must contribute more to the war in Ukraine. While the American people have already contributed hundreds of billions to Ukraine's defense, the Europeans have yet to match American contributions. Europe must do more to address its own security and energy needs. While I could not support this supplemental at this time as a result of the lack of a strategic plan, Europe's unequal contribution, and refusal to address Biden and Europe's energy policies, I continue urging the Biden administration to address these issues so we can bring long-term peace and stability to Ukraine and Eastern Europe at-large. This bill passed by a vote of 311-112.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8035, the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024. I wholeheartedly support Israel in its war against Hamas and its defense against Iran. On October 7, the world watched in horror as Iranian-backed Hamas terrorists brutalized, tortured, kidnapped, raped, and killed Israeli civilians. The United States must continue to resolutely stand with our greatest ally in the Middle East, the lone beacon of freedom and democracy in the region. This bill also included an important provision to ensure that the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) does not receive any U.S. funding. UNRWA has not only promoted hate against Israel in its schools, UNRWA employees actively supported the October 7th attack and some employees even participated. However, I am outraged that this bill contains billions of dollars for aid in Gaza. Unfortunately, a large portion of aid that enters Gaza ends up in the hands of Hamas and continues to help fuel this war between good and evil. That is why I supported numerous amendments submitted to the House Rules Committee to strip this aid out. While I am disappointed that these amendments were not ruled in order, it is critical that the United States immediately provides support to Israel. I will continue my rigorous oversight efforts to ensure this aid does not support our terrorist adversaries and I call on the Biden administration to abandon its rhetoric condemning Israel for its war against Hamas. Israel must do everything in its power to eliminate Hamas and rescue the remaining hostages in Gaza. This bill passed by a vote of 366-58.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8036, the Indo-Pacific Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024. The United States must work to counter the Chinese Communist Party's increased aggression in the Indo-Pacific and ensure a robust regional deterrence. The CCP continues to enhance its intelligence capabilities, threatening our national security and Taiwan's. That is why I was honored to support this legislation that invests \$2 billion in Foreign Military Financing for our Indo-Pacific allies, including Taiwan. This bill also invests \$1.9 billion in the U.S. industrial base to replace weapons given to Taiwan. Importantly, this bill also invests \$3.3 in dry dock construction and advanced procurement for Columbia and Virginia class submarines. These funds invest in the U.S. industrial base including companies in NY-24. We must continue to support Taiwan, whose security is critical to American interests in the region. This bill passed by a vote of 385-34.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8038, the 21st Century Peace through Strength Act. This bill is a combination of 14 bills that strengthen our national security, impose new sanctions on Iran, China, and Russia, and allows the U.S. to sell seized Russian assets to support the Ukrainian people. I cosponsored seven of the bills included in this package including the SHIP Act, which adds additional sanctions on Iranian oil, the FIGHT CRIME Act, which places new sanctions on Iranian UAVs and missiles, and the MAHSA Act, which requires the President to add sanctions for Iranian leaders. The 21st Century Peace through Strength Act also includes the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act, which requires ((Contd. Pg. 58)

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(From Pg. 57) TikTok to divest themselves of the Chinese Communist Parties' influence or be banned in the United States. We cannot allow foreign adversaries to spy on Americans, and particularly our children, through hostile applications. I was honored to support this package of bills that show the House Republican Majority's commitment to the national security of the United States and confronting the threat of the Iran-China-Russia axis of evil. This bill passed by a vote of 360-58.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3602, the End the Border Catastrophe Act. The End the Border Catastrophe Act would finally institute key policies passed last year by the House Republican Majority as part of H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act. This bill would codify policies such as the Remain in Mexico policy and the Migrant Protection Protocols, to secure our Northern and Southern Borders. This bill demonstrates House Republicans continued commitment to reversing the disastrous Biden policies that have allowed 9 million illegal aliens to cross our borders. While some of my Democratic colleagues crossed the aisle to support this commonsense bill, I am disappointed that the overwhelming majority of Democrats stood by the Biden Administration's failed policies. Despite having a majority, this bill failed as it required a 2/3 majority since it was considered as a suspension. This bill should have been considered under a rule, which would have only required a majority, however three Republicans on the House Rules Committee refused to support this border bill under a rule. As such, they did not force Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer to have a vote on this bill. Please rest assured I am committed to securing our Northern and Southern borders and reversing the Biden administration's disastrous border policies. This bill passed by a vote of 215-199.

I voted "No" on H.R. 4639, the Fourth Amendment Is Not For Sale Act. I strongly support every U.S. citizens' Fourth Amendment rights against unreasonable searches and seizures. However, this overly broad legislation goes far beyond this established constitutional protection and would significantly hinder law enforcement's ability to function. This bill would prohibit law enforcement from procuring any commercially available data without a warrant. It would include sources as simple as a phone book, significantly delaying and impeding law enforcement's ability to track criminals and help victims. Major law enforcement groups such as the National Association of Police Officers (NAPO) and the International Association of Police Chiefs strongly opposed this bill, joining conservative groups such as Heritage Action which also opposed its passage. It is unsurprising that this bill was supported by the Members of Congress supportive the radical Defund and Demoralize the Police movement, such as Representatives Ocasio-Cortez, Omar, and Tlaib. One-party rule in Albany has already forced so many restrictions on our law enforcement officers, such as Bail Reform, the Green Light Law, and Discovery Reform, that we cannot afford to create additional impediments for these officers to do their jobs. I will always stand with our law enforcement heroes and fight for them as they risk their lives to serve our communities. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 219-199, with 1 voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 1143, Condemning Iran's unprecedented drone and missile attack on Israel. This resolution condemns Iran's recent attacks on Israel, reaffirms and supports Israel's right to self-defense, and urges full enforcement of the United States' sanctions and export controls against Iran and its proxies. As Iran, one of the world's leading State Sponsors of Terror, continues to attack one of our greatest allies, we must stand united in support of Israel and condemn the brutal Iranian mullahs that orchestrated last weekend's attack. I am disgusted that 14 Members of Congress couldn't find it within themselves to condemn this unprecedented attack. I cosponsored this impor-

