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## Fallsburg Students Activate Empathy with Sweethearts & Heroes

The current and last school years have presented students across the U.S. with tremendous social and emotional obstacles, but a nationally renowned program is coming to Fallsburg, N.Y., to help. Sweethearts & Heroes, a student empowerment and empathy activation team, will bring its powerful messages to the Fallsburg Central School District on Monday, April 11 and Tuesday, April 12.



Heroes director and co-founder. "Developmental windows were disrupted. That's why Sweethearts & Heroes is going to schools this year to focus on the human skills, such as empathy, compassion, and the other relationship skills that cause struggles for so many students. Our students need help with their social and emotional



health - now more than ever. We like to say, 'You can't be a teacher of literacy without being a teacher of humanity first.' That's the focus that needs to happen for our children during this school year." (Contd. Pg. 8)

## Monticello Kiwanis Club Continues to Support Sweet Dreams Project



*Kiwanis Pres. Marvin Rappaport and Board Member Sheila Lashinsky, Foster Care Supervisor Diana Herrera and Sr. Account Clerk/Database Marlene Dauch with sampling of Sweet Dreams Project items on display.*

The Monticello Kiwanis Club is continuing to work with the Sullivan County Health and Human Services Foster Care Unit in assisting the children who are being removed from their homes and placed in foster care.

Kiwanis President Marvin Rappaport and Board Member Sheila Lashinsky recently met with Family Services Foster Care Case Supervisor Diana Herrera and Senior Account Clerk Marlene Dauch and presented them with a replenished supply of personal items, including blankets, pillows, towels, p.j's, personal hygiene toiletries, games, books, and stuffed animals. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Yon who fear me Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
Psalm 22:23

**OBITUARY**

**Marie G. Dean**, of Grahamsville, NY passed away on Sunday, February, 20, 2022 at Achieve Rehab and Nursing. She was 98 years old. Marie was born on November 21, 1923 in Eureka, NY; she was the daughter of the late George and Sarah (Amthor) Gorton. She married Charles W. Dean on



June 3, 1944. Charles sadly passed away in 1998. Marie was a former member of the Claryville Reformed Church where she enjoyed attending the church functions and suppers. She was a member of the International Association of the Rebekah Assemblies in Grahamsville. Marie was a self-employed tax preparer and had worked as Tax Collector for the Town of Neversink. Marie loved attending auctions with her husband, NASCAR, fishing, flowers and her cats.

Marie is survived by her children, Andrew "Mike" Dean and his wife Lorraine of Claryville, Christine Merritt of Sterling Heights, MI and Penny Dean and her husband Gary Lowe of Woodlawn, VA; four grandchildren, Christine Sarosy, Spencer Merritt, Dean Merritt and Leonidas Merritt; nine great grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren as well as several nieces.

In addition to her parents and her husband Charles, Marie was predeceased by her brothers, Andrew and George Gorton and her son-in-law Arthur "Jake" Merritt.

A graveside service will be celebrated on Saturday, April 16th 1pm at the Claryville Reformed Church Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Achieve Rehab and Nursing for the wonderful care they provided to their Mom.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Marie's name to the ASPCA.

Arrangements are under the guid-

ance of Loucks Funeral Home, Ellenville. To send a personal condolence to Marie's family please visit [loucksfh.com](http://loucksfh.com)

**DAYS OF YORE...  
Today's History**

**April 2, 1952**

Ed Lewis of Claryville started his 22nd year as Fire Observer at the Red Hill Tower on Tuesday. Mr. Lewis reported plenty of snow back in the woods and plenty of mud in the roads leading to the tower. He made the last part of the trip on snowshoes as is usual for this time of year, but reported that there was more snow than he ordinarily finds.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Curry of Curry are parents of a son, born Thursday, March 27th at Liberty Loomis Hospital in Liberty.

