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8th Graders Put on a Show at Tri-Valley's Thirteenth Annual Poetry Slam



from left to right): Janiel Prado (Performance Award); Anna Furman (Performance Award); Ally Chevalier (Performance Award); Juliana Adams (3rd Place); Rebecca Squires (3rd Place); Chris Prousalis (2nd Place); Aaron Edwards (2nd Place); Hiram Roman (2023 Champion)

On March 29, 2023, the thirteenth annual 8th Grade Poetry Slam took place at Tri-Valley Central School. Forty-seven 8th grade students took to the stage to compete in the event. The evening event was watched by a crowd made up of parents, students, teachers, and administrators. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Count-down to Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk & TAG DAY - May 6, 2023



2015 Journey for Sight participants

The Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023. Registration will be at 8:30am at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building, with The Journey For Sight Walk starting at 9am around the Fairgrounds. The Walk is variable length, so whether you walk one loop around the fairgrounds or multiple, you are a Winner. We ask that all volunteers, Walkers, and Tri-Valley Lions members meet in front of the First Aid Squad Building for a Group Photo at 8:50am. This is our first walk since Covid hit, but we hope to have a good turnout this year. Coffee, water, juice boxes for the kids, snacks and pastries will be available to all Walkers and Volunteers starting at 8am at the First Aid Squad Building. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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On the Front Burner: Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." John 11:25-26

OBITUARY

Bunny K. Woloszczak, of



Hurleyville, NY passed away unexpectedly on March 20th 2023. She was 66.

She was the daughter of the late Leo H. Hubert and Dolores (Tritta)

Hubert, born on June 1, 1956 in Bronx, NY.

Anyone who knew Bunny knew that her true life's passion was the theater. Although she did not take center stage, she was an integral part of each production as either director or stage manager. A second mom to many, she will be truly missed and fondly remembered by all of the hearts she touched. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband Bernd "Bernie" Woloszczak; her children Bernd "Chip" Woloszczak and Heidi Woloszczak and her husband Joseph; as well as her brothers Bud Hubert, his wife Lynn Hubert and their children and grandchildren, Peter Hubert, his wife Cheryl Hubert and their children, Kris Hubert and his wife Nicole Hubert, and her sisters Rory Kahn and her husband Barney Kahn and their children and grandchildren, and Kim Mastromarino, her husband Jamie Mastromarino and their children.

A celebration of life memorial was held on Saturday April 1, 2023 at Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, Rivoli theater South Fallsburg, NY.

Donations in Bunny's name can be made to the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, P.O. Box 433, South Fallsburg, NY 12779.

Eugenia "Jeannie" M. Hultz of



Woodbourne, passed away unexpectedly at home leaving her loving husband and soul mate Clifford (Tom) Hultz and her fur baby Max. She was 73.

Jeannie was a strong willed and loving person who believed that family comes first and is the most important thing in the world. If you are a neighbor or friend, you would feel welcome

in her home and become part of the family. She loved to cook and make cheesecakes for the holidays and made sure that everyone had some to take home. She took great pride in her home but most of all her grandchildren. She always took care of everyone else before herself. She was a beautiful person with a beautiful soul.

She was predeceased by her mother Gertrude, brother Charles and Francis Costello, sister Leona Perry and daughter Kristine Markarian.

She is survived by her devoted husband Clifford "Tom" Hultz, sisters Georgina Morseman, Geraldine Morseman, and Florence Natvig, her daughter Geraldine Gorton (Keith) of Grahamsville, sons Peter Conti (Teresa) Fountain Hills, AZ. And John Conti (Cindy), Qatar, grandchildren Hailey Gorton and her partner Victor, Brant Gorton, Gregory Markarian and Alexander Markarian, Connor and Mya Conti, many nieces and nephews, friends, and neighbors. Please keep the memories of her kindness and love in your hearts.

Memorial visitation was held at the Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52 Woodbourne, NY 12788 on Saturday, April 1, 2023.

Arrangements were under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit our website at www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com.

Warren F. Graham of

Grahamsville, NY, passed away on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. He was 79 years old. Warren was born on May 31, 1943 in Meredith, NY; he was the son of the late William and Sara (Green) Graham.

Warren served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He married Arlene Knight on February 14, 1965; shortly after they started a family and together raised their children. Sadly, Arlene passed away in December 2020. Warren had worked for the Tri-Valley Schools doing custodial work, he did carpentry for Grey's Woodworks, he worked for the prison system in Napanoch for many years, and more recently Warren worked maintenance for the New Age Health Spa. He was a member of the Grahamsville Fire Department, the Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club, and Boy Scouts. He loved hunting and especially fishing. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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(From Pg. 2) Warren is survived by his children, Eric Graham, Sherri Graham and Louise Miller and her husband Brian; his brothers, Al and Dan, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Besides his wife Arlene, he was predeceased by his brothers, Phineas, Chuck and Wardell.

In following with Warren's wishes, cremation will be private. A memorial gathering and burial will be held in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery at a later date.

Arrangements are under the guidance of Loucks Funeral Home, Ellenville. Personal condolences may be left for Warren's family at loucksfh.com

Days of Yore... Today's History

April 15, 1953

Congratulations to Miss Jeanette DePew of Peekamoose who won the "biggest fish" contest sponsored by Raymond Krum of Krum's General Store in Grahamsville. The prize was a fishing rod, complete with reel, line and hooks. She caught her big trout in the Rondout Creek at Peekamoose. It was 11 in. long and weighed 9 oz. The contest was open to children under 14 yrs. of age

April 10, 1963

Patricia Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis of Aden, has been awarded a State Regents Scholarship. Pat has been accepted at St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing in Staten Island, NY and plans to start the program in September. She is a Tri-Valley senior.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Rush of Woodbourne are the parents of a son, Robert John, born April 5th at Benedictine Hospital in Kingston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. Mrs. Rush is a science teacher at Tri Valley School.

April 11, 1973

No news to report this week.

April 14, 1983

Congratulations to John and Lois Barnum who are the proud parents of a baby girl, Amanda Sue, born on the morning of April 6th at Kingston City Hospital. Amanda weighed in at 9 lbs. and measured 22 inches. Maternal grandmother is Betty Barnum of Accord. Paternal grandparent is Flossie VanWagner of Sundown.

Household Hint:

Dyeing Easter Eggs

If you forgot to pick up the egg dyeing kit, here is a simple substitute. Add 1 tablespoon of vinegar to a cup of boiling water. Using food colors, add as many drops as you wish to deepen the hue of the colorful eggs. Use separate cups of water, vinegar and food coloring for each different color.

Even if you will be using a commercial egg dyeing kit, don't forget the vinegar!

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

The Lily - Apostle of Hope

The anticipation of the bounties of spring is upon us. The ground is still cold. People around the world are increasingly desolate. We are troubled by the strife of war. Many times throughout history, the enemy has distorted God's creations, deceiving the people to believe lies. During our darkest moments, it is fundamental to remember God as the supreme power.

A frail flower, the lily has a history of religious significance; they were mentioned in the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments. The lily along with many things of this world, even the earth itself and its splendor is a sign of resurrection and new life.

Liliaceae, the lily family, includes many flowering bulbs, such as bluebells, hyacinths, and tulips. Some believe white lilies sprouted in the Garden of Eden as Eve's remorseful tears fell to the ground. It has been suggested that the 'open flowers' carved on Solomon's temple were lilies. According to Greek mythology, the lily was created from the breast milk of Hera, wife of Zeus and was recognized as the symbol of purity.

Christianity's most important holiday, Easter is rich in symbols –some secular, some religious. For the Christian, the lily is representative of Christ's resurrection. It is a sign of purity and innocence, being untainted by 'the world'. The lily also represents a new season, a new birth.

Lilies are often referred to as "white-robed apostles of hope." In many paintings, the angel Gabriel is depicted as handing Mary white lilies, which symbolizes her purity as well. There are stories that tell of lilies growing where Jesus's tears and blood fell from the cross, and lilies were supposedly found in the Garden of Gethsemane after the crucifixion, tying lilies even closer to the Easter holiday.

The trumpet shape of the lilies brings to mind the sound of the message that Jesus has risen. The flowers are symbolic of the Resurrection –from ugly bulbs that are underground for three years or longer that bloom into beautiful flowers. Lilies represent rebirth and hope.

The actual Easter lily that many of us will have in our homes and that altars in churches will be filled with on Easter Sunday, takes its roots back to the Ryukyu Islands in southern Japan. It was first introduced to England in 1819 and America in 1880. Lily bulb production was centered in Japan and the southern U.S. in the late 1800s and on, but in 1941 during WWII, the Japanese source was cut off. This resulted in the increased value of the lily bulb. Soon, growers in the U.S. boomed. By 1945, there were about 1,200 growers from Vancouver, Canada to Long Beach, California. This has since reduced in size, leaving only about 10 growers in a small region of the Oregon-California border. Today, the region is called the Easter Lily Capital of the World, where over 95 percent of potted Easter lily bulbs are produced.

Whether given as a gift or enjoyed in your own home, the Easter Lily serves as a beautiful reminder that Easter is a time for rejoicing and celebrating and continues to be a beautiful reminder of the significance of this celebrated season.

The assurance of God's grace will soon begin to break through the ground in an array of color in every variety. Even though the world may seem like a frightening place, just as the Lord adorns the flowers and initiates the regrowth of Spring, we can fill our hearts with the hope of peace. In the most difficult moments of worry or anxiety, God faithfully reminds us to "consider the lilies of the field" – the Apostles of Hope.



Happy Easter! Happy Pasach!

8th Graders Put on a Show at Tri-Valley's Thirteenth Annual Poetry Slam

(From Pg. 1) A large part of a Poetry Slam is the performance aspect and the students certainly didn't disappoint. Each student, or group of students, memorized an originally written poem and then delivered the poem with their best sense of emotion and theatrics. The audience showed their appreciation by responding to several of the poems with applause and laughter. But perhaps the best part of the night was witnessing the kids come together as one to support and encourage each other throughout the event.

Hiram Roman was crowned 2023 Poetry Slam champion for his poem "What Shaped Me." Aaron Edwards and Chris Prousalis were the runners-up with their poem "Who Am I?" Juliana Adams and Rebecca Squires finished in third place with their poem "Pretty." Finally, Ally Chevalier and Anna Furman and their poem "What Makes You Stand?" and Janiel Prado and his poem "Pets" shared the Performance Award.

The event was hosted by 9th grade students Lucas Campos and Antonio Walsh, last year's Performance Award winners. Ms. Sondra Lee-Tri-Valley staff member-served as the event's guest poet. She performed her poem titled "Respect."

Judges for the Poetry Slam included 2022 Poetry Slam 3rd Place finisher, Logan Weyant; 2022 Poetry Slam 2nd Place finishers, Jordan Dymond and Emily Lucak; 2022 Poetry Slam Champion Natalie Moore; 2021 Poetry Slam Champion Jenna Carmody; 2020 Poetry Slam Champion Lily Siciliano; 2019 Poetry Slam Champion Anna Streimer; and 2011 Poetry Slam Champion Bridget Glinski.

The Tri-Valley Annual Poetry Slam was organized by 8th grade ELA teacher Matt Haynes, 8th grade ELA teacher Danielle Mobijohn, and 8th grade special education teacher Deb Swett.

Overall, the event was a huge success and it couldn't have brought more pride to all of those involved. Congratulations again to all of the participating 8th graders-hopefully it's something they won't soon forget!

Count-down to Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk & TAG DAY - May 6, 2023

(From Pg. 1) As you will see by the photos of the 2015, 2016, and 2017 Journey For Sight Walks, (watch next week's Townsman for the 2016 Journey For Sight participants) all our friends and neighbors are encouraged to join the Tri-Valley Lions for the May 6th Walk. We encourage all Walkers to collect pledges and bring the pledges and completed pledge sheets to the First Aid Squad Building at 8:30am on May 6, 2023. I've attached Pledge Sheets, and a Journey For Sight Poster in this week's Townsman. Pledge sheets will also be available on the morning of the Walk. Your pledges for the Walk and donations to our Tag Day enables the Tri-Valley Lions to continue our support donations to 5 local food pantries, the Heart-A-Thon, Leukemia and Lymphoma contributions to The Rhulen Walk and Trevor Loughlin Fund, perform eye screenings for local youth at our neighborhood Schools, Juvenile Diabetes, The Guiding Eyes for the Blind and so many more worthy organizations.

I will be contacting many of the past walkers to see if they will join us once again this year and to help make our 2023 Journey For Sight Walk a success. Bring the kids. Bring the family. You can reach me at 845-866-1579 or ejacob4848@gmail.com if you have any questions, would like to walk with us, or volunteer at this event. Thank you in advance and stay well and safe.

Esta Jacob

(Pledge Sheet Page 21)

1. **Anyone under 18 years of age must have the signature of parent or guardian on the form.**
2. **Each participant should encourage as many sponsors as possible. Sponsors may pledge as much as they wish.**
3. **The Sponsor Pledge Form must be returned by 8:30 am on the day of the event.**
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.**
7. **All food and drinks given before, during, and after the event are free.**
8. **Neither Tri-Valley Lions, nor Lions International will be responsible for injuries incurred during the event.**
9. **It is suggested that Participants without pledges offer a donation of \$20.00.**



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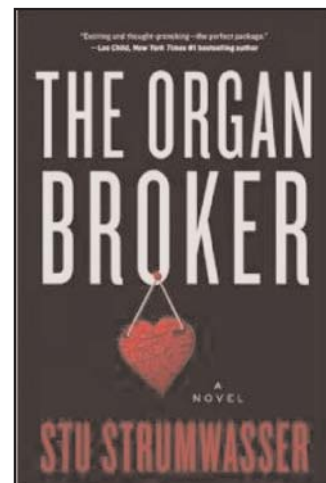
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The Organ Broker

Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 206

by John Dwaine McKenna



Are you aware that there are now more than 120,000 patients –folks just like you and me who are on waiting lists for organ transplants in America . . . or that there are three-hundred thousand more on kidney dialysis, but not yet on transplant lists . . . and shamefully, that here in America, twenty people are dying every day from renal (kidney) failure because of a lack of organ donors? The average wait for a donated organ, eighty-five percent which are kidneys, is **Seven Years**. People are dying before they make it to the top of the list for a replacement. This fact, and it is indeed a tragic fact –and wait, it gets worse –has given rise to a modern phenomenon known as transplant tourism. Simply put, those who can afford to pay are going to foreign transplant specialists where they get a healthy, life-saving new organ. “Well isn't that just dandy,” you say . . . but then, after a moment's reflection you ask, “So, where, exactly, does this life-saving and healthy new donor organ come from?” Well Mr. and Mrs. Peabody, that's where the rub comes in. The transplant specialists are located in countries with large and growing populations of poor people. Human beings whose yearly income can be stated in hundreds of dollars.

The Organ Broker, (Arcade Publishing, \$24.99, 280 pages, ISBN 978-1-62872-523-0) by Stu Strumwasser, is an outstanding new novel by a debut author whose voice speaks loud and clear about a critical issue of our times –one with important legal, ethical and moral overtones that could very well affect every one of us at some point in our lives. Best of all, he's fitted his information into a beautifully-written crime novel that's full of intrigue, action, suspense and treachery. Just what we enthusiasts love in summertime reading!

The protagonist, a shady character known as 'New York Jack,' is the organ broker. He's living large, enjoying life on a lavish scale, traveling first-class, dining in exclusive restaurants and staying in five-star hotels. He tells himself that he's saving lives by procuring human organs for those who are wealthy enough to buy them. Jack gets \$150,000 for a kidney, which he splits with a cohort, a man who goes by the name Wallace, he's the one who obtains the clients –those sick enough and rich enough to buy whatever they wish, no matter what the price. Kidneys are called “eighty-fives,” because they're 85 percent of the pairs transplant business, and they've done thousands of them over the years. “Fifteens” are livers. They go for half-a-million a pop. And hey, great news for the organ donors, fifteens regenerate. Eventually. But the big money, the really big money . . . the kind that will buy a whole Caribbean Island and a lifetime of anonymity . . . that only comes with specials. Those are hearts. A healthy one only comes one way, with death. Excluding accidents and executions, the only other way to get one creates a moral barrier that only a sociopath is willing to cross . . . Don't miss *The Organ Broker* by Stu Strumwasser. It's certainly one of the best!

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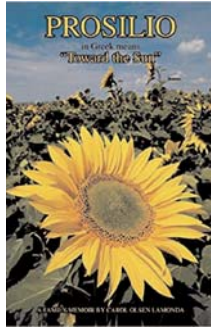
I hope A Lois joins you on your life journey. Lois brightened my path for as long as I knew her. She is gone now, but she lives on in the memories and life lessons she shared with me and so may others.

Lois was a self-less person, one who put others first. She put her family first raising four kids with husband Ed that led to eleven grandchildren. She was button-bursting proud of them all. She devoted herself to giving primary school children at West Hurley and Woodstock the best foundation for knowledge and kindness. She



She is going to be missed, but she left a road-map of how to lead a good life filled with kindness and humor. She taught me how to manage the speed-bumps of life's road with grace and faith and hope.

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



taught Sunday School and worked at the Soup Kitchen for her church. She drove people to doctors' appointments and visited the shut-ins with plants and meals. For years, she and her friend Sue made bi-weekly visits to a quadriplegic friend selecting meals and wardrobe with the pizzazz of dining in a fine restaurant and watching a fashion show on the runway.

She was Lois, the person who could laugh until she could not laugh any longer. Then she smiled her way through radiation and chemo. She had the uncanny knack of making everyone feel like they were her very best friend. If you did a socio-gram of any gathering, Lois would be smack-dab-center of it.



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Multi-Agency Meeting Ends with Successful Investigation - Sullivan County



On March 21, ECO Parker met with Game Warden Meyer from the Pennsylvania Game Commission and Waterways Conservation Officers (WCO) Kokatay and Casey

from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to exchange information and share intelligence on past joint investigations and plan for future efforts to combat environmental crimes that cross state lines. In one case, Officers determined that deer parts found along the waterways of Pennsylvania came from a New York taxidermist conducting work on a deer harvested in Pennsylvania. ECO Parker assisted with the investigation and issued tickets to the taxidermist and the Pennsylvania hunter who imported the deer for violations of New York's Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) regulations, while the Pennsylvania officers addressed the illegal dumping.

CWD is an untreatable disease of the brain and nervous system that kills deer species. Bringing hunter-killed deer, elk, moose, or caribou carcasses into New York is illegal and increases the risk of spreading CWD.