tant resolution to send a clear message that the United States will always stand with Israel and against the Ayatollah's despotic regime. This resolution passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 404-14.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6245, the Holding Iranian Leaders Accountable Act of 2023. For years, Iranian government officials and affiliated terrorist leaders have been financing the Iranian regime's malign and terrorist activities around the world. To address this issue, H.R. 6245 would require the President to submit a report to Congress on the assets of certain Iranian government officials and proxy terrorist entities. In addition, it would require the Department of Treasury to seek the closure of U.S. and foreign bank accounts connected to those assets. This would help sever a key source of terrorist funding. H.R. 6245 passed the House by a vote of 419-4.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6015, the Iran Sanctions Accountability Act of 2023. On September 11, 2023, the Biden administration waived sanctions on Iran to facilitate a \$6 billion transfer in funds to be used for humanitarian efforts. Less than a month later, the Iranian-proxy Hamas launched its deadly October 7th attack on Israel. As such, there are concerns these funds, which were intended for humanitarian purposes, could have been used to fund terrorism. In response, H.R. 6015 would require the President to implement regulations that ensure exemptions for humanitarian aid are not used to facilitate transactions that support terrorism or the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs). In addition, it would require the President to submit reports to Congress on the implementation and efficacy of these regulations. Lastly, it would direct the United States Executive Director at the World Bank to oppose financial assistance to Iran. H.R. 6015 passed the House by a vote of 408-13.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5917, the Strengthening Tools to Counter the Use of Human Shields Act. H.R. 5917 would help enforce sanctions against terrorist organizations that use civilians as human shields, strengthening existing sanctions on such groups. In addition, it would require the President to respond within 120 days to a request from Congress to determine whether an entity is a terrorist using human shields and submit a written justification for whether the President will or will not impose sanctions on such entity. As Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and other radical Palestinian terror organizations continue to use human shields, Congress must do more to combat this monstrous disregard for human life. I am honored to be a cosponsor of this critical legislation and support its passage. H.R. 5917 passed the House by a vote of 419-4.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4681, the Illicit Captagon Trafficking Suppression Act of 2023. H.R. 4681 would require the administration to impose sanctions on foreign entities who facilitate or profit from the production or proliferation of Captagon, an amphetamine with no uses approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Despite the many sanctions on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad for his role in illegal international narcotrafficking, he has recently been engaged in the international Captagon trade, which does not carry the same sanctions. H.R. 4681 would extend international drug trafficking sanctions to Captagon and close this loophole. The bill passed the House by a vote of 410-13.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6603, the No Technology for Terror Act. H.R. 6603 would codify export controls for Iran that prohibit the exportation of drone components - such as cameras, sensors, and circuits - to Iran without a license from the Department of Commerce. As Iran continues to use unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to target U.S. troops, our allies, and civilians, we must do more to crack down on Iran's ability to procure related technologies. I am honored to cosponsor this important bill and support its passage. (Contd. Pg. 59)

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(From Pg. 58) H.R. 6603 passed the House by a vote of 406-19.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5826, the No Paydays for Hostage-Takers Act. H.R. 5826 would require a report on whether the \$6 billion in unfrozen Iranian assets, released by President Biden in September 2023, was used to fund terrorism. In addition, it would require a sanctions determination for any entity that took American hostages on behalf of Iran. Lastly, it would require the banning of visas for those who support terrorism and assist in the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs). Under the Biden administration, over \$16 billion in frozen assets have been released, allowing Iran to use these funds to fuel the oppression of the Iranian people and terrorism around the world. This critical bill, which I have cosponsored, would require the Biden administration to recognize the immense harm caused by the unfrozen assets and ensure Iranian individuals who participated in taking American hostages are held accountable. H.R. 5826 passed the House by a vote of 391-34.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3033, the Solidify Iran Sanctions Act of 2023. H.R. 3033 would strengthen existing sanctions on Iran's energy sector and other key industries by permanently reauthorizing the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996. Currently, these sanctions are set to expire on December 31, 2026. I cosponsored H.R. 3033 because we cannot allow these impactful sanctions to expire, as this would give the Ayatollah and his despotic mullahs access to billions in funds which would be used for terrorism and oppression. This bill passed the House by a vote of 407-16.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 288, the Encouraging the EU to DESIGNATE Resolution. H.Res. 288, which I introduced, calls on the European Union (EU) to join the United States in listing the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist entity. The IRGC is an Iranian extra-military organization that conducts the Iranian regime's acts of terrorism and is the link between Ayatollah Khamenei and other terror groups, such as Hamas, Hezbollah, Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), and the Houthis out of Yemen. For example, the IRGC Quds Force funds, arms, trains, and supports Hamas, Hezbollah, the Houthis, and PIJ. The IRGC Quds Force has also played a key role in Iranian-directed assassinations in the Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, France, Germany, Bulgaria, and Cyprus in recent years. But the threat posed by the IRGC is not only abroad. Just a few years ago, the IRGC engaged in a murder-for-hire plot to target former National Security Advisor John Bolton and former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. You can read my full Report on IRGC Terrorist Activity here. In 2019, President Trump declared the IRGC a Foreign Terrorist Organization. While this was a tremendous first step, we must encourage our allies, including the EU, to join us in confronting the Iranian threat. H.Res. 288 passed the House by a vote of 411-14.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 883, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the slogan, "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" is antisemitic and its use must be condemned. The phrase "from the river to the sea" implies that a hypothetical Palestinian state should extend from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, meaning that the State of Israel would be abolished. I cosponsored this resolution because the end result of this undeniably anti-Semitic statement would deny the Jewish people the right to a state in their ancestral homeland. I find it shameful that so many of my colleagues refused to condemn this hateful slogan and support statements calling for the abolition of the State of Israel. H.Res. 883 passed the House by a vote of 377-44, with one member voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6046, the Standing Against Houthi Aggression Act. H.R. 6046 would require the Houthis, also known as Ansarallah, to be designated as a terrorist organization. The Houthis are a terrorist group that have attacked U.S. ships and commercial shipping vessels in the Red Sea and are a partner