Over the vigorous protests of the British Laborites, the Churchill government put through Parliament a bill taking some of the free aspects out of the socialized health program. Britons will now have to pay a shilling (14 cents) for each prescription, and pay for certain surgical appliances including wigs (\$7), and pay up to \$11.90 for false teeth. (*Herald Tribune*)

**April 4, 1962**

The officials at St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont, announced this week that James Goldsmith had placed second in freshman academic standings for the fall term of this year. James, the son of Mr and Mrs Goldsmith of Guilderland was a June graduate and salutatorian of Tri-Valley Central School

Sale of the huge wild land holdings of the late Edward R. Hewitt has been recently disclosed. The land is located between Claryville and Willowemoc in the Town of Neversink. Mr. Hewitt, a gelatin manufacturer and philanthropist, acquired the land holdings over the years since 1919 There are five deeds in the sale totaling 2,800 acres. The land was sold for \$60,000. The buyer was the Big Ben or Big Bend Company from Manhattan. There has been no indication of what the purchaser plans to do with the land. (Contd. Pg. 3)



## DAYS OF YORE...

### Today's History

(From Pg. 2) April 4, 1062

Miss Olga Kronmeyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Charles C. Kronmeyer of Woodcliff Lake, N.J. and Grahamsville, heads the Dean's List at Seton Hall University, Patterson Branch. She is a junior majoring in elementary education.

#### April 12, 1973

Grahamsville Troop 187 will hold an Eagle Court of Honor for Barry Low, Saturday, April 15th at the Tri-Valley School. All fellow scouts, parents and the public are invited to attend. Troop 187 is sponsored by the Grahamsville Fire Company.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs Fernald DuBois, married 37 years on April 13th.

A bridal shower was held for Miss Toni Martorana on Saturday. Many people from the area, as well as guests from out of town, attended. The highlight of the shower was a beautiful three-tiered cake decorated by Mrs. Donald TerBush.

#### April 8, 1982

Alice Jane Lauber of High Street, Napanoch. a life-long area resident, died Sunday at Walnut Mountain Care Center, Liberty, after a long illness. She was 84. The daughter of the late Elisha and Helen Low Sheley, she was born March 3, 1898 in Sundown. She was the widow of Orin R. Lauber. She was a member of the Ulster Heights Methodist Church.

Dot and Joe Romano celebrated their 40th Anniversary on Saturday night with a surprise party at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Rochelle Park, NJ given by their sons, Joey and Bob. Approximately 80 people enjoyed the music of Don Anthony and a delicious buffet. Eight couples from "the Hill" attended.

Eight-year old Matthew Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith of Hasbrouck is the 1982 winner of a week's stay at a Methodist Church Camp. The winning entry was an imaginative papier mache rendition of Jonah and the Whale. The judges were impressed with the gaping mouth and the trapped Jonah.

## Household Hint:

### Spring Cleaning the Bathroom

Don't stop at the shower when you're cleaning with vinegar! Pour a bit of undiluted white vinegar onto a soft cloth and use it to wipe your chrome faucets, towel racks, bathroom mirrors, doorknobs, and such. It'll leave them gleaming.

Want an easy way to keep your toilet looking and smelling clean? Pour 2 cups white vinegar into the bowl and let the solution soak overnight before flushing. Including this vinegar soak in your weekly cleaning regimen will also help keep away those ugly water rings that typically appear just above the water level. Clear away crayon stains

**Nature Column** - 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 and Shirley Davis.

## Pussy Willows and Their Furry Coats

Keep your eyes open, as it won't be long before we will see those furry little catkins —Pussy Willows —telling the other flora, trees and bushes, "It's time to wake up!"

To most of us picking a bunch of Pussy Willows (or buying a spray in the supermarket) is an enduring rite of spring!

So far, all the Pussy Willows (*Salix discolor*, a member of the willow family, the Salicaceae) that I have seen still have their hard exterior, the bud scale. This is the protective covering for the young leaves and flowers inside the bud. The leaves are oval shaped and come after the catkins have bloomed.



A pussy willow is a catkin; a tightly bunched arrangement of stamens or carpels.

The catkin is the "fur coat", that is a tightly bunched arrangement of stamens or carpels that helps keep the developing reproductive parts of the Pussy Willow warm through winter and early spring. When the sun shines, the temperature of the center of the catkin can rise above air temperatures by trapping the heat from the sun with its insulating hairs. This additional warming aids in the development of the pollen within the anthers and of the ovules within the carpels. The willow flowers are fully "open" when the yellow pollen-bearing anthers are protruding and the stigmas are visible.

Pussy Willows are dioecious, meaning they have both male and female reproductive organs in separate individual plants. They are protandrous, having the male reproductive organs come to maturity before the female. That means the buds, or "catkins," on the male pussy willow shrubs usually appear earlier than those on the females. Chances are that if you encounter a stand of pussy willows in late winter or very early spring, it's the male catkins that you are seeing.