Seal Soaking up Sun on Sandy Beach

On March 18, ECO DeRose responded to a complaint from New York State Park Police of a potentially injured seal on the beach at Robert Moses State Park. Officer DeRose arrived and observed the seal through his binoculars in an area of the beach currently closed to the public, designated as a nesting area for piping plovers. The ECO also spotted two individuals and their dog in the restricted, fenced-in part of the beach. The Officer approached the subjects who insisted they didn't know the area was closed despite the rope fencing, colored flags, and large 'Do Not Enter' and 'No Pets Year-Round' signage. After a quick education on the importance of protecting the plover nesting area, ECO DeRose ticketed the two subjects for





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entering an area of the beach closed to the public. The Officer also checked on the seal, which was simply resting and soaking up the warm evening sun.

Injured Eagle Flies Again



On March 26, a three-year-old bald eagle found nearly lifeless on the side of a road in the town of Gilboa was able to fly once again. On Jan. 25, town workers plowing snow found the severely injured eagle in a snowbank on Flat Creek Road. They brought it back to the Broome Center town maintenance facility where ECO Bohling collected the eagle and transferred it to Friends of the Feathered and Furry Wildlife Center for rehabilitation. After more than 60 days in recovery, staff from the facility successfully released the eagle back into the wild in Gilboa near the ditch where it was found.



Photo by Bill Combs, Jr.

To contact an ECO to report an environmental crime or to report an incident, call 1-844-DEC-ECOS for 24-hour dispatch or email central.dispatch@dec.ny.gov (for non-urgent violations).

Welcome to the Catskills

The Welcome to the Catskills webpage is the place to go if you are interested in learning more about the Catskill Mountains.

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/120094.htm>

It provides information about the Forest Preserve and conservation easement lands, outdoor recreation opportunities, and Leave No Trace. Be sure to check out the links to additional information and tips for recreating safely and minimizing your impacts on natural resources, recreational infrastructure, and other back-country users in the Catskill Mountains.

For a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience on public lands in the Catskills and New York City's Catskill/Delaware Watershed, please consult DEC's regular updates, seasonal notices and general information below.

Catskill Updates

Sundown Wild Forest: Permits are necessary to recreate or camp in the valley from May 15th - September 15th each year.

Peekamoose Blue Hole & Riparian Corridor: DEC has issued special regulations for the Blue Hole and Peekamoose Valley because of the huge increase in visitors. The purpose of these regulations is to increase public safety and reduce the impacts to the environmental resource. The special regulations are:

Require visitors to obtain a permit for a \$10 fee through Reserve America, consistent with the fees for other recreation-oriented Day Use areas in the Forest Preserve from May 15th-September 15th; Each permit will be linked to a vehicle, and the permit must be displayed on/in the vehicle; Limit parking to designated parking areas only. Parking along the shoulder of the road is prohibited by the Town and is a Tow Away Zone; and Users are required to use portable restroom facilities for human waste disposal and the dumpster for all other waste.

The following are prohibited at the Blue Hole (limited use will be allowed at nearby designated camping areas only): Except for the nearby designated camping area, the Blue Hole is only open to the public from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset; Camping; All fires (including charcoal fires, wood fires, gas grills, propane stoves or other portable stoves); Use of portable generators; Alcohol; Glass containers; Coolers larger than 12" in any dimension; and Radios and other audio devices.

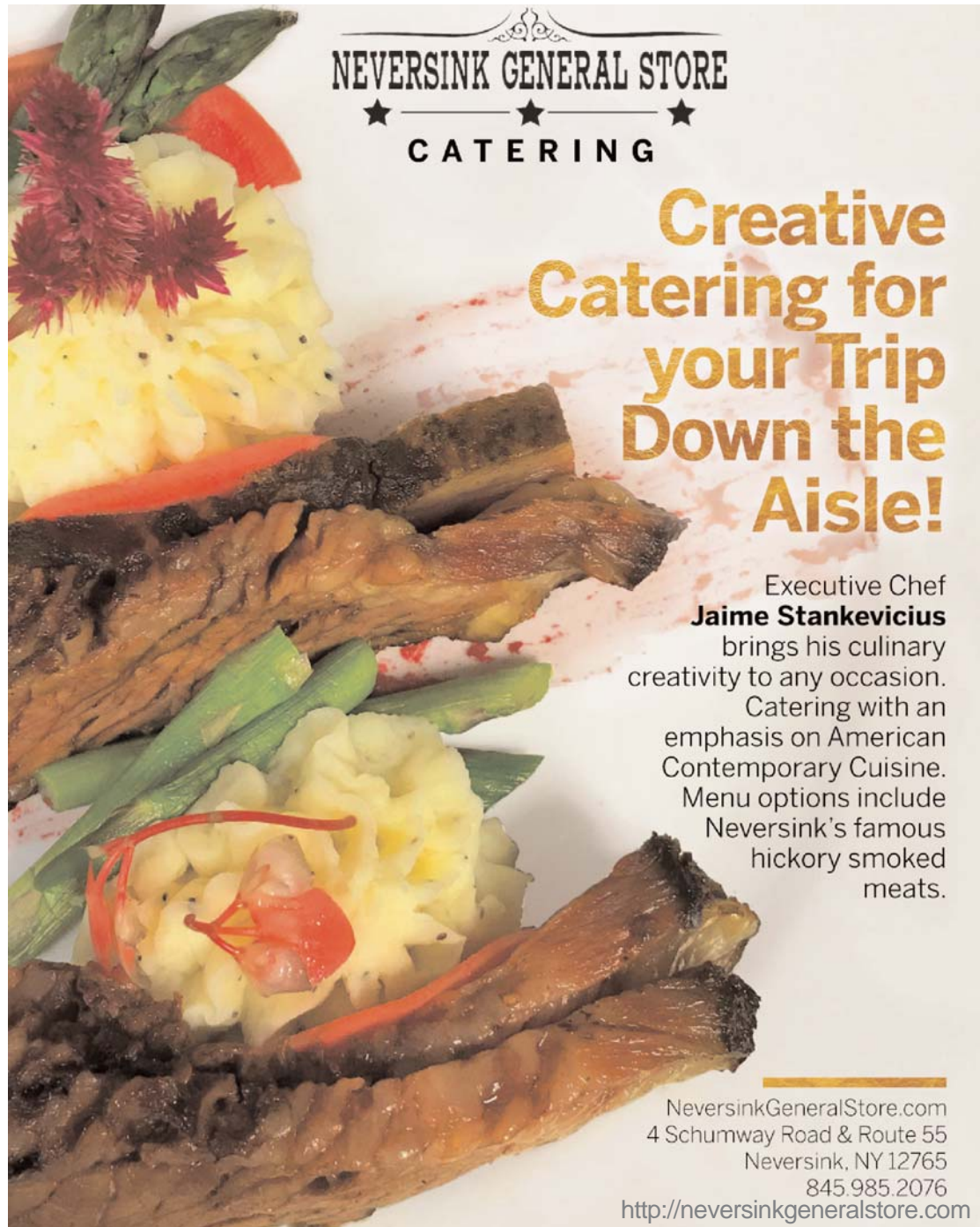
Help Us, Help Nature
Use established, designated trails whenever possible. Each step you take off trail has the potential to damage sensitive vegetation and can contribute to trail and bankside erosion, especially in riparian zones. Riparian zones are areas where vegetation is found along streams and other water bodies. The surrounding plant life is essential for maintaining and improving water quality and the overall ecosystem's health. So, as you head to your favorite stream, or lake this summer, be sure to stick to the trail and help protect New York's natural spaces.

Enjoy your world & Leave No Trace

Follow the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace™ (leaves DEC's website) to maintain minimal impact on the environment and the natural resources of the Catskills. Use proper trail etiquette to ensure an enjoyable experience for yourself and others.

Emergency Contacts

Report back county emergencies, such as lost or injured hikers, and wildland fires to the DEC Forest Rangers at 833-NYS-RANGERS (833-697-7264) or call 911. (Contd. Pg. 26)



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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

You know that old adage that is a favorite of mine? Everything is as it should be in the universe at any given moment? That certainly seemed to hold true this weekend. After a brutal week, I was very much looking forward to getting out. But, like last weekend, it wasn't meant to be. Friday night, the temperature was not in my favor then Saturday night, my phone was blowing up with severe thunder and lightning, possible hail, dangerous conditions...and on and on. But when nothing was happening by quarter to seven, I thought "why not go". I took one step outside my door and was hit with an incredibly strong gust filled with dirt or sand or some kind of grit that pushed me back a step. So that was the end of that.

Then came Sunday and the reason I couldn't get out before then. After a great Pilates class with AUDRA and the NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE what to do, what to do. How about negating all that good work with something sweet. And an Open Mic. I walked into DEFILIPPI'S BAKERY to CARMINE PACE singing 'AIN'T NOTHIN BUT A PARTY' by the J. GIELS BAND and rocking out a bit in that creamy smooth style of his. There were even two people dancing,



Debbie

her own rendition of 'TIED TO THE WHIPPIN' POST' from the ALLMAN BROTHERS. This was a much slower version, more emotional, and to me, more of what it feels like if you find yourself in that position. Her second song was a tribute of sorts to a man named IZZY and his impromptu compilation of SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW and IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD. You can see his rendition on YouTube. Sadly, IZZY passed away before his video went viral.

GREG HATTAN and I haven't seen each other in months so it was nice to catch up. Reaching beyond his fabulous classical guitar abilities, he has in recent years added his singing voice. He continued the classic rock songs with WELL, IT'S ALRIGHT by THE TRAVELING WILBURYS followed by a fun little ditty that I was and still am totally unfamiliar with. It could be from the 20s or 30s or it could be more modern...I'm still researching.

GREG was instrumental in putting the memorial together for beloved drummer NICKY REDD after his passing.



Carmine

friend Rita and her friend Billie. My good friend DEBBIE FISHER was up next. DEBBIE is an iconic musical figure around here and for

good reason as she continued with



Greg



Mike

attention to the Great American Songbook.

And then there were the two 'fledglings' (to me anyway) two solo performers, SERGIO VELASQUEZ and MITCHELL FISHLER. SERGIO, I have seen at least once before at an Open Mic hosted by CASWYN MOON and FAITH KELLY at the TANGO CAFÉ. If I remember correctly, his music is all original. MITCHELL is new



Mitchell

not found that comfortability (is that even a word?!) in front of people. That comes with playing out, possibly at more Open Mics, until that hesitancy magically disappears. Both have that spark and I will be watching for them over the summer.

I can't sign off without a big thank you to Craig at the Verizon Store in Liberty. He took my sad old cracked and broken screen phone and gave me a more than fair deal. He also listened to the fact that I view my phone as a tool, not a source of entertainment and I got a brand-y new one that will do all I need it to, only better.

Congratulations again to the SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMUNITY CHORUS being asked to appear at CARNEGIE HALL this last Monday night, April 3rd at 8pm. Each and every member worked incredibly hard and I know it was spectacular!

This week, Friday night, THE JOHNNY JULES BAND will be at 17 WEST BREWERY in Liberty. You know where I'll be from 6-9!

Until next time.....

It proved to be one of those days. MICHAEL SCUGOZA has a very beguiling bass voice that I would have remembered had I heard him before. His two songs, THAT'S AMORE and SWAY, made famous by DEAN MARTIN, reminded me of my friend and neighbor SAUL COHEN who passed away in December of 2019. Although not Italian, he was enthralled by food, the culture and of course, the Godfather series. Growing up in and living in Brooklyn most of his life I'm sure influenced that. He would have loved this man's



Sergio

to me. And here I will lump them together. Their voices are good, so is their guitar work. At this point, each has



David Rosenberg
-the brains behind...

DEC Forest Rangers - Week in Review

Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state agencies, local emergency response organizations, and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate and extract lost, injured, or distressed people from across New York State.

In 2022, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 359 search and rescue missions, extinguished 162 wildfires covering more than 1,300 acres, participated in 53 prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate nearly 900 acres of land, and worked on cases that resulted in hundreds of tickets and arrests.

"With more people visiting State lands and enjoying New York's myriad, world-class outdoor recreational opportunities, DEC's Forest Rangers are on the front lines to help visitors get outside responsibly and get home safely," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "Each day, these highly trained first responders are protecting irreplaceable natural resources and utilizing their expert knowledge of wildland fire suppression, wilderness first aid, land navigation, law enforcement, and technical rescue techniques to successfully execute critical missions, for DEC and our countless local, state, and national partners."

Town of Olive Ulster County –Wilderness Search: On March 22 at 5:30 p.m., Forest Ranger Franceschina responded to a call from a hiker on Ashokan High Point who was worried she would not return before dark. The 50-year-old from New York City didn't realize how deep the snow would be and was exhausted from post-holing on the trail. The hiker was three miles from the trailhead in high deep snow and did not have a light source. Ranger Franceschina reached the hiker and helped her back to the trailhead by 8:30 p.m.

While it is Spring, the weather conditions in the mountains are still more like winter. Hikers are encouraged to check local forecasts, dress appropriately for the weather, and consider that temperatures will be lower, winds will be stronger, and the snow will be deeper on mountain summits.

Town of Fishkill Dutchess County Public Outreach: On March 25, Forest Ranger Russo joined **Smokey Bear** at the **Fresh Air Fund's** annual maple celebration. Ranger Russo helped spread the word about wildfire prevention. The event at the Sharpe Reservation brought out hundreds of visitors who



Ranger Russo and Smokey Bear at maple celebration




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learned about maple syrup and experienced nature, arts and crafts, and a planetarium show.

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hike Smart NY, Adirondack Backcountry Information, and Catskill Backcountry Information webpages for more information.

If a person needs a Forest Ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire, or to report illegal activity on state lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS. If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911. To contact a Forest Ranger for information about a specific location, the DEC website has phone numbers for every Ranger listed by region.



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Check out our website www.robertalanagency.com

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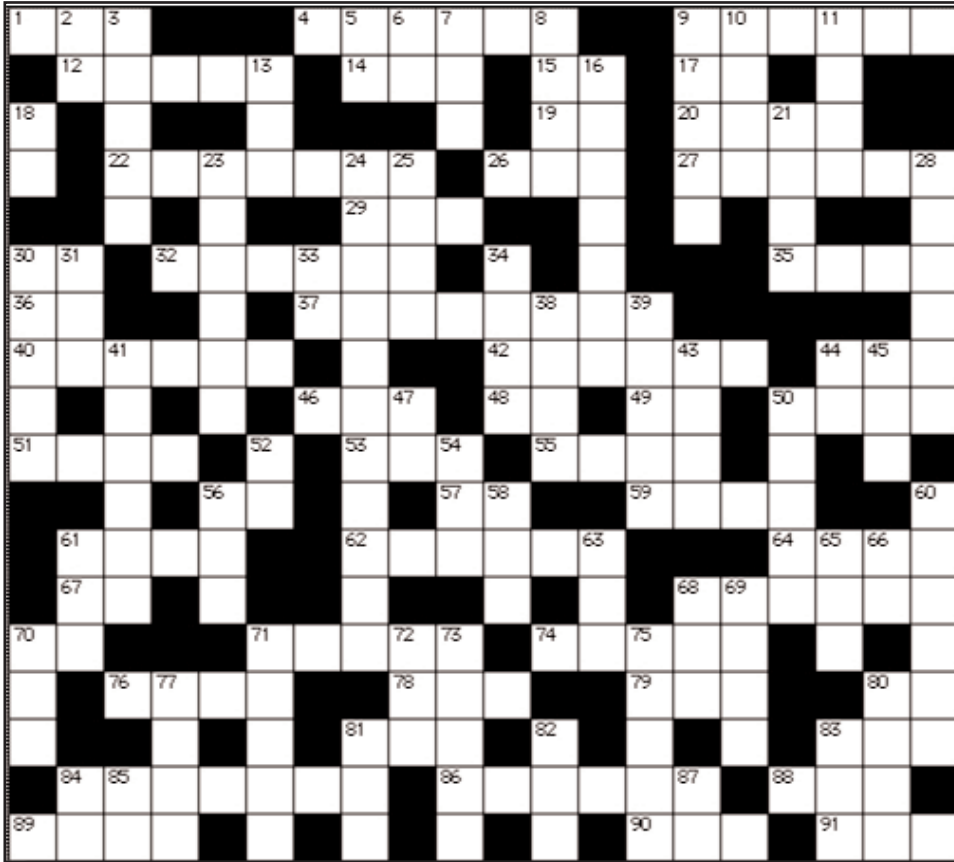


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Peace be With Us All - L. Comando



ACROSS

- 1 Produced a flame
- 4 Unleavened bread
- 9 Evening meal
- 12 What you will see on the side of many barns in Neversink when you take a Sunday drive
- 14 Fruit-filled pastry
- 15 Used to link alternatives
- 17 Printer's measure
- 19 The person speaking
- 20 Ten cents
- 22 Motivate
- 26 Reverend
- 27 Mass departure
- 29 Self-pride
- 30 Referring to that man
- 32 Employing
- 35 Dutch cheese
- 36 Extraterrestrial
- 37 Spring festival commemorating the liberation of the

- Israelites from Egyptian bondage;
- Pascal Lamb
- 40 Popular Easter animal
- 42 Something done again
- 44 One and one
- 46 Inquire
- 48 Mountain
- 49 Bachelor of Arts
- 50 Simmer
- 51 Waistband
- 53 Securities Exchange Commission
- 55 Tread water
- 56 Fourth note of the major scale
- 57 Indefinite article
- 59 Fluorescent color
- 61 Cause to become healthy again
- 62 Collective phenomena of the physical world
- 64 Character in 20,000 Leagues

- Under the Sea
- 67 Preposition
- 68 Full of happiness
- 70 After noon
- 71 Shout for joy
- 74 Month of Easter and Passover 2023
- 76 Small jumping insect
- 78 By way of
- 79 Era
- 80 Mile (abbrev)
- 81 Risk something
- 83 Spasmodic contraction of a muscle
- 84 A day of festivity
- 86 Oldest festival of the Christian
- 88 In accordance with
- 89 Horse of a small breed
- 90 Neversink or Merriman
- 91 Snaring trap

DOWN

- 2 Intelligent quotient

- 3 Bulbous spring flower
- 5 Associated Press
- 6 7th note of major scale
- 7 Japanese school of Mahayana Buddhism
- 8 Abode
- 9 Passover meal
- 10 Type of Gnome computer system
- 11 Having two or more different colors
- 13 Pointed end of something
- 16 Restore life
- 18 Depart
- 21 Fault in a person that is less serious than the fault of the one criticizing
- 23 Non-physical part of a person
- 24 Reawakening
- 25 Symbols of new life
- 28 Something that stands for

- something else
- 30 Part of the Seder Plate
- 31 Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet
- 33 Internet Protocol
- 34 What the early bird will catch
- 38 People who served in the military
- 39 A popular spring bird
- 41 A container made from cane
- 43 Moniker
- 44 In the direction of
- 45 Triumph
- 47 Kinetic energy
- 50 He

- hides the Easter eggs
- 52 Los Angeles
- 54 Feline
- 56 Move through the air
- 58 An edible kernel
- 60 Relating to the universe
- 61 Meat traditionally served at Easter dinner
- 63 Extrasensory perception
- 65 Long period of time

- 66 Twelfth star in a constellation
- 68 Lively dance
- 69 Margarine
- 70 Cooking utensil
- 71 Sweet sugary food
- 72 Night before an event
- 73 Solemn acts

- 75 Speak with great enthusiasm
- 77 Fragrant Easter flower
- 80 Swamp
- 81 Short for goodbye
- 82 Distinct ideology
- 83 Cardinal number
- 84 Expression of surprise
- 85 Not off
- 87 Egyptian sun god

Torte di Formaggio (Italian Easter Ricotta Cheesecake)

- 3 lbs ricotta, drained well
- 8 eggs
- 1 1/4 c. sugar
- 1/4 c. honey
- Juice and zest of 1/2 lemon
- Juice and zest of 1/2 orange
- 2 tbs. ground cinnamon

Heat oven to 350°

Grease a large spring form pan and set aside.