organization of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). The Biden administration recklessly delisted the Houthis as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) in 2022, and only relisted them as a Specially Designated Terrorist Group (SDTG) after they began attacking U.S. ships. The SDTG designation does not carry the same sanctions and harshness as an FTO designation. Further, the administration has already signaled a willingness to undo the Houthis' SDTG classification. I strongly supported this legislation and condemn the Biden administration's weakness on the Houthis. H.R. 6046 passed the House by a vote of 285-135.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4691, the Iran Sanctions Relief Review Act of 2023. H.R. 4691 would establish a congressional review process for any presidential action that provides sanctions relief to Iran. This would allow Congress to prevent any further attempts by the Biden administration to unfreeze assets or rejoin the Iran nuclear deal. It would also help enhance congressional oversight as a whole of the Biden administration's reckless and irresponsible Iran policy. H.R. 4691 passed the House by a vote of 278-141.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5947, To provide for the rescission of certain waivers and licenses relating to Iran. H.R. 5947, which I cosponsored, would rescind the waiver that allowed \$6 billion in frozen assets to be released to Iran. At this unprecedented time, when Iran is funding dozens of terror groups, oppressing its citizens, and even launching direct attacks on Israel, it is unconscionable that the United States would unfreeze assets for this rogue regime. I urge my colleagues in the Senate to expeditiously take up this legislation and refreeze these funds. H.R. 5947 passed the House by a vote of 259-160.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6323, the Iran Counterterrorism Act of 2023. H.R. 6323, which I cosponsored, would rescind waivers and licenses for sanctions on the Iranian financial sector and prohibit future waivers and licenses, regarding all sanctioned Iranian funds. The Biden administration should no longer be able to grant waivers to Iranian sanctions without sufficient congressional oversight. If passed by the Senate, this legislation will hold Iran accountable and ensure that sanctions on Iran are not arbitrarily lifted. H.R. 6323 passed the House by a vote of 271-147.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6408, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate the tax-exempt status of terrorist supporting organizations. In the weeks following the October 7th atrocities committed by Hamas against Israel, our nation has seen a significant increase in anti-Semitism. This includes violent threats, hate speech, and even material support for Hamas terrorists. U.S. taxpayer dollars should never be used to prop up terrorist organizations, such as Hamas. To address this issue, H.R. 6408 would remove the tax-exempt status of any terrorist supporting organization, as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury. I was honored to support this crucial bill to ensure that U.S. taxpayer dollars are not used to assist terrorist groups. H.R. 6408 passed the House by a vote of 382-11.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5923, the Iran-China Energy Sanctions Act of 2023. H.R. 5923 would prohibit U.S. financial institutions from opening or maintaining accounts with any Chinese financial institution engaging in transactions of Iranian petroleum products and any foreign financial institution engaging in transactions of Iranian unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). In addition, the bill would require the President to determine whether any Chinese financial institution has engaged in a transaction of Iranian petroleum products, or whether any foreign financial institution has engaged in a transaction of Iranian UAVs. Over the past few years, China has developed a system to bypass sanctions on Iran and Russia, giving these regimes the funds they need to further destabilize global order and undermine human rights. It is important we crack down on this behavior and ensure stiff penalties for entities that attempt to subvert international sanctions. H.R. 5923 passed the House by a vote of 383-11. (Contd. Pg. 60)

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I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5921, the No U.S. Financing for Iran act of 2023. H.R. 5921 would require the Department of Treasury to end funds from the United States and the International Monetary Fund to Iran or any entity owned or controlled by the Government of Iran, with only certain humanitarian exemptions to aid civilians. This bill will help sever Iran's ability to finance terrorism and I urge the Senate to take it up immediately. H.R. 5921 passed the House by a vote of 294-105.



Two Bipartisan Molinaro Bills Supporting Employees & Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Advance to House Floor

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) today announced the Think DIFFERENTLY About Disability Employment Act was voted out of the House Committee on Small Business and will advance to the House Floor. The bipartisan bill will create a partnership between the National Council on Disability and the Small Business Administration (SBA) to help small businesses address accessibility issues for employees with disabilities, encourage the hiring of those in the disability community, and help entrepreneurs with disabilities succeed. It builds off his successful 'Think DIFFERENTLY' initiative, which breaks down barriers for the disability community and introduced this bill alongside U.S. Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1).

In addition to the Think DIFFERENTLY About Disability Employment Act, the Small Business Committee also advanced the Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Reporting Act, which Rep. Molinaro introduced alongside U.S. Rep. Morgan McGarvey (D-KY-03). This bill requires the SBA to submit a report to Congress on the challenges entrepreneurs with disabilities face to assess needs, understand current resources available to entrepreneurs with disabilities through the SBA, and recommend legislative action to address the challenges and needs identified in the report.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Individuals, of every ability, should have a fair shot at pursuing their passion. Unfortunately, we know that barriers for the disability community often get in the way. I am proud that two of my bipartisan bills have advanced out of the Small Business Committee to help overcome the challenges those with disabilities face when working for a small business or starting their own."

House Committee on Small Business Chairman Roger Williams said, "I am grateful to Congressman Molinaro for bringing forward the Think DIFFERENTLY Act. As it stands, the SBA needs to do more to ensure those with disabilities can work for small businesses and even start businesses of their own. As a business owner, I can tell you that running and operating a business is extremely rewarding, and those that wish to take that risk should have the opportunity to do so regardless of personal circumstance. This legislation helps ensure exactly that."

Rep. Pappas said, "Entrepreneurship is a major pathway for all Americans to achieve self-sufficiency, and individuals with disabilities deserve equal access to support from the Small Business Administration. I was pleased to partner with Congressman Molinaro on this bipartisan legislation that will support collaboration between SBA and the National Council on Disability to help people with disabilities pursue small business ownership and employment opportunities."

Rep. Molinaro Votes to Pass Bipartisan Border Security & Foreign Aid Package

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) released the following statement on his vote to pass the bipartisan border security & foreign aid package:

"Today, I voted in support of a bipartisan deal to strengthen border security and help our allies fight back against Iranian, Chinese, and Russian aggression.

"More than most, Upstate New Yorkers know what's at stake.

"Our community has become the epicenter of the opioid crisis. America has a duty to secure its border and protect its citizens from drug traffickers.

"Upstate New York also has vibrant Ukrainian, Jewish, and Israeli-American communities. I've listened and learned from them, and recognize the need for American leadership in the face of unprecedented global threats.

"This package meets these moments."



Statement from Senator Oberacker

ALBANY, 04/20/24 -- State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenectady) today commented on completion of the 2024-25 state budget.

"People are fleeing New York in droves and this state budget, crafted behind closed doors by Democrats, will only add to the exodus. The late spending plan checks in at a record \$237 billion and is riddled with unsustainable spending and misdirected policies.

"I will continue to push back against the status quo to ensure that the priorities of those I represent are heard in Albany. Affordability, public safety, and initiatives to stimulate economic growth need to be front and center."

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



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

Republican State Senators Unveil Antisemitism Report

Letter to Governor Hochul and Legislative Majorities to prioritize policies geared to address antisemitism in communities.



The New York State Senate Republican Conference Antisemitism Working Group today unveiled their Antisemitism report and sent a letter to Governor Hochul and Legislative Majorities that highlights legislative recommendations that should be a priority in order to address the rise of antisemitism in communities.

Last year, the members of the New York State Senate Republican Antisemitism Working Group were tasked with developing recommendations to address the rise in antisemitic incidents in New York. Roundtable events were held in Rockland and Nassau Counties involving stakeholders in the community.

"Antisemitism is not a new problem, but we have seen a drastic and alarming increase since the horrific terrorist attacks on Israel in October. This is one of the most pressing issues facing our state. New York is home to the largest Jewish population outside of Israel, and it is incumbent upon us to take action to ensure nobody is ever made to feel unsafe because of their religion. I want to thank the members of the working group, as well as the stakeholders throughout the state who offered their input, for their work on this issue. The report outlines a comprehensive approach to battle antisemitism at all levels, and I hope our colleagues in the Legislature and the Governor will join us," stated Senate Republican Leader Rob Ort.

"This report is just the beginning of our attempt to address this hate-crime in meaningful, and thoughtful ways. If this report has proven anything it is that New York must do more to combat antisemitism. We all have a role to play. We must address higher educational institutions weeding out hate speech, the media reporting these crimes and our elected officials, in all levels of government, should put partisanship aside and pass laws to end this crime. It is essential that we do our part. Our fight starts today," stated Senator Jack Martins, Chair of the Antisemitism Working Group.

With the Senate and Assembly expected to vote on the New York State Budget, the working group is urging the adoption of five priority legislative initiatives in the enacted state budget:

S.3275 (Griffo): places a definition of antisemitism within the state human rights law; provides that antisemitism that incites, causes or results in any act of violence, or injury to a person, or the damage to or destruction of real or personal property, shall be deemed to constitute a hate crime.

S.7752 (Weber): prohibits students from receiving TAP if engaging in antisemitic behavior.

S.7773 (Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick): creates the "Dismantling Student Antisemitism (DSA) Act" which implements antisemitism awareness and prevention sensitivity training in colleges with threat of loss of funding.

S.8625 (Martins): enacts the "New York State Antisemitism Vandalism Act" which establishes the crime of vandalism of pro-Israel print and provides a class A misdemeanor for any individual who intentionally destroys, damages, removes any banner, poster, flyer or billboard which is located in a public space, where the intent or purpose of such banner, poster, flyer or billboard is to bring aware-

ness for Israeli individuals who have been victims of a crime, or to positively support the country or citizens of Israel.

S.8774 (Oberacker): expands the prohibition of harassing conduct involving Nazi symbols.

"Antisemitic threats, attacks and vandalism have occurred in New York State and across the country. These reprehensible actions, which cause fear in the Jewish community, are unacceptable and must not be tolerated. The recommendations unveiled by the New York State Senate Republican Conference Antisemitism Working Group, developed with input from stakeholders and roundtable discussions, will address rising antisemitism, prevent antisemitic incidents from occurring in the future and enhance public safety in the state," stated Senator Joseph Griffo, 53rd Senate District.

"Heinous, violent acts in the name of antisemitism have been on the rise in New York and we must take decisive action to halt these disturbing crimes. I want to thank those from the Jewish community who were instrumental in helping develop this legislative package - working together, we have developed true solutions. Now it is time for Albany to make these bills an immediate priority to ensure no one comes under attack because of their faith or religion," stated Senator Peter Oberacker, 51st Senate District.

"In the interest of working to protect my constituents and all Jewish people across New York State, I was proud to join with my colleagues in the Senate Republican Conference to form a working group to address the rise of anti-Semitism. I am disgusted by the recent increase of anti-Semitic hatred that we have seen in New York. I very proudly represent a district with a large population of Jewish constituents, and the idea that any citizen should feel threatened on the basis of their deeply held religious beliefs is sickening. Together with the other members of the working group, we have put forth necessary legislation that would ensure that our Jewish brothers and sisters no longer have to live in fear," stated Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, 9th Senate District.

"It's no secret that antisemitism has ramped up in New York State and across this country. Antisemitism was running unchecked before the October 7th massacre and has only increased since then, both on social media and in the real world. I'm grateful to my colleagues and local stakeholders who contributed ideas towards abating this epidemic, resulting in today's report. Let's take this report and the legislation introduced because of it and continually work towards ending antisemitism," stated Senator Bill Weber, 38th Senate District.

The New York State Senate Republican Conference is committed to restoring public safety and protecting our Jewish brothers and sisters from hateful acts of violence. None of us should be living in fear. No individual should feel threatened or unsafe. These proposals and dedicated funding are imperative steps we can take to ensure the safety of our communities.

The full letter of priorities and legislative proposals can be read here.

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FULL VIDEO OF PRESS CONFERENCE: HERE

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Senator Bill Weber Condemns Acts of Antisemitism at Columbia University

"The reprehensible acts of Antisemitism targeting Jewish students at Columbia University are deeply troubling, and it demands immediate action. As part of the Antisemitism Working Group, my Senate colleagues and I have crafted vital legislative measures to confront this abhorrent hatred head-on. These bills must be swiftly passed to stem the tide of bigotry plaguing our educational institutions."

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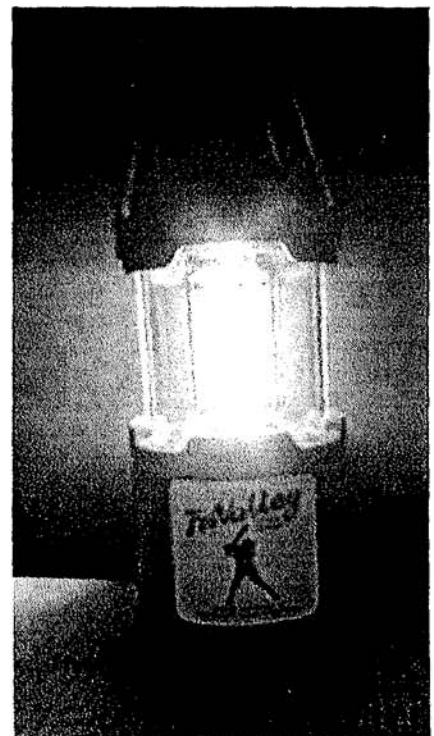
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Thursday, June 13, 2024

Stop by the firehouse any
Thursday Drill Night at 7 pm to purchase
2 Green Ave Woodridge, NY 12789
845-434-6893



4th of July Committee 2024

Spaghetti Dinner



Sat., May 11th



**From
4pm-7pm**

Elks Lodge

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Part Time Buildings & Grounds Crew Member

Candidate will be is responsible for day-to-day general maintenance of the library.

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CALL FOR ART!
Submissions due Monday, June 3
[Click here for submission guidelines](#)

<https://www.olivefreelibrary.org/call-for-art/>

MONOCHROMATIC 7th annual summer group show
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July 20 – September 7, 2024
submission deadline: monday june 3, 2024

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FIREWORKS SHOW 9:15 PM

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2024

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June 27, 2024

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chuck@pamal.com



2024 SULLIVAN COUNTY DMV spring schedule

mobile unit
on location 10:00am - 3:00pm



<p>JEFFERSONVILLE</p> <p>Tues April 2</p> <p>Tues May 7</p> <p>Tues June 4</p> <p>License & Registration Appts</p> <p>19 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, NY</p>	<p>WURTSBORO</p> <p>Thurs April 18</p> <p>Thursday May 23</p> <p>Thursday June 20</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>2948 US 209, Wurtsboro, NY</p>	<p>NARROWSBURG</p> <p>Tues April 16</p> <p>Tues May 21</p> <p>Tues June 18</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY</p>	<p>HORTONVILLE</p> <p>Thurs April 11</p> <p>Thurs May 16</p> <p>Thurs June 13</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>104 Lower Main Street, Hortonville, NY</p>
<p>LIVINGSTON MANOR</p> <p>Tues April 9</p> <p>Tues May 14</p> <p>Tues June 11</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY</p>	<p>GRAHAMSVILLE</p> <p>Thurs April 4</p> <p>Thurs May 9</p> <p>Thurs June 6</p> <p>License & Registration Appts</p> <p>273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY</p>	<p>LIBERTY</p> <p>Tues April 23</p> <p>Tues May 28</p> <p>Tues June 25</p> <p>License & Registration Appts</p> <p>15 Sullivan Ave Liberty, NY</p>	<p>BLOOMINGBURG</p> <p>Thurs April 25</p> <p>Thurs May 30</p> <p>Thurs June 27</p> <p>License & Registration Appts</p> <p>13 North Rd. Bloomingburg, NY</p>