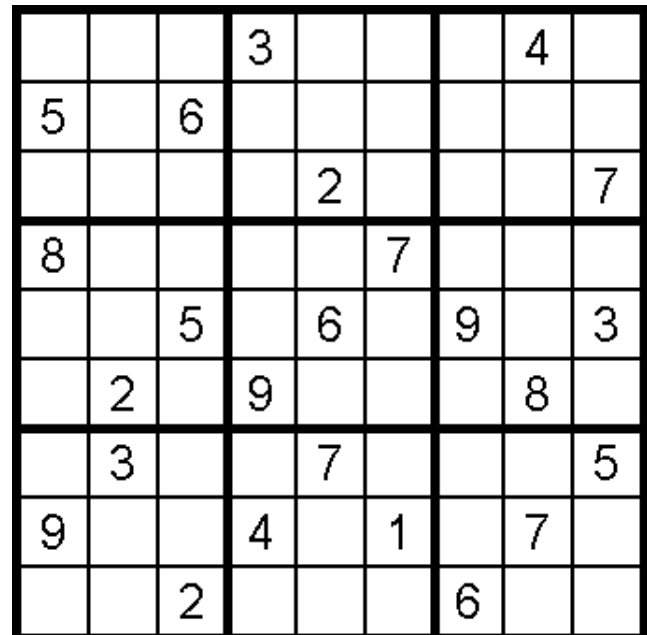
In a large bowl, whisk together the ricotta, eggs, sugar, honey, lemon zest and orange zest.

Pour batter into the greased pan and sprinkle the top of cake with ground cinnamon.

Bake for 1 hour, or until the tip of a knife inserted halfway into the cake comes out clean.

Remove cake from the oven and let it completely cool before removing it from the pan.

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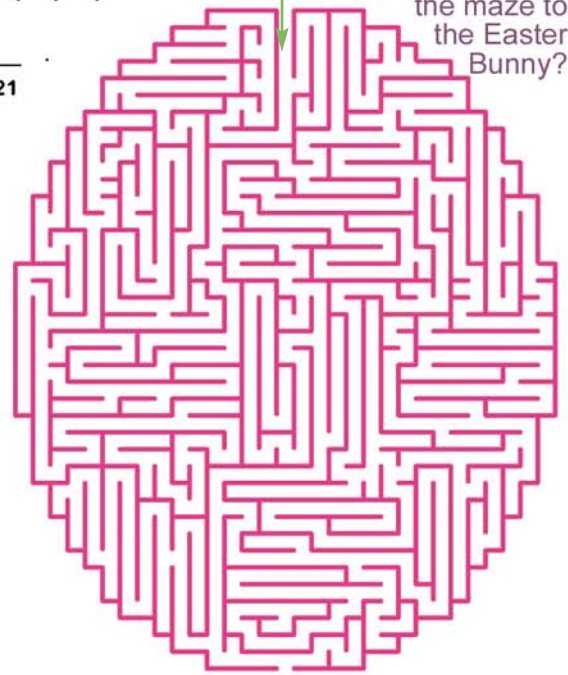
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START

Can you find your way through the maze to the Easter Bunny?



Kids' Easter Fun Page

- L. Comando

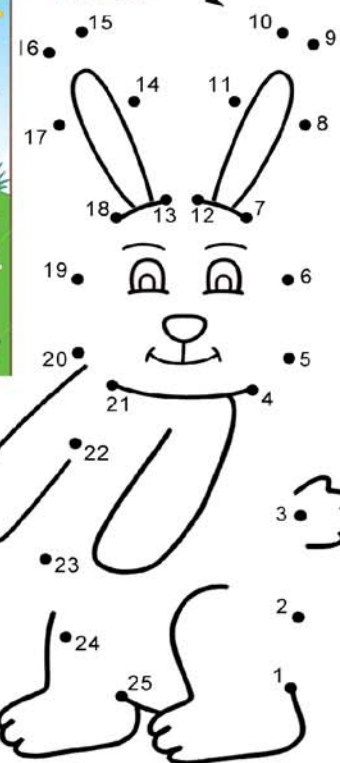


Can you find at least 5 differences between the two pictures?



Follow the dots to find the Easter Bunny.

FINISH



Cryptogram Key

Easter Wordsearch



- BUNNY
- EGGS
- CHICK
- JELLYBEAN
- PEEPS
- LAMB
- BASKET
- SPRING
- FLOWER
- EASTER
- BONNET
- SUNDAY
- GRASS
- CANDY
- HUNT
- DYE

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING,
BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AT GRAHAMSVILLE
TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK**

MARCH 17, 2023

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 9, 2023
At 7:00 P.M. (EDT)**

for the purpose of presenting the school budget for the 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 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 17, 2023. 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 2023, there are three Board seats available which are three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026, for seats currently held by the following Board of Education members:

Patrick Kelly
Randall McGregor
Keith Stryker

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 9, 2023, 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 10, 2023, and Thursday, May 11, 2023, 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 11, 2023, 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 16, 2023. 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 20, 2023. 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 20, 2023. 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 21, 2023. Completed military ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023 in order to be counted. (Contd. Pg. 19)

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee Ballots must be applied for unless the 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 9, 2023) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 15, 2023), 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. A list of all persons to whom absentee voter ballots have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the District Office until the day of the election. 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 be advised that due to the ongoing and dynamic nature of the response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the dates and procedures relating to school elections may be subject to change pursuant to the Governor's executive authority or through legislative enactments.

By order of the Board of Education
Norma Pena, District Clerk
Dated: March 17, 2023

4/6; 4/13; 4/20; 4/27

**District Openings
Tri-Valley Central School**

School Monitors (FT & PT)

Please forward resumes & Tri-Valley's application
(located at www.trivalleycsd.org) by **Apr 30th**
To: tri-valley-recruitment@scbores.org
Attn: Monitor Search EOE

4/6; 4/13; 4/20; 4/27

**District Opening
Tri-Valley Central School**

**Buildings & Grounds
Maintenance Worker**

One year of experience in a position requiring the use of standard hand tools in a mechanical or construction trade or in grounds maintenance. Possession of valid Driver's License required.

Please forward resumes & Tri-Valley's application
(located at www.trivalleycsd.org) **Apr 15th**
To: tri-valley-recruitment@scbores.org
Attn: B&G Search EOE

3/30; 4/6

**Tri-Valley Central School District
Board of Education Meeting**

Meeting for **April 11, 2023**
has been **CANCELED**

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Covered Dish Supper
5:30 pm

May 6, 2023
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Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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April 15, 2023
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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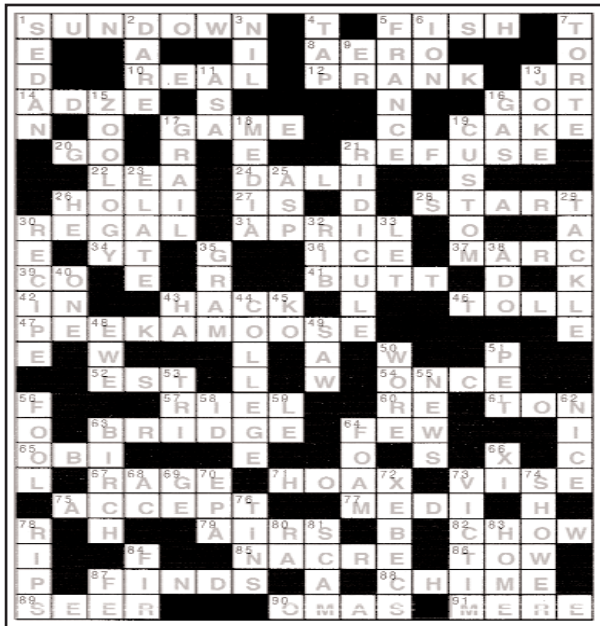
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Ans to last week's Crossword



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GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com—Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

**Sundown
United Methodist Church
Covered Dish Supper
Saturday, May 6, 2023 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall**

*Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale
(Covered Dish Suppers will be held the
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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/5/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
4/11/23	Denning Town Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
4/12/23	Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
4/15/23	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon
4/16/23	Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon
4/18/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
4/20/23	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
4/20/23	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
5/2/23	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
5/3/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
5/6/23	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall

Save the Date!

May 6, 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 3 - April 7, 2023

Monday, April 3

- o **3:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Revolving Loan Fund Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 890 2767 6658
- o **5:00 PM - Health, Human Services & Housing Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:30 PM (or immediately following the Health, Human Services & Housing Committee) - Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, April 4

- o **4:00 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Audit Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 9025 Sonoma Dr, Sacramento, CA, 16 Mercer St., NY, NY, and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 871 8839 7436
- o **4:15 PM (or immediately following the UC EDA Audit Committee) - Special Meeting of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 9025 Sonoma Dr, Sacramento, CA, 16 Mercer St., NY, NY, and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 871 8839 7436
- o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Human Rights Commission**, at the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Wednesday, April 5

- o No Meetings

Thursday, April 6

- o **3:00 PM - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:00 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:00 PM - Charter Revision Commission**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, at 1250 Penbrook Club Dr., Venice, FL, and by videoconferencing, Zoom Meeting ID: 840 4292 4344

Friday, April 7

- o No Meetings

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Ag District Admission Applications Now Being Accepted by Sullivan County Ag District 4 Undergoing Required Review, as Well

Monticello, NY - For those who want to include their property in one of Sullivan County's agricultural districts, now's the time to apply.

From April 1-30, Sullivan County will accept applications to include viable agricultural land into Agricultural District 1 and/or 4. At the same time, the County will conduct its eight-year review of Agricultural District 4.

What Is an Ag District?

Land that is included in a county agricultural district certified by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets becomes eligible for the protections of New York's Right-to-Farm Law, which prohibits the unreasonable restriction of sound agricultural practices.

Since 1971, the creation of certified Agricultural Districts under NYS Agriculture and Markets Law has been important to the State- and county-level efforts to preserve, protect, and encourage the development and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food and other agricultural products.

How to Apply for Inclusion

During the month of April, Sullivan County will accept applications from property owners seeking to be included in Agricultural District 1 (which includes lands in the towns of Bethel, Callicoon, Cocheton, Delaware, Fremont, Forestburgh, Liberty, Thompson and Tusten) and 4 (which includes lands in the towns of Bethel, Highland, Fallsburg, Forestburgh, Liberty, Lumberland, Mamakating, Neversink, Rockland, Thompson and Tusten, and the villages of Bloomingburg and Wurtsboro).

The Eight-Year Review of District 4

Agricultural districts are required to be reviewed by the County and recertified by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for agricultural viability every eight years. During the review process, landowners can elect to have their land remain in the district, remove their land from the district, or request to add land to the district. (Please note that while land can be added to an agricultural district each year, land can only be removed through the eight-year review process.)

In April, all landowners who are currently enrolled in Sullivan County's Agricultural District 4 will be contacted by mail with a worksheet form to be completed and returned by April 30, 2023. Landowners who want their land to remain in an agricultural district do not need to take any action during the eight-year review.

What Happens After April?

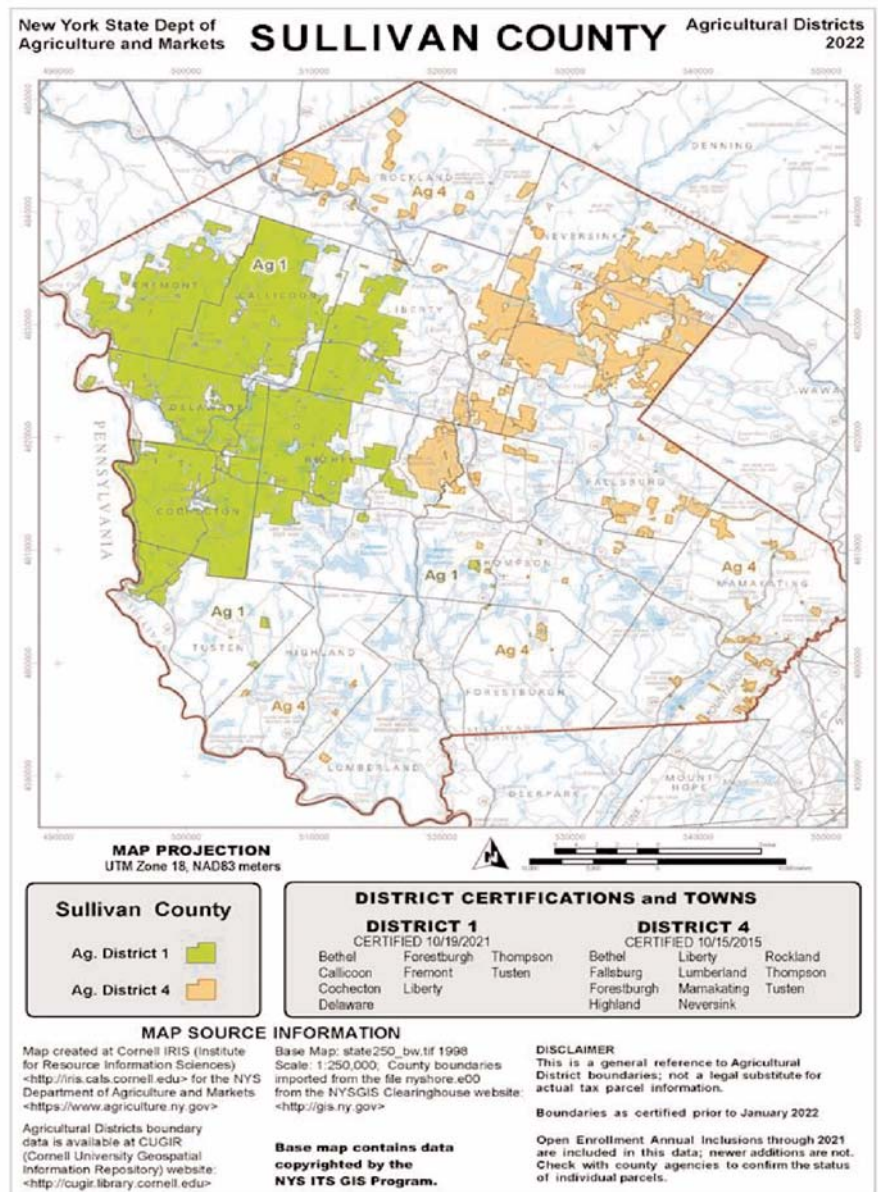
After April 30, the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board will review all applications and make recommendations to the Sullivan County Legislature. The Legislature will conduct separate public hearings for the

Agricultural District 4 eight-year review and the Agricultural District 1 30-day window. Following review and approval by the Legislature, the proposed modification of Agricultural District 4 and the proposed inclusion of land into Agricultural District 1 will be reviewed and certified by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Property owners who wish to be included in either Agricultural District, or who have questions about Agricultural Districts in general, should contact Melinda Meddaugh at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, staff support for the Sullivan County Agricultural and Protection Board, at 845-292-6180 x116 or email mm2592@cornell.edu.

For more information on Agricultural Districts and to review maps of Agriculture District 1 and 4, visit the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County website at: <http://sullivan.vance.org/agriculture/farmland-protection-ag-districts-vs-assessments>.

Maps and applications are available for review at the Division of Planning and Community Development Office, located on the second floor of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. Maps are also available for review at the Sullivan County Clerk's Office and at the town halls for Bethel, Fallsburg, Mamakating and Thompson.



Welcome to the Catskills

(From Pg. 9) Backcountry camping is allowed year-round on state forest preserve lands at designated sites (look for yellow and black "Camp Here" markers) and anywhere below 3500 feet as long as you are at least 150 feet from a waterbody (lake, pond, stream), road or trail.

Backcountry camping for more than three nights, or in a group of ten or more requires a permit from a Forest Ranger. See the Forest Ranger roster for Ulster and Sullivan Counties or the Forest Ranger roster for Delaware and Greene Counties.

Campfires are allowed below 3500 feet in elevation. Use only dead or downed wood.

Campgrounds: Seven of the DEC campgrounds in the Catskills are closed for camping for the season. The campgrounds remain open for day uses such as hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and ice fishing. The campground parking lots at Mongaup Pond, Woodland Valley, and Kenneth L Wilson are open.

DEC Backcountry Regulations

There are regulations and quarantines which apply to the transportation of firewood that have been put in place to prevent the spread of invasive insects and tree disease.

Special use regulations are in effect for the Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor, including the Blue Hole, in the Town of Denning, Ulster County.

See all State land camping and hiking rules; Stay Safe: Respect Others and Protect the Environment; Backcountry hiking trails can be rugged and rough. Keep in mind that wilderness conditions can change suddenly; Properly prepare to ensure that you have a safe hiking experience; Hiking safety for all seasons; Always practice Leave No Trace principles (leaves DEC's website) to minimize your impacts on the natural resources and others.

Dealing with bears: Be aware that you may encounter black bears while hiking in the Catskills. The use of bear-resistant food canisters is recommended, but not required. Hanging your food between trees at least 15 feet above the ground is also effective.

Use **Fire safety when camping.**

Access to NYC DEP Lands in the Catskill Forest Preserve

Hiking, fishing, hunting, trapping and boating are allowed on some of NYC Department of Environmental Protection's DEP watershed lands that are marked with DEP signs stating "Entry by Permit" or "Public Access Area."

A free DEP Access Permit is required for areas marked "Entry by Permit". You can get your Access Permit online (leaves DEC's website) and print it out for immediate use. Access permits are good for five years.

To help outdoor enthusiasts find access to the City's lands and waters, DEP has developed an interactive mapping tool (leaves DEC's website) that provides information on the size, location, topography, and allowable uses at each recreation site in the Hudson Valley and Catskills.

Hiking: Allowed at Public Access areas and at other upland watershed lands with a valid access permit

Fishing: Allowed on the Schoharie, Ashokan, Neversink, Rondout, Cannonsville and Pepacton Reservoirs with DEP access permit and DEC fishing license. All boats must be steam cleaned and registered with the NYC DEP.