Schedule an appointment on the county website sullivanny.us | County Clerk Russell Reeves



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Daniel Pierce Library Community Blood Drive

Thursday, May 30, 2024
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Live
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Webinar
for
Adults

How Money Works

Free Live Zoom Webinar
Wednesday, May 8, 2024
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Presenter: James Farnham, MS, MBA, Licensed Agent

This webinar is for anyone who wants to learn more about personal finance. Whether you're just starting out or looking to improve your financial skills, this program will provide you with the information you need to make sound financial decisions.

Topics covered (and much more):


- How to save money for short-term and long-term goals
- How to invest your money wisely and avoid the high cost of waiting
- Identify and outline the three "Ds" of investing
- Uncover and illustrate the Rule of 72
- Paying off debt and the effects of compounding (both good and bad!)

For more details, please check out our website at www.danielpiercelibrary.org. Advanced online registration required.



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YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!




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

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM

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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.

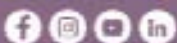
FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Family Peer Advocate
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Visit our website at

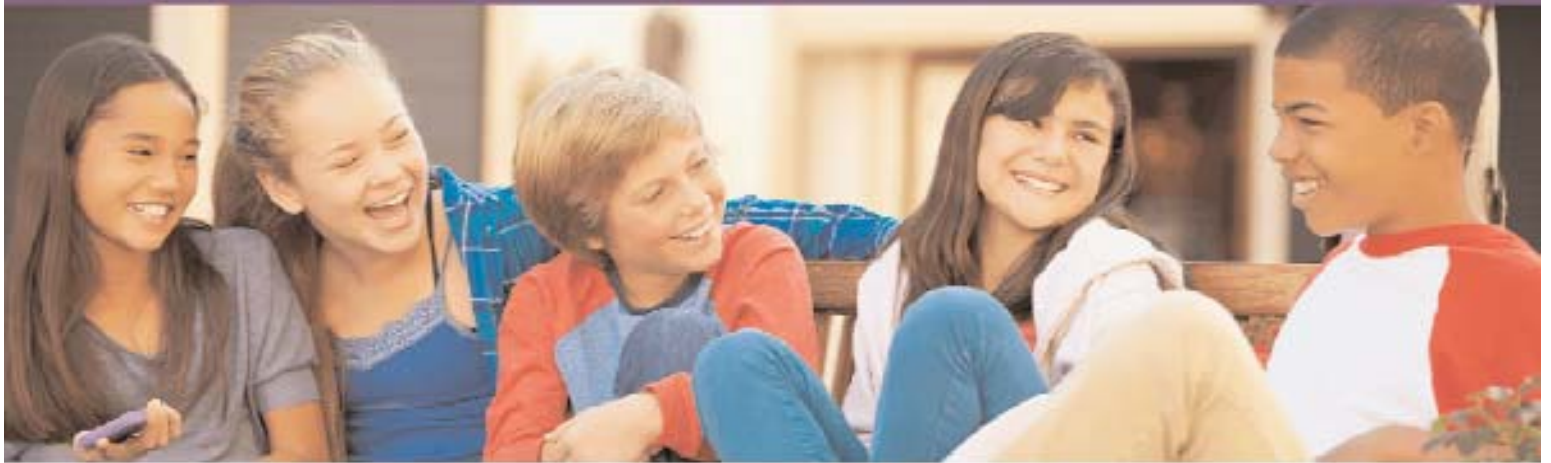
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Middle School Social Skills



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

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

Social skills classes will be held in person at ATI Main Office at 309 E Broadway in Monticello, NY

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2024!**

Are You Ready?



Life Skills Group

WORK READINESS EDITION

This series is tailored for 16 to 25-year-olds with developmental, learning, emotional, and behavioral disabilities. It helps prepare individuals for the workforce by developing skills such as appropriate workplace behavior, social etiquette, time management, and interview techniques. Other topics include wearing proper clothing and using social cues, such as a good handshake.

Every Friday from 5:00pm to 6:15pm

309 East Broadway

Monticello, NY 12701

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THURSDAYS @ 1500 (3 PM)

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Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

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

Help is available now!

We are here anytime you need to talk.

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



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

Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

Sullivan County Text For Teens

Monday - Friday
4pm-10pm
Saturday & Sunday
5pm-12am



Hey...I really need to talk to someone. Can you help?

Free & confidential support
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awowk@chowc.net

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



FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!



TEENS TEACH TECH & TACO TUESDAYS!




May 7th
May 14th
May 28th
@ the DPL!

3:15 - 4:45 pm


Senior Citizens: First come first serve!

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

Tri-Valley students grades 9-12 only. Volunteer hours verification will be happily provided



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Tri-Valley Chess
AT THE DPL


Wednesdays in April
3:15 - 4:45 pm
Hop on the bus

Join us for Snacks, Chess, & No Stress!

Tri-Valley Chess Club regular?
Chess Novice or Chess curious?
Come play in our library and let's organize a tournament event!

Tri-Valley students grades 9-12 only.
Students should contact TVCS for bussing information.

Homeschooling Group
4th Tuesday of each month
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
at the Daniel Pierce Library




We invite all Tri-Valley resident homeschooling families to join a self-guided group that meets monthly at the Daniel Pierce Library.

Together this group will share lessons, network, set up future field trips, have various guest speakers and programs. You can also... borrow books, check out DVD's, access the internet, research online databases and utilize library space! (If you have a RCLS library card).

Please join in, the possibilities are endless!

My Home School Group

Contact Dana Wright for more information:
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The Daniel Pierce Library
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Library Fundraiser

What happens at BINGO stays at BINGO!
Friday, May 31, 2024
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Calling begins at 7:00 p.m.

\$40 per Person Includes: 7 games, door prize entry & light refreshments
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7 PRIZES One winner per game over \$2,500 worth of prizes including:

- Meat Package
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- Smart TV
- Dining Package

Tickets on sale now Reserve tables of 8 or 10 per request

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Fun for all 18 and older!
Seating is limited, call 845.985.7233 today!



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May 4, 2024
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March 16 – May 4, 2024

▶ Opening: Saturday, March 16, 3 – 5 pm ◀

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2024 SEASON

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BLITHE SPIRIT MAY 10TH-19TH

THE WILD DANCERS JUNE 4TH-23RD

CLOSETS JULY 12TH-21ST

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10 Minute Play Festival SEPTEMBER 13TH-22ND

HAUNTED THEATRE OCTOBER 4TH-26TH

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Artists in this show:

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Volunteer with us!



You are invited to get involved! Make a difference in your community today.

Volunteering with Sullivan 180 offers diverse opportunities for grassroots engagement while connecting people with places and one another. We are looking for volunteers to help with: beautifying schools and public spaces; teaching workshops; leading health and wellness programs; and outreach support. Volunteer opportunities are matched to individual skills, interests, and availability.

Why volunteer? Volunteering:

- connects individuals to their community;
- teaches new skills;
- promotes physical activity;
- and so much more!

"I was born and raised in Monticello, and it feels good to give back. I enjoy working with everyone involved. I volunteer because I want to make a difference where I live."

—Diane Moss, Community Volunteer

COMMUNITY HEALTH CHAMPION & VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Wednesday, April 24

6:00-8:00 PM

CVI Building, 1 Cablevision Center Drive, Liberty

Register at [Sullivan180.org](https://www.sullivan180.org).

Questions? Contact

Anne-Louise Scandariato at

Anne-Louise@Sullivan180.org or

(845) 295-2405.



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Craft Fair, Yard Sale, Vendors & Food Vendors

Sponsored by: Woodbourne Fire Department

Location: 355 Fire House Road

Woodbourne NY, 12788

Time: 10am - 4pm

Date: Saturday, May 25th, 2024

Vendor spots are \$25.00 (NONREFUNDABLE) for a 10x10 spot.

Food Vendors are \$50.00 (NONREFUNDABLE)

All Vendors Must supply their own power for outside.

Payment must be made prior to setting up your spot

Vendor's spots will be available inside and outside. Tables will be provided for inside Only. If you have a spot outside, you will need to provide your own tables.

Indoor spots are a First come First serve basis (ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT)
and No spots will be reserved.

Once indoor spots are filled everyone will need to set up outside.

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

Send a email to wfd91815@gmail.com and put Vendor Information in subject.

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The Ultimate Discount Cards are a great way to save money all year while helping support the Daniel Pierce Library! Please order one or more for each member of our family and share with your friends and co-workers. We have cards available for Ellenville, Liberty, Monticello, Kerhonkson, Kingston, Middletown and Port Jervis.

Donate \$15
Save much more!

Stop by the library where cards are available
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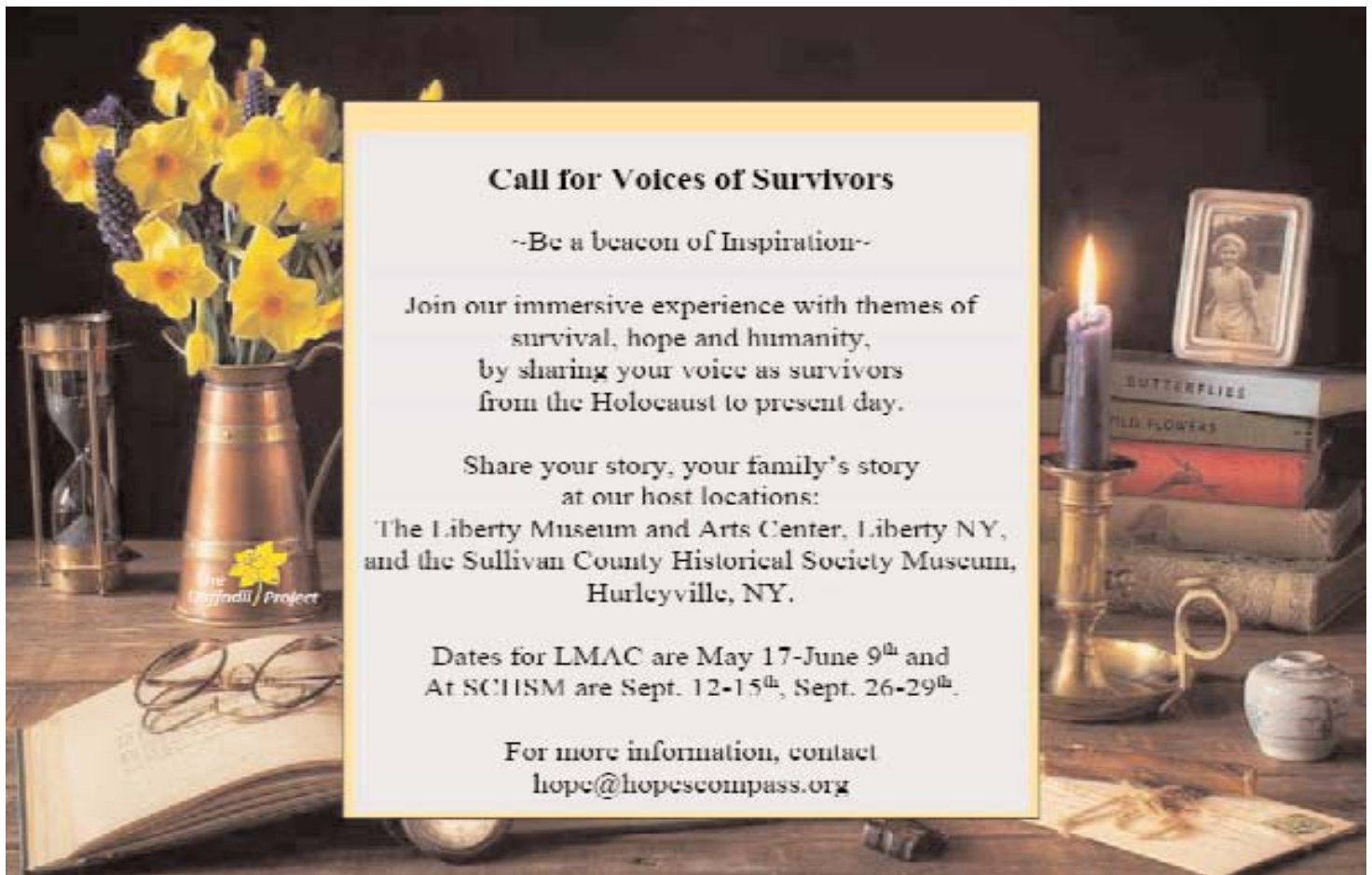
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Join our immersive experience with themes of survival, hope and humanity, by sharing your voice as survivors from the Holocaust to present day.

Share your story, your family's story at our host locations:
 The Liberty Museum and Arts Center, Liberty NY,
 and the Sullivan County Historical Society Museum,
 Hurleyville, NY.