Non-motorized boating: Canoes, kayaks, row boats and sail boats are allowed on the Schoharie, Cannonsville, Pepacton and Neversink reservoirs from Memorial Day through Columbus Day with a DEP access permit. All boats must be steam-cleaned before use in the reservoirs.

Hunting and Trapping: Allowed on most Public Access areas and "Entry by Permit" areas in season, with NYC DEP access permit and appropriate license from DEC.

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

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/120094.html>

For Sundown Wild Forest go to:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/75346.html>

Hike Smart NY <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/28708.html>

National Weather Service

<https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=42.0842&lon=-74.3166#.YrXXCm4pAWq>

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

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

Sullivan Steps Up in Health Rankings

County Rises from 61st to 60th in New York State

Liberty, NY - According to the latest Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (RWJF's) County Health Rankings and Roadmap report, Sullivan County has jumped from 61st out of 62 counties to 60.

"While 60th is not something to celebrate, I was very encouraged to see that we improved our results or stayed steady on 25 different metrics," observed Sullivan County Health & Human Services Commissioner John Liddle.

Released today to the public, 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 for Sullivan County can be found at

<https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/explore-health-rankings/new-york/sullivan?year=2023>

"This year's data reveals that while Sullivan County's health continues to be challenged by many factors, there is reason for optimism," Liddle noted. "We saw modest improvements in a variety of measures, including clinical care statistics, healthier behaviors, and social determinants of health, such as employment, air quality and access to exercise opportunities. That said, we have issues to confront, and we are doing so."

"Premature death of young adults, especially due to drug overdose, continues to hurt our overall health as a community," said Acting Public Health Director Karen Holden. "The prevalence of illicit fentanyl, not just on its own but mixed in with other drugs, is incredibly dangerous and far too easy to access."

The RWJF rankings regarding overdose deaths are based on a rolling three-year average, and this year's number consolidated reporting from 2018-2020 - 2020 was, by far, the worst year for opioid deaths in the County since data has been regularly recorded.

"We did see a significant decrease in overdose deaths in 2021, and preliminary data from 2022 suggests that we stayed on the right track, so we should see improvements in these statistics in future rankings," explained Holden. "At the same time, while we are getting better at preventing deaths with Narcan and harm-reduction methods for those not ready to enter treatment, opioid overdoses do not appear to be decreasing. As the potency of fentanyl and related drugs increase, we could easily lose the progress we've made. That's why our Drug Task Force actively incorporates leaders of multiple local agencies engaged in this effort, and continuing that work is vital."

"The other particularly troublesome statistic was a 7% increase in child poverty versus last year. This year's number is based on 2021 data, so the pandemic impacts on our local tourism industry - including the large number of folks who couldn't participate in the workforce because they had to stay home or could not find affordable childcare - likely were the driving force behind the increase," Liddle said. "Nevertheless, this is something we're going to take a close look at with State and local partners to ensure this does not turn into a longer-term trend. Among many efforts to that end, I volunteered last year to become a member of the New York State Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council and have been assigned to the Council's Housing Committee."

The County's Department of Social Services and local agencies who work on providing affordable housing have also helped to bring \$11 million in housing assistance to Sullivan since the

Emergency Rental Assistance Program opened, with more help on the way through the County's own new Rental Assistance Program, plus more supportive housing services from the County's Planning Division, Land Bank and key local partners like Catholic Charities, Access: Supports for Living, Rehabilitation Support Services, and Action Toward Independence.

"Perhaps most importantly, we've taken massive steps forward in the collaboration between Child and Adult Protective Services, Maternal Child Health providers in our Public Health Department, and community partners like Sullivan 180 and Cornell Cooperative Extension to break the cycle of poverty and strengthen families," Liddle added.

"With employment recovering well from pandemic losses and the effort being put into post-secondary education, rail trails, and all of the other work already mentioned, there is definitely reason to be optimistic about the future," he concluded. "We have a long way to go, but we appear to be getting on the right track."

33 Outcomes Measured in Sullivan County

Improved in 2023 report vs. 2022 report:

1. Premature death (years of potential life lost)
2. Reports of poor or fair health to primary care providers
3. Reported poor physical health days
4. Adult smoking
5. Adult obesity
6. Food Environment Index (accessibility of healthy food)

7. Physical activity

8. Access to exercise opportunities
9. Alcohol-impaired driving deaths
10. Sexually-transmitted infections
11. Ratio of population to primary care providers
12. Ratio of population to mental health providers
13. Number of preventable hospital stays
14. Flu vaccinations
15. Unemployment
16. Air pollution
17. Driving alone to work
18. Driving alone w/long commute

Steady:

1. Reported poor mental health days
2. Low birthweight
3. Percentage of population uninsured
4. High school graduation rate
5. Number of deaths by way of injury (traffic accidents, suicide, homicide, overdose, drowning, etc.)
6. Drinking water violations reported
7. Severe housing problems (rent burden)

Worsened:

1. Excessive drinking
2. Teen births
3. Ratio of population to dental care providers
4. Mammogram screening
5. Participation in post-secondary education
6. Income inequality
7. Children in single-parent households
8. Participation in social associations

Governor Hochul Announces New "I Love NY" Tourism Partnership with New York Yankees and New York Mets on Opening Day

New Campaign Will Highlight New York's Baseball Legacy and Will Encourage Fans to Plan a Baseball-Themed Getaway

Attractions and Events Highlighted at iloveny.com/baseball

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a new travel and tourism partnership between I LOVE NY, the New York Yankees and the New York Mets, celebrating the start of the 2023 Major League Baseball season. I LOVE NY branded signage will appear in Yankee Stadium and Citi Field this season, and will also be visible during game broadcasts on television. This signage, coupled with digital and social media efforts, will encourage fans to visit iloveny.com/baseball and plan a New York State baseball-themed trip. New York is an ideal destination for baseball fans, and the campaign will showcase all there is to see and do for fans of all ages.

"Nothing says springtime in New York like Opening Day, and we are thrilled to welcome visitors, fans, and spectators from around the world to be a part of our state's baseball legacy," Governor Hochul said. "As the Bronx Bombers and the Amazin' Mets take the field this season, we are proud to work hand in glove with New York's major league teams and help fans take in our state's baseball history, heritage and culture. Thanks to this dynamic I LOVE NY partnership, we will ensure that tourism in New York continues to be a home run."

Baseball has a rich history in New York: it is the official state sport, and home to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown. The Hall of Fame's annual Induction Weekend festivities welcome tens of thousands of fans each summer. New York is where Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color barrier in April 1947, and the new Jackie Robinson Museum in Lower Manhattan pays tribute to his achievements on and off the diamond.

Baseball is also an economic engine for communities throughout the state. Millions of fans from around the world travel to Queens and the Bronx each season to cheer on the Mets and Yankees. New York has six Minor League Baseball teams from Buffalo to Brooklyn, and eight independent league clubs. Countless youth baseball and softball leagues, teams and tournaments bring families from across New York and the Northeast during the summer baseball season, planting the seeds for the next generation of major leaguers.

New York Mets Owner, Chairman and CEO Steve Cohen said, "New York isn't just a baseball town, it's a baseball state. The passion, loyalty and pride that New Yorkers show all season long are a big part of what makes New York the greatest place in the world. We are so excited about the start of the season. Baseball and New York State are on a roll."

New York Yankees President Randy Levine said, "The Yankees take tremendous pride in serving as ambassadors for New York State and welcoming visitors from all 50 states and around the world. As baseball fans know, there is truly nothing like watching a game at Yankee Stadium, which simultaneously honors the past and celebrates the present. So much of our team's success has been a direct result of the exhilarating atmosphere our fans provide at every single game, and we are dedicated to enhancing this experience for every person who walks through our turnstiles. As we head into the 2023 baseball season, we are especially proud to continue these efforts in partnership with the I LOVE NY initiative,

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because that's exactly how we feel about our home state."

Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Hope Knight said, "Baseball means business for New York, as it brings visitors from around the world to the state to celebrate the game they love. This new partnership with the Yankees and Mets will help highlight the special relationship between New York and our national pastime - the legendary locations, epic events, and enduring history - that put the Empire State in a league of its own."

Empire State Development Vice President and Executive Director of Tourism Ross D. Levi said, "New York State is every baseball fan's dream destination, from minor league teams throughout the state, to Yankee Stadium and Citi Field in New York City, to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown - a highlighted stop on every baseball bucket list. I LOVE NY welcomes the start of baseball season and is proud to partner with the state's major league teams to spread the word about New York State as the ultimate baseball destination. We encourage fans from around the world to plan an Empire State baseball vacation and find what they love this summer."

Tourism and travel are vital to New York State's economy. In 2021, the industry generated an economic impact of \$85.5 billion. The tourism and hospitality sector is the state's third largest industry, supporting one in 10 private sector jobs. State and local taxes collected through tourism save every household in the state more than \$1,000 annually.

About New York State

New York State is a premier vacation destination with world-class attractions, picturesque natural beauty, locally sourced cuisine and a booming craft beverage scene, an array of accommodations, and iconic, year-round festivals and events. Its 11 diverse vacation regions feature some of the world's top ranked beaches; two out of America's top three favorite state parks; breathtaking Niagara Falls; more ski areas than any other state; one of the nation's longest foliage seasons; multiple Halls of Fame; North America's longest, fastest and highest zipline; the largest publicly protected area in the contiguous United States; and the country's longest multi-use trail. Add in the state's unique museums, historic landmarks, cultural sites, charming small towns and urban playgrounds, and it's no wonder New York has been consistently chosen as a top getaway by travel publications and experts. To help plan your next New York State vacation, visit [http://www.iloveny.com](https://www.iloveny.com)

Governor Hochul, Majority Leader Schumer, Senator Gillibrand announce NYS will Receive \$100 million in Federal Funding to Expand Broadband Infrastructure and Provide High-quality Internet to 100,000 Underserved Families and Homes Across the Empire State

Funding Comes From American Rescue Plan's \$10 Billion Capital Projects Fund To Bring Fast and Affordable High-Speed Internet to Underserved Communities In Rural and Urban Communities That Lack Critical Service

Hochul, Schumer, Gillibrand: American Rescue Plan Gives Major Boost To Dial Up Efforts To Close The Digital Divide In NYS

Governor Kathy Hochul, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer, and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced that New York State will receive \$100 million in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury through the American Rescue Plan to expand high-speed internet. This is the largest targeted investment in affordable housing connectivity in the nation. New York estimates this funding will allow them to connect 100,000 homes and families to affordable, high-speed internet across the state.

"Affordable, reliable broadband access is essential to connect New Yorkers with work, education, and government services, but still out of reach for far too many families," Governor Hochul said. "This critical funding to unlock high-speed internet for thousands of New York renters will build on the success of our ConnectALL broadband initiative while supporting the goals our five-year plan to build and preserve more affordable housing. Thanks to the Biden administration and New York's Senate and Congressional delegations, New York will continue to lead the nation in bridging the digital divide and making broadband available to all."

Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer said, "\$100 Million in federal funding that I secured in the American Rescue Plan is now on its way to boost high quality internet access for over 100,000 families and homes across New York. Long before the pandemic, communities across Upstate New York, from rural communities to bustling city neighborhoods, have struggled to obtain affordable, high-speed internet service. These federal dollars will go directly towards closing the digital divide, which means connecting communities to good-paying jobs, better healthcare, and higher-quality education in

our schools. I am proud to deliver this major \$100 million investment to provide more equitable broadband accessibility throughout the state and help New Yorkers thrive in today's digital economy."

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand said, "I am proud to announce \$100 million in federal funding that will be used to deliver high-speed internet to thousands upon thousands of families across New York State. During the pandemic, we saw how important high-quality broadband is for business, health care, school, and more. That's why, when we wrote the American Rescue Plan, we included robust funding for broadband delivery, which can create new economic opportunities, raise property values and improve people's life and health outcomes. I'm excited to work with the White House, Leader Schumer and Governor Hochul to get this project moving."

The new federal investment comes from the \$10 billion in the American Rescue Plan's Capital Projects Fund (CPF), a program designed to address the challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly in rural America, Tribal communities, and low- and moderate-income communities. A key priority of the CPF is to make funding available to help ensure that all communities have access to high-quality modern infrastructure, including reliable, affordable high-speed broadband needed to access critical services. New York's Affordable Housing Connectivity Program is a competitive grant program designed to fund high-speed, reliable broadband infrastructure to and within low-income housing buildings. CPF funds will be used to upgrade internet access in affordable housing units. The plan submitted to Treasury and being approved today represents 29 percent of the state's total allocation under the Capital Project Funds program. New York submitted plans for the remainder of their Capital Project Funds and these applications are currently under review by Treasury.

Today's investment is also on top of the historic federal funding secured in the Bipartisan Infrastructure & Jobs Law which included a record \$65 billion for the expansion of high-speed internet to connect the unserved, make internet affordable, and provide resources for digital literacy. Together, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the American Rescue Plan are working in tandem to close the digital divide - providing access to high-speed internet in underserved communities and lowering costs for those who cannot afford it.

This funding builds on the historic federal investments. New York, under Governor Hochul's leadership, has been leading the nation in closing the digital divide. Last year, New York enrolled one million qualifying households in the federal Affordable Connectivity Program, a nationwide subsidy to expand broadband access to low-income households. The federal program, funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, provides discounts of up to \$30 a month toward internet service for eligible low-income households.

In partnership with historic federal broadband funding, Governor Hochul's \$1.2 billion ConnectALL initiative has made significant investments in mapping and data collection; grant programs to support municipal open-access infrastructure, rural broadband projects, and innovative service delivery pilots; broadband upgrades in affordable housing; reforms to streamline deployment and remove regulatory hurdles; and the development of a Statewide Digital Equity Plan and Digital Equity Grant Program. Congress passed the Broadband DATA Act to better show where New Yorker's lacked internet. Last year, the ConnectALL office supplemented the federal FCC broadband data by providing more than 31,000 addresses to help the better address the needs of New York communities unserved or underserved by broadband.

Ramsey Adams and Katherine Nadeau featured in *Politico* Articles

This past week, Mountainkeeper's Executive Director Ramsay Adams, and Deputy Director Katherine Nadeau, were featured in two *Politico* articles covering the Governor's misguided Route 17 highway expansion proposal, as well as concerns over her Cap & Invest climate funding model. For more information go to: <https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2023/03/cap-and-no-trade-emissions-cap-policy-faces-budget-fight-in-new-york-00089225>

In an article published on Wednesday, Ramsay spoke out against the proposed expansion of Route 17. To read the article go to: <https://www.politico.com/news/2023/03/29/schumer-highway-expansion-angers-environmentalists-00089299>

The proposal runs counter to the CLCPA-NY State's leading Climate Law-which calls for aggressive action to cut greenhouse gas emissions 85 percent from 1990 levels by 2050. Ramsay emphasized the clear disagreement between the state's goals to curb emissions and the massive highway expansion project, saying "We're spending a billion dollars on 47 miles of highway expansion that don't need it, pumping an additional 2 million tons of greenhouse gasses into the air through 2050".

Catskill Mountainkeeper and our allies understand the importance of protecting environmental and public health in the Catskills, and we're urging policymakers to consider alternative transportation solutions that prioritize sustainability and the well-being of New York communities.

And in an article published on Tuesday, Katherine Nadeau, Catskill Mountainkeeper's Deputy Director and NY Renews (NYR) Steering Committee Member, supported NYR in calling on Governor Kathy Hochul to prohibit emissions trading in her Cap & Invest funding model. Emissions trading has led to pollution 'hot spots' in disadvantaged communities in California, where a similar model has been implemented. To read the article go to:

<https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2023/03/cap-and-no-trade-emissions-cap-policy-faces-budget-fight-in-new-york-00089225>

Mountainkeeper also stood with NY Renews and more than 400 concerned citizens and activists in Albany this week to advocate for funding on the Climate Jobs and Justice Package-a crucial component of the CLCPA-to be included in the Governor's budget for 2023.

Weren't able to make it? Check out a video on our Instagram page to get a sense of this powerful day. We are so grateful for your support as we continue working to achieve environmental justice for our rural communities and beyond. Go to: https://www.instagram.com/reel/CqYqTgGQPDq/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

Mud Season in The Catskills

Mud season is in early-to-mid spring when the snowpack is melting or has just melted, and when trails are at their most saturated. In early spring, mud season presents certain challenges for outdoor recreation. Muddy trails are more susceptible to erosion so it is important to walk in the middle of the trail to prevent further trail damage as well as damage to fragile plants surrounding the area. Mud season often coincides with rising temperatures, drawing more visitors to the trails at a time when they are at heightened fragility.

Trekking poles are helpful, especially on muddy trails. They



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help keep your balance and minimize falls. It is recommended to use rubber tips on the poles to prevent loosening the soil and accelerating erosion on trails. It is important to keep your feet dry and comfortable by wearing waterproof boots, socks, and ankle gaiters.

Conditions at trailheads may be different from what you'll find further up the trail. Temperatures may be warm and the ground dry where you start out, but further up the trail you may encounter deep snow, ice, and cold temperatures. In the higher elevations, temperatures can be 20-25 degrees lower, with wind chills below freezing. Rain at the trailhead may be falling as snow or sleet in the higher elevations. Mud season is the right season to fill your pack with gear and clothing you think you may not need at the trailhead, but will be glad you have elsewhere on the trail. Better to have such gear and equipment and not use it than need it and not have it. In the latter case, hey, you hiked with extra weight and gained some fitness!

o Plan Ahead and Prepare - Make sure to check the Catskills trail conditions before you leave the house. Wear hiking boots or footwear that can get wet and muddy, and which will keep you safe.

o Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces - This applies year round, but ESPECIALLY during mud season, make sure you're hiking on professionally constructed/Department of Environmental Conservation trails. Avoid herdpaths and the 'trailless peaks'. Mountainbikers - take mud season off! Bikes can really damage ecosystems during this fragile time of year.

o Dispose of Waste Properly - Always. The Catskill Park is a NYS Forest Preserve--there aren't trash or toilet facilities at most trailheads. Plan ahead, and plan to pack out what you packed in.

o Leave What You Find - Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints. And during mud season, leave those footprints IN the mud pit. Do not widen trails by walking around mud--when you encounter mud, tromp right through it.

o Minimize Campfire Impacts - Like Smoky said... Only you can prevent forest fires.

o Respect Wildlife - Seriously. Wildlife is, well, wild. Stay away.

o Be Considerate of Others - Life is hard enough. Be kind to everyone on the trail.