Dates for LMAC are May 17-June 9th and
 At SCHISM are Sept. 12-15th, Sept. 26-29th.

For more information, contact
hope@hopescompass.org



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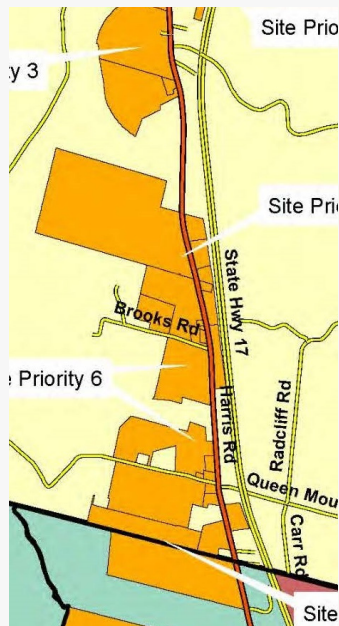


CREATING LIVABLE WAGE JOBS IN LIBERTY

BY JOSHUA POTOSEK, COUNTY MANAGER

Thanks to Congressman Marc Molinaro, we're in the pipeline to receive \$1 million from the Federal government to continue work on the Old Route 17 Corridor Infrastructure Project Design.

The "Old" refers to the location - just off both Old Route 17 and "new" 17 (future I-86), south of Liberty. We've partnered with the Town of Liberty to upgrade water and sewer infrastructure to resolve existing water quality issues and to service up to 1.4



Parcels proposed to be served along Old Rte. 17

million square feet of new commercial/ industrial development.

These new opportunities will help meet a strong regional demand for commercial and industrial space, and allow for economic growth and diversification in an area that needs and is capable of hosting manufacturing jobs.

Highway access places the corridor within two hours of the New York metro area, and within a three-hour drive of 29 million people in 10 states.

While the upgrades will mostly be within Town boundaries, the Village of Liberty will benefit from replacement/construction of

water/sewer systems, along with the creation of jobs, as people will seek housing and businesses in the Village.

The project's ultimate goal is to create shovel-ready sites for industrial developers (warehouses, office spaces, manufacturing facilities), addressing the local need for an expanded tax and job base, the regional need to support economic growth, and the broader need to be competitive in attracting new business and investment.

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WHERE'S OUR WATER? WE NEED TO KNOW

What if you turned your faucet on, and nothing happened? What if you discovered the issue wasn't your pipes, your pumps or your provider? What if the water source on which you rely simply ran dry?

That's the disastrous outcome we're intent on mitigating, and it's that type of concern that has motivated us to get a clear and comprehensive understanding of water resources Countywide. Portions of Sullivan County are facing significant potential residential and commercial development, which has equally significant implications for water sources and water providers – and not just potable water, but wastewater as well. We need to understand where fresh water is, how much of it exists, and the infrastructure that provides drinking water and handles wastewater.

We're currently reviewing firms to inventory our

municipal water assets and turn that into a publicly available interactive map. The company chosen by the Legislature later this year will scour State records, contact town and village officials, and collaborate with the County to identify our drinking water reservoirs, pipes and pumps, along with our wastewater facilities.

We'll also dig into 60 years' worth of data already collected about our natural water resources – our aquifers, our lakes, our springs, our rivers and streams, and our private and public wells.

We'll then combine that with the data we have about existing, ongoing and proposed development throughout the County, including where these developments are getting or plan on getting drinking water and wastewater resources.

The result will be a truly comprehensive, incredibly valuable dataset from which experts, local officials and the general public can retrieve information about the state of water assets Countywide.

SHARING IDEAS: IT'S A REGIONAL THING

More than 200 local influencers and businesspeople gathered in Poughkeepsie in April to listen to county leaders discuss the challenges of the day: housing, workforce training, demographics shifts, poverty and more.

Our legislative chair, Nadia Rajsz, joined the county executives from Dutchess (Sue Serino), Orange (Steve Neuhaus) and Ulster (Jen Metzger) to talk about how we've tackled these issues.

In fact, Chair Rajsz got a chance to talk about an initiative we're researching with the host of this event, Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress. Building off of our recent study on the local housing crisis, Pattern's staff have created a proposal for a housing trust fund that would set aside monies to stimulate the creation of local affordable housing.



From the left, Pattern CEO Adam Bosch speaks while Sullivan County Legislature Chair Nadia Rajsz and Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino prepare to weigh in.

DID WE SAY 'GOOGLE'? WHY, YES WE DID!

Our Communications Director Dan Hust, accompanied by ITS Commissioner Lorne Green and Director of Application Development & Support Andrew McCabe, travelled to Manhattan in February to participate in a Google conference about municipal implementation of artificial intelligence.



Enjoying their peek at Google's new NYC offices earlier this year were, from the left, Sullivan County ITS Commissioner Lorne Green, Communications Director Dan Hust, Director of Application Development & Support Andrew McCabe and their Google sales rep, Chris Gabriel.

Dan proved to be "the star of the show," explaining to an audience of 500 public-sector leaders how Sullivan County managed to become a national leader in rolling out Google's new Vertex AI, through a chatbot on the County website. Listeners were struck by the fact that just two County employees - Dan and Andrew - leveraged a team supplied by Google to develop, launch and maintain "Saige," our AI-powered question-answerer at www.sullivanny.us.

Try Saige out yourself! Just click on the dialog box in the lower righthand of any screen on our County website.

WE'RE CLIMBING UP

According to the latest Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (RWJF's) County Health Rankings and Roadmap report, Sullivan County is improving in overall health.

"I am very excited to be able to share that although we clearly still have much to improve, there is a lot of good news for Sullivan County in this year's report," observed Sullivan County Health & Human Services Commissioner John Liddle. "While RWJF no longer provides numerical rankings at the county level, a careful calculation of the data appears to indicate Sullivan has risen from 60th to 57th out of 62 counties across New York State."

Released in March, the report offers an exceptional level of detail and data that health officials across the nation will use to inform and guide public policy.

The report can be found at www.countyhealthrankings.org.

SUMMER'S COMING, AND THE JOBS ARE HERE

Summer is right around the corner, but we're already looking for anyone, from 14 on up, who's got an interest in working between Memorial Day and Labor Day - and beyond.

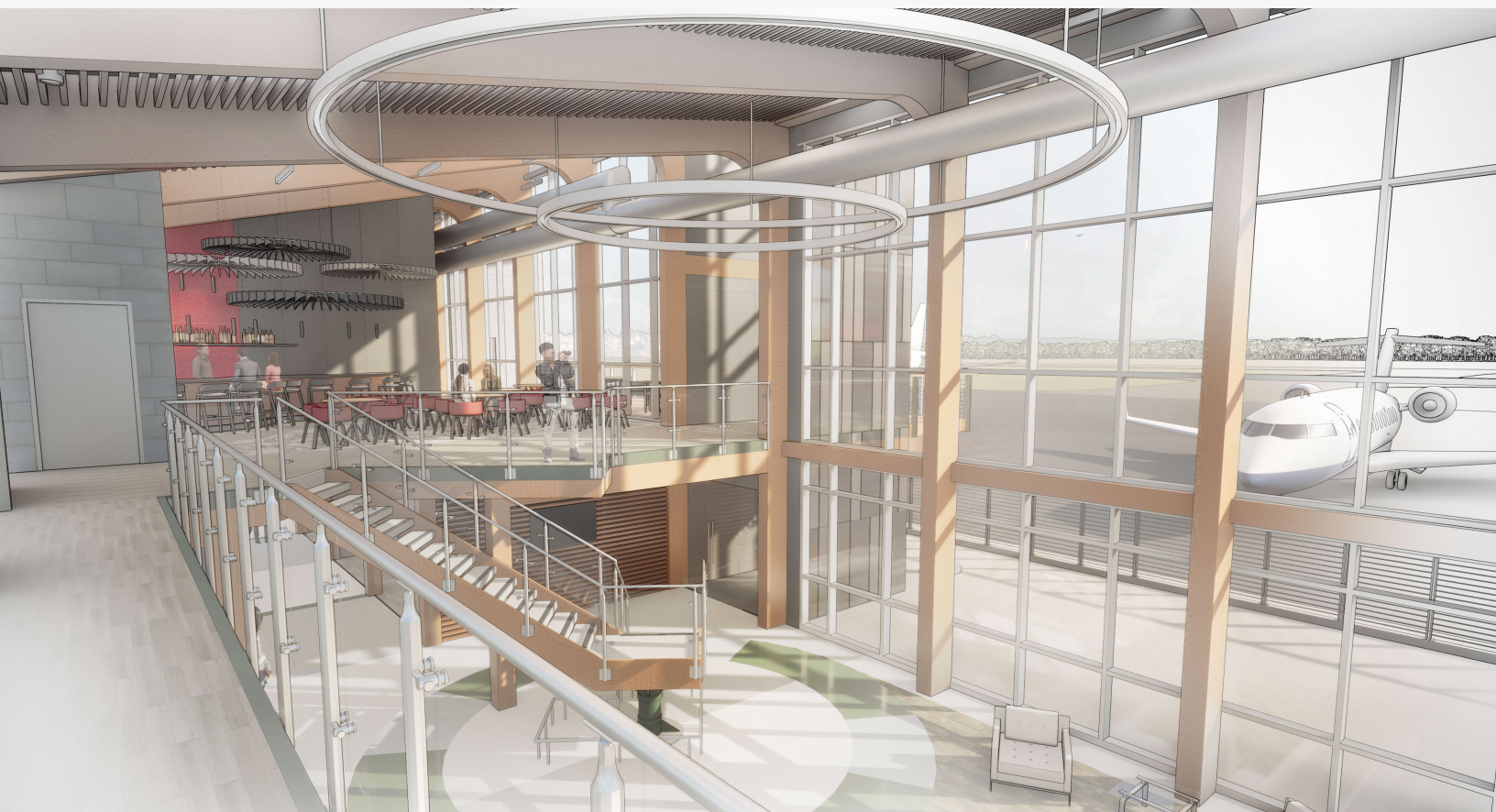
The work is varied, and it's not all outside. We've got office internships, temporary Sheriff's deputy positions, and the usual array of lifeguard, laborer, and park attendant spots.

Details on all these jobs, plus the way to apply, can be found at sullivan-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps. And if a teen aged 14-16 would like to be part of a memorable team experience, they should take a look at our Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), which specializes in group projects across the County. Find out more about SYEP by calling our Center for Workforce Development at 845-794-3340.

TAKING OUR AIRPORT INTO THE 21ST CENTURY



A major step towards our goal of making the Sullivan County Airport self-sustaining is now under way. These are renderings of the new terminal that even now is being built, thanks to an \$18.5 million grant from the State. Its design is multi-purpose: rentable offices on the first floor, a restaurant with an outdoor balcony on the second floor, a pilots' lounge and other amenities. Though it's not realistic to try to attract regularly scheduled passenger airline service, the facility will be open to the public, and our strategy is to use this beautiful asset to garner aviation companies, business flights and entrepreneurs interested in having operations close to New York City but far enough away that costs are controllable. Right place, right time!



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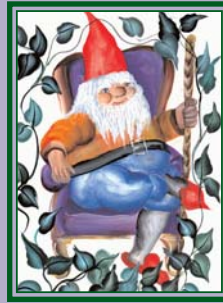
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“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE” ON AMAZON, NETFLIX, ROKU

Steven Sondheim influenced several generations of theater songwriters, particularly with such landmark musicals as “Company,” “Follies,” “Sweeney Todd,” and “Camp” which are considered among his best work. His most famous ballad, “Send in the Clowns,” has been recorded hundreds of times, including by Frank Sinatra



Six of Sondheim’s musicals won Tony Awards for best score, and he also received a Pulitzer Prize (“Sunday in the Park”), an Academy Award (for the song “Sooner or Later” from the film “Dick Tracy”), five Olivier Awards and the Presidential Medal of Honor. In 2008, he received a Tony Award for lifetime achievement. Sondheim’s music and lyrics gave his shows a dark, dramatic edge, whereas before him, the dominant tone of musicals was frothy and comic. He was sometimes criticized as a composer of unhumable songs, a badge that didn’t bother Sondheim. Frank Sinatra, who had a hit with Sondheim’s “Send in the Clowns,” once complained: “He could make me a lot happier if he’d write more songs for saloon singers like me.

Behind every great performance are hours of dedicated work of such was the task of Steven Sondheim when creating wonderful musical scores for all of our pleasures. Steven Sondheim on to a new learening level at 91, no more RIP the soul is immortal. Joycreating wonderful musical scores for all of our pleasures.

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Answer to last week’s Trivia Question: *Patrick Stewart*

This weeks’ Trivia question: Who is Shirley MacLaine’s Hollywood brother?

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“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II”
ON AMAZON PRIME
WEST SIDE STORY



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West Side Story is a musical based on a book by **Arthur Laurents**, music by **Leonard Bernstein**, and lyrics by **Stephen Sondheim**. It was inspired by William Shakespeare's play **Romeo and Juliet**.



The story is set in the mid 1950s in the Upper West Side of New York City, then a multiracial, blue-collar neighborhood.

The musical explores the rivalry between the Jets with multiple instigator's for fighting led by an unwilling Tony, and the Sharks, led by Bernardo steeped in Spanish tradition of fighting for your family, now extended to gangs, and war because you are different.

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musical which Tim Burton used as a base for his 2007 film.

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