Governor Hochul Announces \$50 Million Preclinical Drug Discovery “Lab of the Future” in New York City

Automation, Artificial Intelligence, and Machine Learning Will Facilitate Faster, More Effective and More Efficient Drug Discovery for Life Science Companies

Lab Will Help Reverse a Decades-Long Trend of Outsourcing Critical Drug Discovery Research and Enhance New York's Domestic Capabilities and Capacity

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the establishment of a \$50 million pilot "Lab of the Future" in Midtown Manhattan that will rely on automation, artificial intelligence, and machine learning to make the preclinical drug discovery process faster, more data-driven and cost-effective. The laboratory will be developed by Deerfield Discovery and Development, a Deerfield Management Company subsidiary, and the project is supported by a \$25 million Empire State Development grant. The new lab will enable New York State to leverage the commercial potential of these advanced technologies and further build the state's life science ecosystem.

"This investment in Deerfield's Lab of the Future will help our state secure its standing as a hub for growth, innovation, and breakthroughs in the life sciences and help return vital drug research back to the United States," Governor Hochul said. "Deerfield's life-saving clinical research and advanced drug discoveries will fuel business activity, grow and strengthen our workforce, and bring the next generation of medicine to New York State. Support for the life sciences is critical to building a modern economy, and my administration remains committed to boosting the key industries and job creators that will move New York forward."

Managing Partner of Deerfield Management and Cure® Founder James Flynn said, "Today marks a major step forward for the New York life sciences community, and we are incredibly thankful for the support of Governor Hochul and Empire State Development. The Lab of the Future expects to bring new and transformative technological capabilities to early-stage drug discovery efforts at an unprecedented scale. We are excited by the potential of this initiative to enable meaningful scientific progress and fuel economic opportunity."

The pilot lab will occupy approximately 6,000 square feet of Deerfield's Cure® innovation campus in New York City. A critical component of the lab is the accumulation, synthesis and analysis of the enormous amounts of scientific research data that will serve as the underpinning of an expanding artificial intelligence database needed to facilitate a more efficient drug discovery process.

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ESD's \$25 million grant will support costs to develop laboratory automation, predictive drug design algorithms, talent acquisition, scientific supplies, software, and initial operating costs. Upon successful completion of the lab and five-year grant, Deerfield has committed to replicating the synthesis, screening and software services through a full-scale company in New York State. The lab is expected to eventually serve as a drug-discovery resource for large and small biopharma companies, encouraging the growth of New York's life science ecosystem by attracting other innovation-driven life science companies, while supporting the training and development of a skilled workforce.

The Lab of the Future will help bring vital medical discovery work back to the U.S. and reverse an increase in drug discovery and development outsourcing - primarily to China and India - that impacts domestic capabilities and capacity. The negative impact of outsourcing was magnified during the COVID-19 pandemic, when the dependence on foreign countries for essential drug discovery services and capabilities was realized. By making early research more efficient, the Lab also will make it more affordable, catalyzing innovation in the biopharma industry.

The lab's long-term economic benefits include providing many of the research services that biopharma companies need for early drug identification and development efforts and will be well-positioned to overcome supply-chain disruptions. Additionally, the lab will offer the benefits of efficiency, quality, and intellectual property protection to encourage in-state businesses to utilize this facility. (Contd. Pg. 32)

Governor Hochul Announces \$50 Million Preclinical Drug Discovery “Lab of the Future” in New York City

(From Pg. 31) Chief Executive Officer of Deerfield Discovery and Development Michael Foley, Ph.D. said, "The Lab of the Future seeks to enable faster and more efficient drug discovery efforts through use of the latest advancements in artificial intelligence, machine learning, and robotics. This investment from Governor Hochul's Administration and Deerfield will also allow critical steps in the drug development to take place in the U.S., improving our capabilities on a global scale, along with New York's presence in this market."

The life sciences sector encompasses the fields of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, biomedical technologies and life systems technologies. It includes organizations and institutions that devote the majority of their efforts to the various stages of research, development, technology transfer and commercialization. Every day, firms in this sector are developing new medical and pharmaceutical breakthroughs that have the potential to save lives, while making significant advancements in agriculture and environmental biotechnologies that help promote a cleaner and more sustainable future.

New York State enacted a \$620 million initiative to spur the growth of a world-class life sciences research cluster in New York, as well as expand the state's ability to commercialize this research and grow the economy. This multi-faceted initiative, includes \$320 million for strategic programs that attract new life science technologies to the state, promote critical public and private sector investment emerging life science fields and create and expand life science-related businesses and employment throughout New York.

Empire State Development has played a substantial role in the overall growth of the life science ecosystem and in elevating the State's profile as a leading life science investment destination. In the five years since it began, New York State's Life Science Initiative has directly contributed to building the sector in several ways: generated \$1.5 billion of additional investment, encouraged 17 new life science companies to locate in New York State, and created more than 540 jobs.

Assemblymember Harvey Epstein said, "New York City has a reputation for innovation which makes it a natural home for the Lab of the Future. Enhancing and accelerating the drug discovery process has obvious benefits and I hope the scientific advancements made in the lab, helped by our investment, will be accessible to all who stand to benefit from them."

About Empire State Development

Empire State Development (ESD) is New York's chief economic development agency. The mission of ESD is to promote a vigorous and growing economy, encourage the creation of new job and economic opportunities, increase revenues to the State and its municipalities, and achieve stable and diversified local economies. Through the use of loans, grants, tax credits and other forms of financial assistance, ESD strives to enhance private business investment and growth to spur job creation and support prosperous communities across New York State. ESD is also the primary administrative agency overseeing the New York State Regional Economic Development Councils and the marketing of "I LOVE NY," the State's iconic tourism brand. For more information on Regional Councils and Empire State Development, please visit www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov and www.esd.ny.gov.

About Deerfield Management Company

Deerfield is an investment management firm committed to advancing healthcare through investment, information and philanthropy. The Firm works across the healthcare ecosystem to connect people, capital, ideas and technology in bold, collaborative and inclusive ways. For more information, visit www.deerfield.com.

Gillibrand Announces Bipartisan Bill to Fight Military Hunger in the 2023 Farm Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, chair of the Senate Armed Services Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee and member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, announced support for the bipartisan Military Family Nutrition Access Act and her intention to include it in the 2023 Farm Bill. The bill would exclude Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) - a type of military compensation used to cover the costs of off-base housing - from income calculations that determine Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility. This change would ensure that SNAP is in line with other federal assistance programs that already exclude BAH in eligibility calculations, such as Head Start, the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.

Currently, 24% of service members experience food insecurity, posing a threat to military readiness and national security. Junior enlisted face the highest risk.

"Nearly one-in-four active duty service members experience low food security, making them more likely to face hunger than people in the general population-it's wrong and it's unacceptable," said Senator Gillibrand. "The problem stems from the fact that when SNAP calculates eligibility for SNAP benefits, it is counting Basic Allowance for Housing as income, despite the fact that housing vouchers are not counted for the civilian population. The bipartisan Military Family Nutrition Access Act would correct this injustice and exclude BAH from income calculations, enabling more military families to qualify for SNAP assistance. I plan on including this important legislation in the 2023 Farm Bill because in the richest country in the world, no one should face hunger-especially our service members."

Fighting hunger has been a cornerstone of Senator Gillibrand's career. As a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, she is pushing to include several provisions to boost SNAP benefits and address hunger in the 2023 Farm Bill. Regarding military hunger specifically, she cosponsored the Military Hunger Prevention Act, which created the Basic Needs Allowance program to aid military families struggling with hunger in the Fiscal Year 2022 NDAA, and voted in favor of a provision that was included in the Fiscal Year 2023 NDAA to increase the income limit on Basic Needs Allowance eligibility from 130% to 150% of the federal poverty line. During a Senate Armed Services Hearing in March 2023, Senator Gillibrand secured a commitment from Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to implement that increase months ahead of schedule.

The Military Family Nutrition Access Act is led in the Senate by U.S. Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and is supported by more than a dozen senators.

Governor Hochul Announces Availability of \$3.3 Million for Programs to Connect New Yorkers with Addiction Services

- *'Connections to Care' Initiative Designed to Connect Underserved Populations to Addiction Services and Critical Supports*
- *Grants Are the Latest Provided Through New York State's Opioid Settlement Fund*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the availability of \$2.2 million through the state's Opioid Settlement Fund to help connect vulnerable New Yorkers to addiction services and other critical supports. Administered by the state Office of Addiction Services and Supports, the "Connections to Care" initiative will provide up to 11 grants for eligible providers to connect individuals in high-need and underserved populations to the services that will support long-term substance use disorder recovery and overall well-being.

"Part of our all-hands-on-deck approach to the addiction and overdose epidemic is to ensure all New Yorkers battling substance use disorder have access to the critical services that can support them on the path to recovery," Governor Hochul said. "These grants will help bridge the gap between those in our most vulnerable and marginalized populations and the lifesaving services that can help them overcome addiction."

OASAS Commissioner Chinazo Cunningham said, "We continue to focus on reaching high-need individuals, who may face increased barriers to accessing care for addiction. This funding will allow us to better connect them to comprehensive medical services to support their overall health and wellness, as well as link them to other services that are vital to recovery."

The initiative will provide up to 11 awards of \$200,000 to support harm reduction, physical and behavioral health services, along with other supports, including connections to transportation, supportive housing programs, and legal services. Services through this initiative may be provided by peers, case managers, or clinical staff, either through telehealth or in person.

Target populations for these services include pregnant or postpartum women; transitional youth or individuals between the age of 18 and 25; individuals 55 or older; and those diagnosed with or suspected of having a traumatic brain injury or a developmental disability. The services are also aimed at assisting individuals returning to the community from incarceration and those transitioning from stabilization and withdrawal services or inpatient rehabilitation services.

Funding will be awarded through a request for applications process. Eligibility details are outlined in the request for applications.

State Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said, "Connecting individuals with mental health and substance use issues to services is absolutely critical, especially for individuals in high-needs and underserved regions. This funding, and the connections to care they support, will help eliminate obstacles to healthcare so more people can get the treatment and services they need to make their way on the road to recovery."

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

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

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

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Governor Hochul Announces Availability of \$3.3 Million for Programs to Connect New Yorkers with Addiction Services

(From Pg. 33) Governor Hochul was a member of the New York State Heroin and Opioid Task Force, which in 2016, recommended new, non-traditional services, including recovery centers, youth clubhouses, expanded peer services, and open access centers, which provide immediate assessments and referrals to care. These services have since been established in numerous communities around the state and have helped people in need access care closer to where they live.

OASAS oversees one of the nation's largest systems of care for substance use disorder, with approximately 1,700 prevention, treatment and recovery programs serving more than 731,000 individuals per year. This includes the direct operation of 12 addiction treatment centers, where doctors, nurses, and clinical staff provide inpatient and residential services to approximately 8,000 individuals per year.

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

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

If you, or a loved one, have experienced insurance obstacles related to treatment or need help filing an appeal for a denied claim, contact the CHAMP helpline by phone at 888-614-5400 or email at ombuds@oasas.ny.gov.

Attorney General James Ends Harmful Labor Practices at Largest U.S. Title Insurance Company

***Fidelity National Financial, Inc. to Pay \$3.5
Million for Having Illegal "No Poach"
Agreements with Competitors***

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced an agreement to end anti-worker practices by the nation's largest title insurance company, Fidelity National Financial, Inc. (Fidelity). An investigation by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) discovered that Fidelity and its competitors entered into illegal no-poach agreements where they would not solicit each other's employees, reducing competition and therefore wages and

opportunities for workers. As a result of today's agreement, Fidelity will terminate any existing no-poach agreements, pay the state \$3.5 million, and cooperate with OAG's ongoing investigations in the industry.

"New York has always been a place for individuals to achieve their dreams, but when companies illegally collude to deny workers the opportunity to pursue better jobs, they hamper those dreams," said Attorney General James. "New Yorkers deserve fair pay for their hard work and experience in their fields, and their career growth should never be threatened by a company's desire to save money on wages. My office will continue standing up for workers' rights by stopping no-poach agreements and holding companies accountable for their bad actions."

Fidelity issues title insurance policies either directly through its own agency or through independent title insurance agencies. Direct agents and independent agencies are competitors in the labor market and should be able to compete for employees on the basis of salaries, benefits, and career opportunities. Fidelity's no-poach policies with other companies prevented that from happening. The OAG's investigation concluded that Fidelity entered into no poach agreements with other title insurance companies, and that these agreements effectively reduced career opportunities and wages for workers. Today's agreement ends Fidelity's no poach agreements and requires the company to pay \$3.5 million to the state and cooperate with OAG's ongoing investigations in the industry.

This agreement continues Attorney General James' work to stop unlawful no-poach agreements that stifle both competition and careers. In February 2023, Attorney General James stopped Affordable Senior Care from preventing patients and their caregivers from choosing the provider of their choice, building on a December 2022 agreement with Marks Homecare Agency over the same issue. Also in December 2022, Attorney General James ended the use of no-poach agreements by Stewart Title Guaranty Corporation, one of the largest underwriters of title insurance in the country. In July 2022, Attorney General James ended no-poach agreements by two other top title insurance companies, AmTrust and First Nationwide. In September 2021, Attorney General James ended no-poach agreements by another top national title insurer, Old Republic National Title. In March 2019, Attorney General James and a coalition of attorneys general entered into an agreement with four national fast food franchisors – 'Dunkin', Arby's, Five Guys, and Little Caesars – that ended their use of "no-poach" agreements.

This matter was handled by Senior Enforcement Counsel Bryan Bloom, Assistant Attorney General Michael Schwartz, and Deputy Bureau Chief Amy McFarlane, under the supervision of Bureau Chief Elinor Hoffmann - all of the Antitrust Bureau. The Antitrust Bureau is a part of the Division for Economic Justice, which is overseen by Chief Deputy Attorney General Chris D'Angelo and First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

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



All Vendors are wanted!

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

When: Saturday, August 26th, 2023

Rain or Shine

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

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

Setup start time: 8 AM

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

Regulations for Sellers:

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

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

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



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Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 26th, 2023

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: _____

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

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Description of Merchandise: _____

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

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

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

Pavilion: _____ Inside the building: _____

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

Signature of vendor: _____ Date: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(If your child attended the Tri-Valley UPK program in the 2021-2022 school year they do
not need to register for Kindergarten)



UPK Registration

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

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

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

DEC Commissioner Seggos and Attorney General James Sue 29 Companies for Illegal Dumping in Ulster County Waste Haulers and Brokers Illegally Dumped More Than 3,000 Truckloads of Construction Waste from NYC at Site in Saugerties

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos and New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced a lawsuit against 29 waste haulers and brokers for illegally dumping waste at a site in Saugerties, Ulster County. The companies repeatedly violated state law by transporting more than 3,000 truckloads of construction and demolition (C&D) waste originating from the New York City metropolitan area to the site in Saugerties, which was only authorized to accept waste from Ulster and Dutchess Counties. With this lawsuit, Attorney General James seeks full disgorgement of all revenues and profits gained from this illegal activity, and potentially millions of dollars in penalties.

"Rather than bring their solid waste to local facilities that were authorized to accept it, Joseph Karolys and dozens of hauling accomplices chose instead to treat the waste illegally, dump it in violation of our stringent environmental laws, and then not address the consequences. DEC is working closely with the Attorney General to hold these polluters responsible and uphold our solid waste requirements that protect public health and the environment," said DEC Commissioner Seggos.

"We have environmental and solid waste laws in New York for a reason: to protect our land, our water, and our people," said Attorney General James. "By ignoring these laws and repeatedly dumping construction waste where they were not permitted, these 29 companies threatened our natural resources and risked health and safety of New Yorkers in Ulster County. My office remains committed to aggressively enforcing our environmental protection laws and holding those who violate them fully accountable."

In June 2020, Commissioner Seggos and Attorney General James filed a lawsuit against Joseph Karolys, the owner and operator of the Saugerties dump site, for repeatedly accepting the C&D waste from the 29 haulers and brokers named in today's lawsuit, in flagrant violation of New York's solid waste and water pollution laws. In tandem with that action, DEC and the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) commenced an investigation into the various companies that brought waste to the Karolys site in Saugerties. The investigation revealed that over a period of three years, 29 waste transporters and waste brokers unlawfully caused over 3,000 loads - approximately 100,000 cubic yards - of C&D waste to be transported from multiple construction sites in New York City and Long Island to the site, which was not authorized to receive solid waste from outside Ulster and Dutchess counties.

C&D waste from highly urbanized areas like New York City is more likely to be contaminated with petroleum or hazardous substances than waste material from less urbanized areas. Despite the fact that there are sites and facilities in or near New York City where these companies could have lawfully delivered this waste, the haulers named in today's lawsuit instead chose to deliver to the Karolys site, which is located about two to three hours north of the pick-up location. The suit alleges that their willingness to travel from the New York City metropolitan area to Saugerties just to dump these loads suggests they knew that Karolys was

unlawfully accepting these materials at his site. Karolys also charged these companies a fee that was much lower than what any legitimate facility in the New York City area would charge, and the suit further alleges that as a result, the haulers knew that Karolys was running an illegal business.

For the wrongdoing alleged in the lawsuit, Commissioner Seggos and Attorney General James are seeking full disgorgement of all revenues, profits, and gains derived from the illegal activity, and millions of dollars in statutory penalties for violations of state law.

The 29 companies named in the suit, along with their owners and/or operators, are: AGP Industries LLC; American Recycling Management LLC; Atlas Roll-Off Corp.; B&A Trucking Corp.; DNA Transport, LLC; Dynamic Environmental Contractors, Inc.; E&E Commercial Corp.; ECC Trucking Corp.; Finest Materials LLC; H&P Industries Inc.; IEV Industries Corp.; J & D Carrying & Construction Corp.; J.B. Trucking of NY Inc.; James DePietro Enterprises LLC; JK Concrete Ready Mix Inc.; JR's Premium Trucking, Inc.; K.D.E. Trucking Corp.; La Americana Car Service, LLC d/b/a La Americana Trucking; Logan Trucking, Inc.; Modern Leasing, Inc.; Northside Industries LLC; P.J. Logistics, Inc.; Richmond Construction Inc.; River Transportation Services Inc.; T. & R. Construction Corp.; Tully Environmental Inc.; Vigorous Industries Inc.; Way Trucking Corp.; and Zewel Transfer LLC

This matter is being handled for DEC by Regional Attorney Ashley Johnson and Regional Materials Management Engineer David Pollock.

For OAG, this matter is being handled by Assistant Attorneys General Marie Chery-Sekhobo, Brendan McGrath, and Rachel Kish, and Affirmative Section Chief Morgan Costello, under the supervision of Environmental Protection Bureau Chief Lemuel M. Srolovic. The Environmental Protection Bureau is a part of the Division for Social Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Meghan Faux and overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

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RESOURCE DAY

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ATI and other agencies will be providing on-site application assistance for primary heating improvement, heating replacement, home winter weatherization, replacement of windows, food storage appliances repair/replacement (refrigerators or freezer) and home efficiency related repairs for owners and renters of the Town of Fallsburg community.

Veterans are strongly encouraged to attend!

Sunday
April

30TH

From 11am -4pm

At the
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12 Laurel Dr
South Fallsburg NY



for more information call The Office of
the Town Supervisor, Kathy Rappaport

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Alyssa Kelly at (845) 807-4171**

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— Erin Brawley, 2022 Town of Thompson Intern

If you're a Sullivan County resident ages 16-20, you're eligible to be a Sullivan 180 intern! Pay starts at \$14.20 per hour.

To apply to become a Sullivan 180 intern, contact Anne-Louise Scandariato at 845.295.2405 or Anne-Louise@Sullivan180.org.



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- Free Cookie Decorating with Gigi Java & Cookies by Chik's Sweetery
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Join us for a birding walk on our local Canal Tow Path Trails.

The event is co-hosted by the Orange County Audubon Society and will be led by Dr. Walter Jahn.

The group will meet at the library before proceeding to the trail. Registration is required. Register at mamakatinglibrary.org or by calling 845-888-8004

Details:
When: Saturday April 1st at 1:00pm
Where: Mamakating Library & Tow Path Trail
Why: Because science is cool and fresh air is good for you.

Bring a pair of binoculars if you have them

Visit orangecountyaudubonsociety.org

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The Daniel Pierce Library

Spring Children's Programs 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour

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

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

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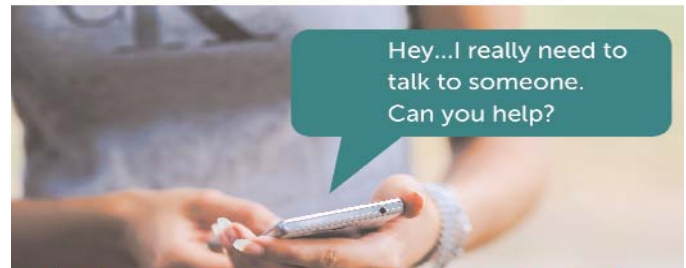
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Please E-mail lori.boyd@attain.suny.edu so that we can begin writing the first chapter of your Success Story.

- 2020 – Rose to the Covid-19 challenge – quickly and remotely!
- 2021 – Expanded remote opportunities while prioritizing participant support and quality engagement!
- 2022 – Successful Hybrid Transition – FREE training in the Computer Lab AND at Home!
- 2023 – Still on the cutting edge, Sullivan County ATTAIN**



Please visit ATTAIN at sul.sunyattain.org to view the calendar!

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County

**Agricultural Training Series
for Municipal Officials and CEOs
Part Two: Tools and Techniques to Help
Your Zoning be Farm-friendly**

**Wednesday, April 26th, 2023
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center



Stay tuned for more information about upcoming workshops:
Part 3: Agri-Tourism Zoning and Techniques for Municipalities

Come learn how to tackle the loss of farms and farmland through implementing farm-friendly land use and zoning tools. Topics covered will include zoning law barriers, conservation subdivision, density instead of lot size, Transfer and Purchase of Development Rights, agrivoltaic practices, and more. This workshop will be taught by Nan Stolzenburg, FAICP CEP, principal consultant with Community Planning & Environmental Associates who concentrates on planning for small and rural communities throughout eastern and central New York.

Planning and Zoning Board members are eligible for 2 NYS training credits (if approved by their municipality).
Light refreshments will be provided.

Registration is required in advance. Available spots limited!
https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events.cfm

Co-sponsored by CCE, Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development and Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.
Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities.
Contact the office to request accommodations.

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Wrapping up Another Week in Washington – Congressman Pat Ryan

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

FIGHTING FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

As a member of the Pro-Choice Caucus, I will always protect a woman's right to choose.

On Thursday, I came together with colleagues to reintroduce the Women's Health Protection Act, which would enshrine the rights granted by Roe into law.

I am also proud to be an original co-sponsor of the Global HER Act, to end the global gag rule. Global public health should not be dictated and held captive by extremist politicians.

PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

This week, I was proud to receive a 100% Pro-Retiree rating from the Alliance for Retired Americans.

Know this: With these earned benefits under attack, I will always fight to protect Social Security and Medicare.

PROTECTING OUR WATERWAYS



I am committed to ensuring that everyone has clean water to drink and fresh air to breathe. This week, I took to the House Floor to condemn H.R. 1, a bill that would allow more PFAS and other contaminants into our water without any consideration for our safety.

As a member of the PFAS Taskforce, I refuse to endanger the health of our families with these forever chemicals.

STANDING AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

This week, we mourned the loss of six more lives, including three children, to a senseless act of gun violence. Our hearts are with their families, Covenant staff, and the entire Nashville community.

We cannot continue to fail our children in this way. We must choose to end this carnage and we must act now.

I joined with colleagues and advocates on the steps of the Capitol to fight for the action that our kids and teachers are demanding. Assault weapons have no place in our streets or in our schools.

SUPPORTING OUR TEACHERS

As the son of a school teacher, I'm dedicated to ensuring that our teachers have the resources and support they need to inspire and instruct our children.

Thank you to the National Association of Elementary School Principals and School Administrators Association of New York State for bringing your voices to my DC office this week.

I'm looking forward to working together to meet the needs of our schools!

REPRESENTING WEST POINT

Serving the U.S. Military Academy in Congress is the honor of a lifetime. and it was great to speak with Superintendent Lt. General Gilland at the West Point Board of Visitors meeting on Tuesday.

I will continue every day to bring the values of West Point to the halls of Congress and deliver for the next generation of cadets.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

As we ended the celebration of Women's History Month, I want to call attention to women spearheading efforts to protect the Hudson River.

Toshi Seeger co-founded the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater & Clearwater Music Festival to fight polluters, empower activists, & restore the Hudson's waters.

Her legacy remains in the clearer waters she helped create for us and future generations.

MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK FOR YOU THIS TAX SEASON

The Inflation Reduction Act created new credits and resources to guide you through your tax filing. As new expansions of the Energy Efficiency Home Improvement Tax Credits and Incentives roll out, you can stay updated on them here . <https://www.irs.gov/inflation-reduction-act-of-2022>

With these new resources, it's now easier than ever for hard-working Americans to receive the credit they are due. Check here to see if you are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit and other credits.

<https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions-for-individuals>

Read more about your options this tax season. <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-kicks-off-2023-tax-filing-season-with-returns-due-april-18>

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Wrapping up Another Week in Washington – Congressman Pat Ryan

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GRANTS CORNER

REMINDER! Applications are open for:

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

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

Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program is funded by the Biden Administration's Inflation Reduction Act and will invest in America and expedite investments to reduce pollution in disadvantaged communities. EPA plans to award cooperative agreement(s) to pass-through entities (referred to as Grantmakers by the program) who will collaborate with EPA to design and build their own processes to receive and evaluate competitive community project applications from communities for EJ Thriving Communities Subgrant activities. These activities consist of assessment, planning, and/or project development activities addressing local environmental and/or public health issues. Grantmakers will provide EJ Thriving Communities Subgrants (i.e., subawards) to Eligible Subrecipients. Due May 31.

The Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS) Program is designed to meet the goal of the 2016 Protecting Our Lives by Initiating COPS Expansion (POLICE) Act in offering "scenario-based, integrated response courses designed to counter active shooter threats or acts of terrorism against individuals or facilities." The program will fund a provider who can provide nationwide training to at least 20,000 first responders over the course of the award through scenario-based, multidisciplinary training classes. The training should be available to any jurisdiction in the U.S. and delivered in the desired location of the requesting agency, to include law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS).

Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP) grants with USDA support the development, coordination, and expansion of direct producer-to-consumer marketing; local and regional food markets and enterprises; and value-added agricultural products. Due May 2.

Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program provides grants up to \$125,000 per year for five years to community coalitions to strengthen the infrastructure among local partners to create and sustain a reduction in local youth substance use. The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Program will provide \$30 million in funding directly to community-based nonprofit organizations. Due April 10.

The Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program will provide \$70 million in funding to state and local governments to partner with community-based nonprofit organizations. Due April 10.

Contact our district office for assistance applying for these grants and learning more about other funding opportunities.

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

Patrick K. Ryan

Member of Congress

New York's 18th District

<https://patryan.house.gov/>

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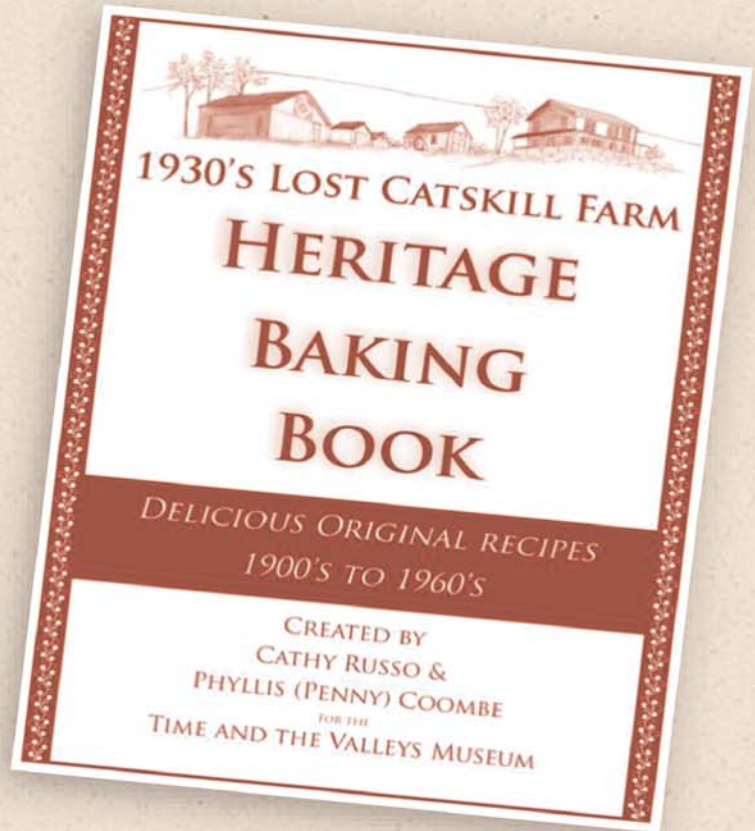
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WE ARE BUILDING A PLAYGROUND!!!

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

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

DONATIONS Can be made out to:

TV Bears PTO

PO Box 43 Grahamsville, NY 12740

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

LIFE AFTER LOSS

A 5-WEEK BEREAVEMENT SERIES

Mondays, starting April 24, 2023

7:00-8:15 pm

Facilitated by Jennifer Perito

St. Mary's St. Andrew's Catholic Church Hall
137 South Main Street, Ellenville

It has been said that grief does not change you, it only reveals you. The truth is, you never really "get over" the loss of someone you love, but there *are* ways to understand the powerful and sometimes confusing feelings that come with grief. This 5-week series is open to adults who have suffered the loss of a loved one, regardless of how recently or long ago the loss occurred. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is encouraged.

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





Fallsburg CSD 2023-2024 Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

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

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

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

****PLEASE NOTE:**

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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Governor Hochul Announces \$50 Million Preclinical Drug Discovery “Lab of the Future” in NYC

(From Pg. 31) The lab's long-term economic benefits include providing many of the research services that biopharma companies need for early drug identification and development efforts and will be well-positioned to overcome supply-chain disruptions. Additionally, the lab will offer the benefits of efficiency, quality, and intellectual property protection to encourage in-state businesses to utilize this facility.

Chief Executive Officer of Deerfield Discovery and Development Michael Foley, Ph.D. said, "The Lab of the Future seeks to enable faster and more efficient drug discovery efforts through use of the latest advancements in artificial intelligence, machine learning, and robotics. This investment from Governor Hochul's Administration and Deerfield will also allow critical steps in the drug development to take place in the U.S., improving our capabilities on a global scale, along with New York's presence in this market."

The life sciences sector encompasses the fields of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, biomedical technologies and life systems technologies. It includes organizations and institutions that devote the majority of their efforts to the various stages of research, development, technology transfer and commercialization. Every day, firms in this sector are developing new medical and pharmaceutical breakthroughs that have the potential to save lives, while making significant advancements in agriculture and environmental biotechnologies that help promote a cleaner and more sustainable future.

New York State enacted a \$620 million initiative to spur the growth of a world-class life sciences research cluster in New York, as well as expand the state's ability to commercialize this research and grow the economy. This multi-faceted initiative, includes \$320 million for strategic programs that attract new life science technologies to the state, promote critical public and private sector investment emerging life science fields and create and expand life science-related businesses and employment throughout New York.

Empire State Development has played a substantial role in the overall growth of the life science ecosystem and in elevating the State's profile as a leading life science investment destination. In the five years since it began, New York State's Life Science Initiative has directly contributed to building the sector in several ways: generated \$1.5 billion of additional investment, encouraged 17 new life science companies to locate in New York State, and created more than 540 jobs.

Assemblymember Harvey Epstein said, "New York City has a reputation for innovation which makes it a natural home for the Lab of the Future. Enhancing and accelerating the drug discovery process has obvious benefits and I hope the scientific advancements made in the lab, helped by our investment, will be accessible to all who stand to benefit from them."

About Empire State Development

Empire State Development (ESD) is New York's chief economic development agency. The mission of ESD is to promote a vigorous and growing economy, encourage the creation of new job and economic opportunities, increase revenues to the State and its municipalities, and achieve stable and diversified local economies. Through the use of loans, grants, tax credits and other forms of financial assistance, ESD strives to enhance private business investment and growth to spur job creation and support prosperous communities across New York State. ESD is also the primary administrative agency overseeing the New York State Regional Economic Development Councils and the marketing of "I LOVE NY," the State's iconic tourism brand. For more information on Regional Councils and Empire State Development, please visit www.regional-councils.ny.gov and www.esd.ny.gov.

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NYS Senator Oberacker Stands up for Local Roads

State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenevus) today joined with legislators and highway superintendents from across the state at the Capitol calling for increased state funding for local highway improvements.

"Local roads and bridges, and the dedicated workers that maintain them, are essential to public safety and our economy," said Senator Oberacker. "As a past chairman of the Otsego County Public Works Committee and a town supervisor, I understand how critical state funding is to our local governments when making decisions on road and bridge maintenance. As work on the state budget progresses, our upstate infrastructure must be a leading priority."

Senator Oberacker and fellow legislators, along with the New York State Association of County Highway Superintendents (NYSCHSA) and the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways, Inc. (NYSAOTSOH) are calling for greater state investment in local transportation infrastructure.

"Construction costs continue to increase and state funding has failed to keep pace. Additionally, new state laws and mandates have made it even more costly for our local highway departments to make needed improvements. My rural senate district encompasses all or part of seven counties and I travel these roads every day - I can state emphatically that there are needs that must be addressed," added Senator Oberacker.

Senator Oberacker notes that while the governor's proposed 2023-2024 budget calls for the continuation of the state's key local roads programs, funding is stagnant. Senator Oberacker and his fellow legislators charge that the governor has failed to recognize the impact of a 22% construction inflation rate and how the exorbitant, inflationary cost increases for fuel, asphalt, and steel are severely straining county and town transportation budgets.

"Even a modest increase in CHIPS funding would greatly help our local highway departments maintain and improve the roads we travel every day. Infrastructure funding needs to be spread throughout the state and parity for our region is a must," added Senator Oberacker.

Senator Oberacker and the Local Roads are Essential advocates are calling on New York to strengthen support for local transportation by:

- o Increasing the base funding level for CHIPS by \$200 million to a total of \$738 million;
- o Increasing Extreme Winter Recovery funding by \$70 million to \$170 million;
- o Increasing the CHIPS bidding threshold from \$350,000 to \$750,000; and
- o Restoring the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund (DHBTF) to its originally intended purpose as a dedicated, pay-as-you-go funding source for critical transportation repairs and capital projects.

"Every part of our economy depends on well-maintained highways. Strengthening the state's investment in our upstate roads and bridges will help keep local property taxes in check, improve public safety, and grow jobs across the state," Senator Oberacker concluded.



Condemning Alvin Bragg's Malicious and Partisan Persecution of President Donald Trump

Rep Claudia Tenney on the Special Report: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-mfCnMt1hEg>
Soros-backed District Attorney Alvin Bragg's witch-hunt targeting President Donald Trump is a political persecution with purely malicious intent.

Bragg has repeatedly allowed violent criminals to walk the streets, downgrading 52% of felony charges to misdemeanors. Yet now he has decided to spend precious taxpayer dollars and resources on this outrageous case against Donald Trump, and only after he announced he was running for president.

Every American should be concerned about this gross abuse of power and the politicized two-tiered system of justice we now have in America. I once again call on Governor Kathy Hochul to act. Uphold the rule of law and remove Alvin Bragg from office for, among other things, his failure to enforce the law and his blatant politicization of the criminal justice system. Promises Kept: Voted to Unleash American Energy Production This week, I voted for H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act.

This legislation will increase America's energy independence and reduce gas prices for families across the country.

Joe Biden declared war on American energy production on day one of his presidency, causing the average price for a gallon of gas to skyrocket by over 40%. Families across the country and in New York's 24th District continue to feel the pain at the gas pump because of his reckless policies.

This week, with the passage of the Lower Energy Costs Act, American families can rest assured that House Republicans are committed to stopping the left's dangerous anti-American energy agenda that is causing outrageous price hikes and putting our national security at risk. I was honored to cosponsor and vote for H.R. 1, which boosts American energy production, streamlines supply chains, lowers costs, and works to make our country energy independent once again.

Read more about this legislation by clicking here. <https://tenney.house.gov/media/press-releases/congresswoman-tenney-votes-legislation-unleash-american-energy-production>

Tenney Backs Legislation to Support New York's Dairy Farmers

This week, I cosponsored the Dairy Pricing Opportunity Act of 2023, which ensures dairy farmers can price their products to reflect today's market environment. This bill will increase transparency and modernize the Federal Milk Marketing Order (FMMO) system, giving our farmers confidence that any future changes to the program reflect economic fundamentals.

I am honored to represent New York's 24th District, the largest dairy-producing district in the Northeast. The Dairy Pricing Opportunity Act ensures that dairy farmers and producers across New York can stay competitive amidst rising inflation

rates, labor costs, and energy prices. This bill is essential so farmers can focus on the important work of producing food for our nation. I will continue to advocate for our nation's farmers and producers and promote stability in the dairy market. Click here to learn more.

READ MORE: Tenney co-sponsors dairy pricing legislation <https://www.thebatavian.com/press-release/tenney-co-sponsors-dairy-pricing-legislation/630133>

My Votes Explained

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

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

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

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act. Over the past two years of the Biden Administration, Americans have been suffering from historically high energy, gas, and diesel prices. This makes it unaffordable for countless Americans to heat their homes, travel to work, or power their lives-this is a simply unacceptable product of the administration's far-left anti-energy policies. In response, H.R. 1 will hold the Biden administration accountable by streamlining the bureaucracy and cutting red tape to help make it cheaper and faster to build domestic energy and critical mineral projects. It will also require the Department of Interior to follow the law and immediately resume quarterly lease sales on federal lands. We cannot let the Biden administration's failed policies make us more reliant on often adversarial foreign powers for energy and the critical minerals we need to build the batteries and semiconductors that run our modern lives. I was honored to cosponsor this important piece of legislation, which is further proof that the new Republican majority in the House is continuing to work on behalf of the American people. This bill passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 225-204.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1154, the Stop Forced Organ Harvesting Act of 2023. For years, the People's Republic of China has forcibly harvested organs from prisoners of conscience and inmates, a blatant crime against humanity. As a response to these egregious acts, this bill will authorize the Secretary of State to deny passports and visas to anyone involved in illegal organ trafficking. It will also mandate an annual report on forced harvesting in foreign countries and encourage the administration to apply necessary sanctions. As a nation, we must stand for the sanctity of life and support persecuted groups. This bill passed the House by a vote of 413-2.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1107, the PRC Is Not a Developing Country Act. Even though the People's Republic of China is now the second-largest global economy and has rapidly increased its GDP per capita, it still benefits from many international programs meant to benefit the poorest of nations. In response, this bill requires the Department of State to influence international organizations to reclassify China as a high-income, upper-middle-income, or developed country instead of as a developing country. It will also make it the policy of the United States to dissuade those organizations from granting China any preferential treatment as a developing country. We can no longer let China profit by manipulating the game and taking advantage of programs meant to help truly poor nations. This bill passed the House by a vote of 415-0.

CONGRESSMAN MARC MOLINARO

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Molinaro Urges NYS & CMS to Help Medicaid Beneficiaries Navigate Unwinding of Pandemic-Era Rule, Prevent Unnecessary Gaps in Coverage

NYS Will Begin Disenrolling Ineligible Beneficiaries from Medicaid & CHIP Today

U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today urged Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, the Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and Governor Kathy Hochul to take steps to help Medicaid beneficiaries navigate the unwinding of pandemic-era rules and prevent unnecessary gaps in health coverage.

In responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, federal legislation was enacted to prohibit states from kicking children and families off Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) - even if they were not eligible for the programs. Last year, President Biden enacted a bill to unwind this pandemic-era rule. As a result, states will begin disenrolling ineligible beneficiaries from Medicaid and CHIP starting today, April 1.

In a letter to Administrator Brooks-LaSure and Governor Hochul, Rep. Molinaro urged CMS and New York State to ensure the unwind process is transparent, effectively communicated, properly resourced, and that eligible enrollees are not mistakenly disenrolled.

Rep. Molinaro said, "We must ensure that Medicaid-eligible families and beneficiaries are protected and maintain coverage. This is a massive undertaking. New York State is determining eligibility for millions of New Yorkers enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP, including thousands of enrollees in New York's 19th Congressional District. I know many beneficiaries are wondering what this process will look like and how they and their families will be impacted. We have to make sure information is effectively communicated to prevent unnecessary gaps in coverage and so families can make the best possible decision."

The full text of the letter can be found here.

https://molinaro.house.gov/uploadedfiles/letter_to_cms_and_hochul_re_medicaid_redetermination_final.pdf

Molinaro Responds to Concerns from Rural EMS Departments By Introducing Bipartisan Bill to Save Underfunded & Understaffed Agencies

U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) today announced he introduced the Supporting Our First Responders Act, a bipartisan bill that delivers \$50 million in federal funding to support emergency medical service (EMS) agencies. Rep. Molinaro introduced this bill after hearing directly from EMS agencies in rural communities that are struggling to deal with underfunding and understaffing. Rep. Molinaro introduced this bill alongside U.S. Rep. Andy Kim (D-NJ-03).

EMS agencies, especially those in rural and medically underserved areas in Upstate New York, play a critical role in delivering lifesaving care, helping combat the opioid epidemic, and meeting mental health needs. Unfortunately, local EMS agencies are facing significant challenges that threaten their ability to carry out their

mandate. This includes facing a workforce shortage, using aging equipment, and not receiving adequate financial support from New York State.

Rep. Molinaro's bipartisan bill creates a grant program through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that delivers \$50 million in federal funding to support EMS agencies. This funding will allow public, private, and non-profit EMS agencies, along with state and local governments, to hire and train medical personnel, receive appropriate reimbursement for required training, construct and improve facilities, and support other EMS operation needs. The bill also provides \$5 million in funding to assist EMS agencies navigate the grant application process.

Rep. Molinaro said, "EMS agencies are being asked to do more, with less staff, less funds, and fewer resources. While we like to say our EMS personnel are heroes, and they are, we can't expect them to do the impossible. My bill is providing \$50 million in federal funds to help local EMS agencies hire and retain more staff, complete training, improve facilities, and purchase lifesaving equipment."

Diane Scalzo, Supervisor of the Town of Columbus, Chenango County said, "Ignoring or neglecting a problem doesn't mean it doesn't exist; or that it will go away on its own. Rural Emergency Medical Service (EMS) is on financial life-support. The problems are profound and systemic. EMS provides critically important medical care that is life-saving, life extending or essential to the reduction of pain and treatment of acute conditions. For those living in rural areas, including all of Chenango County, the ambulance is an ER on wheels. We are grateful that Congressman Molinaro's bill achieves federal recognition of EMS as an essential service. The bill will help in obtaining significant financial support to stabilize EMS now and to address the many systemic financial problems resulting from woefully inadequate fee reimbursements for services provided."

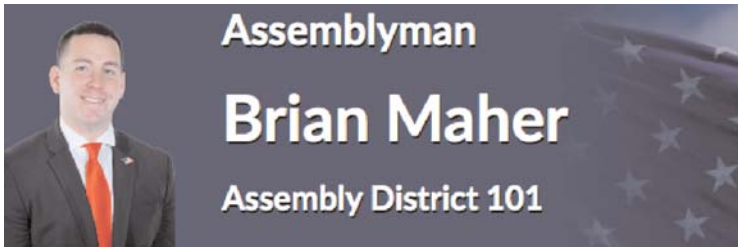
Molinaro-Backed Bill Unleashes Energy Production, Preserves Critical Environmental Protections & Includes Molinaro-Authored Provision to Measure Cost of Hochul's Gas Appliance Ban

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today voted to pass the Lower Energy Costs Act.

The historic legislation, which passed with bipartisan support, lowers energy costs for Upstate New York families by increasing domestic energy production, reforming the United States' broken permitting process, and streamlining new energy projects, including renewable energy projects.

To preserve significant environmental and drinking water protections, Rep. Molinaro voted against Republican-led amendments, including one that could overturn the ban on hydrofracking in the Delaware River watershed. Molinaro's vote helped prevent the amendments from being included in the final bill. The final bill also contains a Molinaro-authored provision that requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to publish a report on how Governor Hochul's proposed ban on gas appliances will raise energy costs.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I don't have to tell New Yorkers energy costs are too high. They see the bill every time they fill up their gas tank and pay their utilities. That's why, I proudly voted to pass historic and bipartisan legislation to reduce these unreasonable energy costs. I also fought so the bill would preserve vital environmental and drinking water protections and fully account for the costs from Governor Hochul's proposed gas appliance ban. This bill takes an all-of-the-above approach to energy policy and will make energy more affordable."



Maher Rejects Netflix and Streaming Tax

Assemblyman Brian Maher (R,C-Walden) rejected the Assembly Majority's proposal to extract an additional \$67 million from taxpayers through a streaming and digital services surcharge.

"Gov. Hochul's budget proposal was already bloated, but somehow Assembly Majority lawmakers thought it was worth tacking on an additional \$6 billion in spending. They also proposed a \$67 million tax on New Yorkers for their streaming services," said Maher. "Nearly all New Yorkers use digital and streaming services, including those who are middle class and lower income. This kind of tax hurts them the most. Instead of nickeling and diming New Yorkers, why don't we try to control wasteful spending to avoid petty taxation like this."

The proposed tax, if enacted, would collect \$67 million from New Yorkers and then \$382 million over the following three years. Maher points out, however, the tax upstate residents would have to pay would predominantly be used to support the failing MTA by providing \$45 million in funding in the first year. The tax would impact streaming services, audiobooks, apps, games, podcasts, satellite radio and other digitally delivered services.

"New Yorkers work very hard. At the end of the day, they deserve to relax with their favorite show without the excessive hand of taxation from New York on them," said Maher.

Maher Calling for Reforms to Raise the Age to Close Loophole Gangs Use to Exploit Youth

Assemblyman Brian Maher (R,C-Walden) and his Minority colleagues unveiled a proposal to reform the Raise the Age law and to help close the loophole gangs and drug dealers currently take advantage of that incentivizes crime organizations to recruit 16- and 17-year-olds to carry out felony crimes related to their operations. Raise the Age stipulates that 16- and 17-year-olds who commit felonies are to be tried in the Youth Part of Superior Court, however, in practice, only 17% were tried in the appropriate court and most were instead tried in family court or dealt with in probation intake. Serious crimes committed by these youth, including homicides, sexual offenses, crimes committed with firearms and dangerous weapons and others, are not met with reasonable consequences, making these teens all the more attractive for gang recruitment. Only 9% of those youths in 2021 were convicted for their serious crimes.

"I certainly do not want to see mistakes made by kids follow them for their whole lives, however, Raise the Age is actually failing already at-risk teens by not ensuring serious and dangerous crime be appropriately tried in the appropriate court," said Maher, a member of the Assembly Committee on Children and Families.

"Because there is little risk for real and lasting consequences, gangs and drug dealers are heavily recruiting teens to commit violent, awful crimes on their behalf. Our proposal closes this loophole while still offering a lifeline for teens who commit non-violent felonies."

The bill would create a new standard within Raise the Age, replacing the "extraordinary circumstance" standard with "aggravating" circumstances to ensure violent felonies are appropriately tried in the Youth Park of Superior Court. Aggravating circumstances would include crimes causing serious physical injury or

death, crimes committed while displaying items that appear to be weapons or while in possession of a weapon, or that are sexual offenses. The bill also ensures that non-violent felonies are tried in family court, unless a court decides with a motion from the prosecutor with respect to family court history. Overall, Raise the Age, as it stands now, is not deterring teens from violent crime and it is placing the public at risk. Further, it leaves victims with unfair judicial outcomes that deny justice.

Maher notes that this bill is not intended to punish the child that has made a mistake but rather discourages the exploitation of wayward teens by gangs and drug dealers who entice them deeper into a life of violent crime.

Assemblyman Maher's comments on reforming Raise the Age law:

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Maher, Local Officials Push Back against Hochul's High-Rise Plan

Assemblyman Brian Maher (R,C-Walden) joined his Minority Assembly Colleagues and local officials, including Chris Mathews, Town of Neversink supervisor and Rich Cocchiara, Town of Hamptonburgh Councilman, to show opposition to Gov. Hochul's high-rise plan that would seek to enable multi-story, high-density development in the suburbs and rural regions of upstate New York. Her plan would force communities to meet her goals or face state override of local law to force these types of high-density developments in single-family neighborhoods.

"As a former village mayor and town supervisor, I worked with local stakeholders to develop two comprehensive plans that included supporting housing developments in areas where it made sense and was most needed. The notion that Albany should be making decisions for local municipalities is dangerous and shortsighted," said Maher. "Countless local communities already have plans in place to ensure housing stock increases by far more than 1 percent. However, cookie-cutter approaches won't solve the housing problem because no two communities are alike. I welcome a real conversation on how we can work toward solving the current housing crisis. Housing is essential to keeping our talented citizens working here at home and to prevent them from fleeing the state in record numbers."


"Gov. Hochul's proposal to allow the state to overrule local zoning laws is a full frontal assault on home rule. When it comes to zoning involving development, each community should be left to choose what best suits their own unique needs. Some communities may well indeed have housing needs, but others may have concerns about the economic or environmental impact. Let local communities decide what is best for them and their future," said Supervisor Mathews.

"The Town of Hamptonburgh, like other towns and villages, has worked very hard to create zoning that meets the needs of our residents who elected us. The proposed legislation will disenfranchise our voters and take away their local voice. I applaud Assemblyman Brian Maher for advocating on behalf of our local communities," said Town Councilman Cocchiara.

Gov. Hochul's plan would force upstate communities to increase new housing by 1 percent of existing housing units and by 3 percent in the Metropolitan Transportation Commuter District (MTDC) over three years. If a community fails to meet this mark, the governor would have the state assert undue authority over the locality to override local zoning laws.

Comments from Maher are available for download here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oNGhjWdiVk6bBv-M8bluMAOIYVPSD99D/view?usp=share_link

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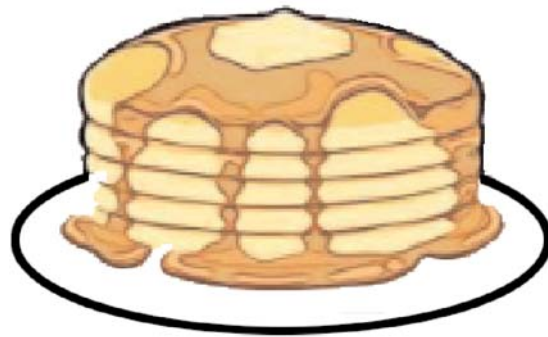
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SC Youth Bureau Announces 2023 Grant Opportunities



Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Youth Bureau is now accepting grant applications from organizations which serve children and youth within Sullivan County.

The Youth Bureau receives monies annually from the County and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to fund youth development programs within Sullivan County. Eligible applicants include private nonprofit organizations, schools and municipalities.

Applications can be found at <https://Sullivanny.us/Departments/Youthbureau>. Organizations that would like to be considered for funding are requested to submit completed applications by Wednesday, May 17, 2023. All applications must be submitted electronically to Kristen.Kitson2@Sullivanny.us.

Applicants must attend a meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2023 (in person or via Zoom) at the Government Center Legislative Committee Room from 3-4 p.m. to review their application, claim, and funding cycle process. This will also include the opportunity to ask questions. Those seeking to participate via Zoom should send an email to the address listed above.

For more information, please call the Sullivan County Youth Bureau at 845-807-0394.

Ways We Can Make Every Day Earth Day!

The Earth Day Celebration is for school children in grades K-12 from every corner of New York State. The Senate's goal is to encourage children to develop an awareness of the environment and its resources. Teaching children about the importance of recycling and waste reduction is critical as we face the environmental challenges of the 21st Century.

OUR Theme: Ways We Can Make Every Day Earth Day! The Senate's focus is to emphasize the importance of recycling and waste reduction, to encourage the exchange of ideas about recycling and waste reduction among schools, children and adults and to stimulate creative thinking about solutions to problems concerning recycling and waste reduction. We are asking students to create a poster that could be used as part of this campaign.

Deadline: All submissions must be uploaded to the website by April 14, 2023.

Instructions for Teachers: Please fill out your class and school information first, and then enter ALL your students on this form. Entries should be photographed and submitted electronically, preferably in jpeg or pdf format. Please enter each student individually, we can not accept a single pdf with all your students grouped together. Thank you.

Instructions for Parents of Homeschoolers: Please enter parent name and email in teacher fields, select the elementary school associated with your place of residence, and choose "Homeschool" for grade. You may optionally enter your child's grade next to their name.

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VISIT: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/ccap/help.php>

SCAN HERE! →

Other state issues? Just reach out. I'm happy to help. maherb@nyassembly.gov 315-361-4125

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

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

- Eldred Central School District.
- Fallsburg Central School District.
- Liberty Central School District.
- Livingston Manor Central School District.
- Monticello Central School District.
- Roscoe Central School District.
- Sullivan West Central School District.
- Tri-Valley Central School District.
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Thank you,

John McHugh

Chairperson – NRAMA Scholarship Committee

254 South Hill Road

Grahamsville, NY 12740

M – 845 309 7864

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(See next page for application)

NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 393, Grahamsville, NY 12740

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State: _____ Phone: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____

What school(s) have you applied to? _____

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

What is the course of study? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Please mail completed application to: NRAMA Scholarship Application
P.O. Box 393
Grahamsville, NY 12740

Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on Ongoing Budget Negotiations

"New Yorkers are concerned about public safety, the rising cost of housing, and ensuring high-quality schools for all our kids, and any budget deal must make progress on these core issues. I have been negotiating in good faith with the legislature, but it is clear there is more work to be done before we reach an agreement. For that reason, I am submitting a bill to the legislature that would extend the budget deadline to April 10th, giving us the time we need to deliver a final budget that is responsive to the urgent needs of New Yorkers. We must make real progress to make New York more affordable, more livable and safer."

Statement on Senate One-House Budget State Senator Peter Oberacker

State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenevus) commented on his NO vote on the Senate Majority's one-house budget resolution for fiscal year 2023-24:

"The record spending in the governor's budget proposal was not enough for Senate Democrats so they tacked on another \$9 billion to reach a bloated \$236 billion. This level of spending is unsustainable and the lack of fiscal restraint is driving businesses and families from our state. Additionally, there is nothing to improve public safety—even the governor's watered down bail reform changes have been erased and more criminal-friendly policies added.

"April 1st was the deadline for a final budget. I will continue to advocate for affordability, improved public safety, and funding to meet the needs of those who live and work in 51st Senate District - we have a great deal of work ahead."

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Sullivan County

4-H Alpaca Program



Friday
April 28th
6:30 pm
FREE!

For Sullivan County Youth interested in alpacas!

- Youth will develop basic skills in alpaca knowledge through hands-on learning!
- Learn alpaca history, specifics on the species and breed, temperament, and their use!
- No alpaca ownership is required to be involved!



Program will take place at the Extension Education building.

Registration is required in advance.

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Any Sullivan County youth age 5-18 can enroll in 4-H for FREE.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. Contact the office to request accommodations.



Mental Health **FIRST AID**
from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

LEARN HOW TO SUPPORT THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE

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

AFTER THE COURSE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO:

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

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First Aiders who have chosen to be the difference in their community.

UPCOMING TRAININGS:

Friday, May 19 - 8am - 4pm

OR

Thursday & Friday, September 8 & 9

8am - 12pm

Sullivan BOCES Training Room

15 Sullivan Ave. Liberty, NY

To register for one of these trainings, email info@sullivan180.org.

To ensure CTLE's also register at bit.ly/CTLESullivan.

Learn how to respond with the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan (ALGEE):

- A**ssess for risk of suicide or harm.
- L**isten nonjudgmentally.
- R**eassure and provide information.
- E**ncourage appropriate professional help.
- E**ncourage self-help and other support strategies.

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Giant Pumpkin Growing Time

at the Daniel Pierce Library

Saturday, April 15, 2023

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**please note new day and time*

Did you ever wonder how to grow a GIANT pumpkin? Join our special guest, multi award winner giant pumpkin grower, Sean McAndrew as he talks us through the steps from seed to pumpkin! He will share everything you will need to know to cultivate your very own GIANT pumpkin.

Registration is open to patrons ages 11 and up.
Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org



To Register for How to Grow a Pumpkin go to:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSctOwD8xBbZw9gWuenacDbImPn3pKDQ-PzOwbAU4S822Rr6Tg/viewform>

CHILD + BABYSITTING SAFETY COURSE at the Daniel Pierce Library

For Tri-Valley Students
11 - 15 years of age



SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

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

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

- *Become a babysitter
- *Safety instruction
- *How to take care of Children
- *What to do when things go wrong
- *Learn basic first aid
- *Gain confidence
- *This is an outside event, weather permitting
- *Additional course information to follow upon registration

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Advance registration only.

Register online @ www.danielpiercelibrary.org



Daniel Pierce Library

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Grahamsville, New York 12710-0268 | 845-985-7233

To register: baby sitting course register now:

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Live

Medicare 101 Zoom Webinar

Saturday, April 22, 2023
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

**Presented by:
James Farnham, MBA, MS
Licensed Agent**

Will you be turning 65 soon? Are you eligible for Medicare?

Please join us for this live webinar as we learn about Medicare basics including, Prescription Drug Plans, Medicare Supplement Plans, and Medicare Advantage Plans (HMOs and PPOs). This program will simplify the choices you need to make, help you make well-informed decisions and explain what Medicare means to you!

Advanced online registration at danielpiercelibrary.org is required. Those who register will receive an email prior to the event with a link and instructions on how to join.

Register now: <https://danielpiercelibrary.org/Pages/Index/226538/medicare-101>

Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Annual Walk Saturday, May 6, 2023

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

**Register at 8:30 am on
Saturday, May 6, 2023
at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building**

Please be available no later than 8:50 am for a group photo before the start of the Walk. Walk starts promptly at 9 am from the First Aid Squad Building and consists of as many loops around the Fairgrounds that each walker feels comfortable doing.

COME WALK WITH US!

Refreshments will be served before and after the walk. For additional pledge sheets or questions about the Journey For Sight Walk, please call **Esta Jacob 845-985-2927** or **Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981.**

Thank you!

PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program

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Saturday

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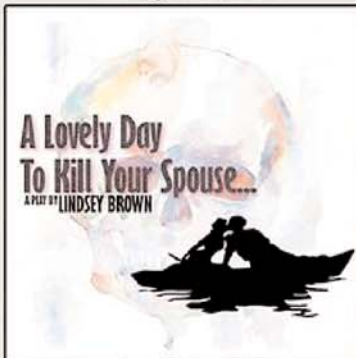
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Department of Public Health

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

or

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



TRENDING

NOW TRENDING... TOP TEN EVENTS FOR APRIL 2023

- Apr. 1** "Murder at the Speakeasy," West Park
- Apr. 6:** "A Taste of Rosé," Milton
- Apr. 15:** Rock 'N Snow: Bridge to Bridge 5 Mile Run, High Falls
- Apr. 15:** Pizza Party Concert Series with Toledo, Saugerties
- Apr. 21** Pro Wrestling, Kingston
- Apr. 22-23** Earth Day at the Wineries, throughout Ulster County
- Apr. 22-May 13** Tulip Festival at Kelder's Farm, Kerhonkson
- Apr. 23:** 39th Annual Kiwanis Kingston Classic, Kingston
- Apr. 28** Jim Breuer Live!, Kingston
- Apr. 29:** Spring Wassail, Stone Ridge

DATE		TRENDING APRIL 2023
Please Note	The Ulster County Tourism Office is located in the County Office Building, 244 Fair St., 3rd Floor, Kingston, 12401. The Trending Calendar of Events is now digital and is no longer printed for mass distribution. To receive a digital copy via email, please contact tourism@co.ulster.ny.us , call 800-342-5826, or sign up on our website at visitulstercountyny.com . Calendar listings are based on information received prior to publication; changes may occur after distribution so you may want to contact the event sponsors in advance.	
1	Women's Studio Workshop (WSW) Chili Bowl Fest: More than 1000 beautiful hand-crafted bowls will be available to purchase. Admission: \$10 from 2-4 p.m., and free from 4-7 p.m. For the health and safety of our community there won't be any chili this year. Instead, there will be a variety of snacks and beer available for purchase and live music all day. Online Sale: 10 a.m. at https://bit.ly/ChiliBowlOnline . WSW, 722 Binnewater Lane, Rosendale. 845-658-9133; wsworkshop.org	
1	Murder At The Speakeasy: A whodunit and why dinner theatre murder mystery. Three course dinner and cash bar. \$100, Tax and gratuity included. Starts 7 p.m. Hudson House & Distillery, 1835 Route 9W, West Park. 845-834-6007; thehudsonhouse.com	
1	Felix Slim: One of Spain's leading blues musicians specializing in blues, ragtime and swing. 7-9 p.m. Pine Hill Community Center, 287 Main Street, Pine Hill. 845-254-5469; pinehillcommunitycenter.org	
1	April Fools Day Comedy Show: Hosted by Osei Caleb Brandon Reeves, Sashalyn Medina, Kareem Greene Doors. \$25-\$50. 6-10 p.m. Seasoned Evolution Center, 11 Lohmaier Ln., Lake Katrine. 845-802-3317; facebook.com/events/770622977432919	
1	Easter Extravaganza: Family Easter egg hunt. Music, raffles, vendors, crafters, & artisans from the Hudson Valley. Children/Teen Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. Adult Egg Hunt at 3 p.m. Andy Murphy Recreation Center, 467 Broadway, Kingston. 845-331-0080; https://www.facebook.com/events/864949274604438 Pre-registration is required by emailing STONEDHANDMADE@Mail.com .	
1	Easter in the Hamlet of Highland: Annual Easter egg hunt. Meet the Easter Bunny and make a craft. Bring your baskets! 10 a.m. Town Field, Main St., Highland. 845-691-2050; facebook.com/townoflloydevents (Rain date April 8 th)	
1	PhoenEaster Fun Day: Easter egg hunt followed by a movie, popcorn, cotton candy, and hot cocoa. Silent auction and tea tasting. 11 a.m. Saint Francis de Sales Church, 109 Main St., Phoenicia. 845-688-5617 (Rain date April 8 th)	
1	35th Annual Easter Egg Hunt: For ages up to 12 years old, egg hunt takes place from noon-3 pm. Featuring bouncy house, rescue vehicles, a small petting zoo, 50/50 raffle, balloons, music and the Easter Bunny. 5,000 eggs, all with special surprises. Rain date is 4/2/2023. Free. townofnewpaltz.org Historic Huguenot Street, 81 Huguenot Street, New Paltz. 845-255-1660; huguenotstreet.org	
1	Kid's Easter Egg Hunt & Adults Boozy Egg Hunt: Children's Egg Hunt & photos with the Easter Bunny, noon-3pm. Live music, 2-5 p.m. Registration strongly suggested. robiberofamilyvineyards.com/event	
1-Oct. 31	Rock 'n' Roll Tours: 2 ½ hour music-focused tour around Woodstock, NY and Bearsville Center. Highlights include sites related to: Bob Dylan, The Band, Janis Joplin, Todd Rundgren, Jimi Hendrix, Muddy Waters, Van Morrison, final resting places and more! \$44. Saturdays, 2 p.m. & Sundays, 11 a.m. Tour starts at CAFE ESPRESSO, 59 Tinker St., Woodstock. bearsvilletheater.com/events	
1, 2, 8	Easter Bunny Express: Take a ride on the Catskill Mountain Railroad from Kingston to the Easter egg patch, enjoy some snacks, and take photos with the Easter Bunny. Trains depart at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Adults \$22.00, Children \$16.00, Children under 2 ride on the lap free with paid adult fare. Catskill Mountain Railroad, 55 Kingston Plaza Rd., Kingston. 845-332-4854; catskillmountainrailroad.com	

1, 2	Woodstock Bookfest: Story slam. Martha Frankel hosts writers and readers. Workshops, readings, panels, parties and merriment. \$20-\$230. Check website for schedule. Bearsville Theater, 291 Tinker Street, Woodstock. 845-684-7133; woodstockbookfest.com
1, 2, 6-9, 13-16, 20-23, 27-30	Black Photobooth: From the Collections of Näkki Goranin and Oliver Wasow: Featuring over 100 miniature portraits of Black Americans, mostly from the 1930s and 1940s, this surprising exhibition is drawn from two prominent private collections. CPW Gallery, 474 Broadway, Kingston. 845-679-9957; cpw.org
2	The Mavericks: An eclectic rock and country group known for crisscrossing musical boundaries with abandon. 7 p.m. Tickets: \$49+. Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC), 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org
2	Performing Art 2023: This culminating performance of our fourth collaboration with The Hudson Valley Performing Arts Laboratory features a theatric interpretation of the Museum's Spring 2023 exhibitions. 3-5 p.m. The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Dr., New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum/exhibitions
5	Full Pink Moon Night Hike: A family friendly evening walk at Mohonk Preserve at dusk to discover who prowls in the dark. Space limited, registration required. 7 p.m. Mohonk Preserve, 3197 Route 44 55, Gardiner. 845-255-0919; mohonkpreserve.org/events
6	A Taste of Rosé: Taste at Benmarl Winery, Fjord Vineyards, Quartz Rock Vineyard, Nostrano Vineyards & Weed's Orchard & Winery. Live Jazz. Garden Party attire encouraged! 6-9 p.m. \$50. Nostrano Vineyards, 14 Gala Ln, Milton. 845-795-5473; nostranovineyards.com/events
7	Saugerties First Friday: Shops keep their doors open every first Friday of each month. Shop, drink, dine and play local. Free. Saugerties Village, Saugerties. facebook.com/DestinationSaugerties
7	COW Screening + Panel Discussion with Woodstock Farm Sanctuary: A special screening of acclaimed director Andrea Arnold's (American Honey, Big Little Lies) first documentary COW. 7-9 p.m. \$15. Rosendale Theater, 408 Main St., Rosendale. 845-679-4265; woodstockfilmfestival.org/events
8	Senate House Annual Sugaring Off: Live demonstrations of boiling maple sap down to syrup, meat smoking and hearthside cooking. 18th-century camp life reenactment; we will make maple candy for visitors to enjoy. Hands-on crafts. Musical entertainment. Free. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Senate House, 296 Fair Street, Kingston. 845-338-2786; senatehousekingston.org
8	Gayle Donnelly - Soulful Vocals and Keyboard: Singer songwriter Gayle Donnelly performs live with her funky, soulful originals and creative covers. 1:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Quartz Rock Vineyard, 40 Mountain Rd., Marlboro. 845-236-3265; quartzrockvineyard.com
8	Easter Egg Hunt in Esopus: Egg hunt, games, and the Easter Bunny! 1-3 p.m. George Freer Memorial Park, face104 Canal St., Port Ewen. 845-339-1811; facebook.com/esopusevents
8	Easter Egg Dash: Bring your Easter basket. Featuring pictures with the Easter Bunny, coloring contest, DJ, face painting, find the golden egg and win a free Easter basket. Goodie bags and concession. Egg dash starts at 10 a.m. 9:30-11 a.m. Free. Hudson Valley Sport Dome, 240 Milton Turnpike, Milton. meetmeinmarlborough.com
8	'Peter & the Wolf' and 'Carnival of the Animals': Lyrical fairy-tale for children composed by Sergei Prokofiev, narrated by the award-winning storyteller David Gonzale. Camille Saint-Saëns' Carnival of the Animals performance follows. 3-4 p.m. Free. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston. facebook.com/events/741723017392674
8	Kingston First Saturday: Vibrant First Saturday gallery receptions offer a glimpse of what Kingston has to offer. Events throughout the year include live music, open studio tours, theatrical performances, arts and culture activities and more. 845-802-0097; madkingston.org
8, 22	Kingston Winter Farmers Market: Bi-weekly indoor farmers market hosting 20+ local food vendors, music, and workshops. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston. kingstonfarmersmarket.org
13	Bassekou Kouyate & N'goni Ba: Bassekou Kouyate is a true master of the ngoni, a traditional lute found across West Africa. He is a virtuoso, innovator, stronghold of tradition all at the same time. Reservations Required. 5-9pm. Music 7:30pm. The Falcon, 1348 Rt 9W, Marlboro. 845-236-7970; liveatthefalcon.com
14	D&H Canal Historical Society - In Defiance: Runaways From Slavery in New York's Hudson Valley: Lecture by Susan Stessin. 7-8 p.m., D&H Canal Museum, 1315 Main St., High Falls. 845-687-2000; canalmuseum.org
15	26th Annual YMCA Kids Classic: Every kid is a winner! All proceeds go to the YMCA Strong Kids Scholarship Campaign. Must register by 4/14. 8 a.m. \$10. Rondout Valley High School Track, 122 Kyserike Rd., Accord. 845-338-3810; ymcaulster.org/events-fundraising
15	Rock & Snow Bridge 2 Bridge 5-Mile Run: Mohonk Preserve's Spring Farm Trailhead offers a rare chance to race on some of the most extraordinary running trails in the U.S. 8 a.m. \$48. Upper 27 Knolls Road, High Falls. 845-255-0919 mohonkpreserve.org/events
15	6th Annual Black History Month Kingston Gala: Celebrate 5 years of tribute to the African-American heritage of the Kingston area. Musical performances, dancing, auction of gifts and more. 6-10 p.m. \$150. The Tavern at Diamond Mills, 25 South Partition St., Saugerties. 845-853-8443; harambeekingstonny.org
15	Pizza Party Concert w/Toledo, AutoCamp presents an Exclusive Concert Series with Radio Woodstock: An evening of iconic food and music featuring Paulie Gee's Pizza and NYC band Toledo at AutoCamp Catskills. 7 p.m. \$60.50. AutoCamp Catskills, 882 NY-212, Saugerties. 888-405-7553; thewildhoneypie.com/events
15	Orchid Show and Sale: Large assortment of orchids and orchid supplies available for purchase. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wallkill View Farm Market, 15 NY-299, New Paltz. 845-255-8050; mhorchidsociety.com
15	Met HD: Der Rosenkavalier (Strauss): A stellar trio assembles to take on the lead roles of Strauss's comedy. This is a live satellite broadcast. 12 p.m. \$22-\$29. Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC), 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org

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Genre Biblical Based on *The Gospels*



Jesus of Nazareth (Italian: Gesù di Nazareth) is a 1977 British-Italian television drama serial directed by Franco Zeffirelli and co-written by Zeffirelli, Anthony Burgess, and Suso Cecchi d'Amico which dramatizes the birth, life, ministry, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. It stars Robert Powell as Jesus, and features an

all-star cast of European and North American actors, including eight who had won or would go on to win Academy Awards: Anne Bancroft, Ernest Borgnine, Laurence Olivier, Christopher Plummer, Anthony Quinn, Rod Steiger, James Earl Jones, and Peter Ustinov.

Extra-Biblical traditions were used in the writing of the screenplay, and some characters (such as Zerah) and situations were invented for the film for brevity or dramatic purposes. *Jesus of Nazareth* depicts Judas Iscariot as a well-intentioned man initially, but later as a dupe of Zerah's who betrays Jesus largely as a result of Zerah's false platitudes and pretexts. However, in accordance with the Gospels, the film depicts Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea as sympathetic members of the Sanhedrin. Many of the miracles of Jesus, such as the changing of water into wine at the wedding at Cana, the transfiguration, and the calming of the storm, are not depicted, although Jesus' healing of Jairus' daughter, the blind man and the crippled woman on the Sabbath, the feeding of the multitude, and the raising of Lazarus from the dead are presented here. *Jesus of Nazareth* premiered on March 27, 1977, on the Italian channel Rai 1, and was first aired in the United Kingdom, on April 3, 1977, on the ITV Network.

It became a ratings success and received highly positive reviews. Particular praise is often given for Robert Powell's portrayal of the religious leader. Ian McShane's portrayal of Judas Iscariot, the disciple who betrayed Jesus, was also well received.

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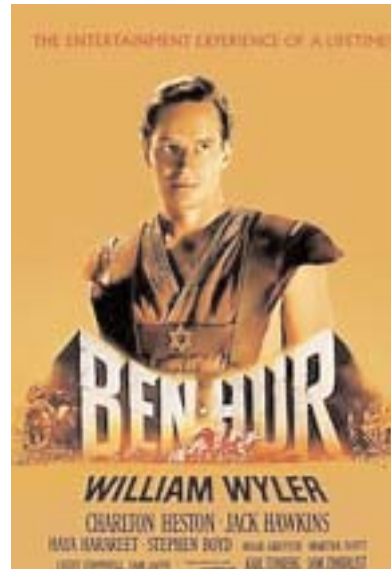
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Ben-Hur is a 1959 American religious epic film directed by William Wyler, produced by Sam Zimbalist, and starring Charlton Heston as the title character. A remake of the 1925 silent film with a similar title, it was adapted from Lew Wallace's 1880 novel *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ*. The screenplay is credited to Karl Tunberg, but includes contributions from Maxwell Anderson, S. N. Behrman, Gore Vidal, and Christopher Fry.

Ben-Hur had the largest budget (\$15.175 million), as well as the largest sets built, of any film produced at the time. Costume designer Elizabeth Haffenden oversaw a staff of 100 wardrobe fabricators to make the costumes, and a workshop employing 200 artists and workmen provided the hundreds of friezes and statues needed in the film. Filming commenced on May 18, 1958, and was completed on January 7, 1959, with shooting lasting for 12 to 14 hours a day and six days a week. Pre-production began in Italy at Cinecittà around October 1957, and post-production took six months. Under cinematographer Robert L. Surtees, executives at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer made the decision to produce the film in a wide-screen format. Over 200 camels and 2,500 horses were used in the shooting of the film, with some 10,000 extras. The sea battle was filmed using miniatures in a huge tank on the back lot at the MGM Studios in Culver City, California. The nine-minute chariot race has become one of cinema's most famous action sequences, and the score, composed and conducted by Miklós Rózsa, is the longest ever composed for a film, and was highly influential

on cinema for over 15 years. Following a \$14.7 million marketing effort, *Ben-Hur* premiered at Loew's State Theatre in New York City on November 18, 1959. It was the fastest-grossing, as



well as the highest-grossing film of 1959, becoming the second highest-grossing film in history at the time, after *Gone with the Wind*. It won a record eleven Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director (Wyler), Best Actor in a Leading Role (Heston), Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Griffith), and Best Cinematography – Color (Surtees); it also won Golden Globe Awards for Best Motion Picture – Drama, Best Director, and Best Supporting Actor – Motion

Picture for Stephen Boyd. In 1998, the American Film Institute named it the 72nd best American film and the second best American epic film in the AFI's 10 Top 10.



In 2004, the National Film Preservation Board selected *Ben-Hur* for preservation by the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress for being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant." (Images courtesy of Bing Free Images)

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May God Bless You and Yours
as we welcome to The Rites of Spring**

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