The catkins of males yield numerous tiny staminate flowers typically consisting of a pollen-containing anther and a filament, later in spring. The female catkins will bear pistillate flowers, comprising the stigma, style, and ovary.

Pussy willow is highly variable in its identifying characteristics. Typically it grows as a shrub or small tree that may reach heights up to 30 feet. Willows, in general, grow rapidly and produce extensive root systems. Pussy willow trunks may be single or clustered with stout ascending branches and branchlets. Bark is slightly fissured and ridged. First-year pussy willow twigs are hairy but become glabrous or smooth with age. Pussy willow leaves are deciduous meaning they shed their leaves annually. The leaves are simple, and alternate. Leaf shape varies from oblong to elliptic, and blades are typically 2 to 5 times as long as they are wide.

Pussy willow trees are native to wetlands in the Catskills. They regenerate asexually by sprouting and sexually through seed production and germination. Pussy willow flowers are insect and wind pollinated as the small willow seeds are easily dispersed by wind.

If you can get out for a spring walk when the Pussy Willows are beginning to show their furry catkins, take a moment to examine the furry flower buds. Then try to plan another walk to return when the "flowers" are open, then another when the seeds are ripe, and another . . . Oh, maybe it is time for walks every day. It's spring and the wonders of nature in the Catskills abound.





## Monticello Kiwanis Club Continues to Support Sweet Dreams Project

(From Pg. 1)



The goal of the Club's Sweet Dreams Project is to raise the self-esteem and reduce the anxiety and trauma these children are going through as they transition to their new surroundings. The Foster Care Unit was very grateful for the generous donations and stated that the items will be used and enjoyed by Incoming Foster Children and would be very much appreciated by the Foster Parents as well. The Kiwanis Club would like to thank Mountain Grove Dental and the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce for their substantial donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, hand sanitizers and masks.

Mr. Rappaport stated "The Sweet Dreams Project is very dear to our hearts as our mission is to improve the world one child and one community at a time." He can be contacted at 845-701-1655 for more information regarding the Monticello Kiwanis Club.

## DLE Mourns the Loss of K9 Deming

On March 12, DEC's Division of Law Enforcement (DLE) bid farewell to a retired K9 Officer. K9 Deming, named for retired Lieutenant Deming Lindsley, served as ECO Ricky Wood's partner since 2013. Officer Wood and K9 Deming



worked together in DEC Region 3, handling hundreds of wildlife detection, tracking, and spent shell detection cases.

ECO Wood and K9 Deming were also deployed with other DLE members to the manhunt for two inmates who escaped from Dannemora State Prison in Clinton County in 2015. K9 Deming was the very first striped bass detection K9 in New York State, helping to locate illegally taken fish. K9 Deming retired from service in 2020 and will be missed





## Woman On Fire

### Mysterious Book Report No. 484

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna

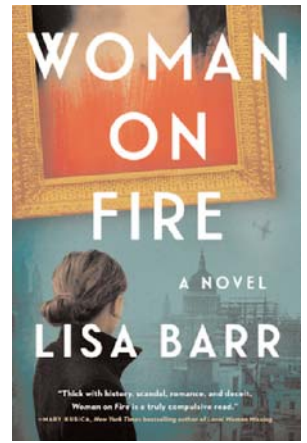


Stolen art and strong women are the central themes of Lisa Barr's exciting new thriller that rockets back and forth between now and here, then and there, Europe and the U.S. of A . . . while at the same time educating, entertaining and fascinating her readers with a thriller about the wholesale pillaging of Europe's cultural treasures and all the stolen art looted from the Jews during World War II.

*Woman On Fire*, (Harper, PB, \$16.99, 416 pages, ISBN 978-0-06-304088-5), begins in present day Chicago when a just-graduated journalist named Jules Roth pushes her way into a dream job working for a legendary investigative reporter named Dan Mansfield; her personal hero. But instead of toiling away for Chicago's largest newspaper, he asks her to join himself and a trusted aide in attempting to find the last painting by noted German Expressionist Ernst Engel, who was murdered by the Nazis in 1939. It's called *Woman On Fire*, and it's now considered a masterpiece that's worth millions. Mansfield is trying to find the missing work of art on behalf of his good friend Ellis Baum, whose mother was the model for the artist. Ellis, a world-renowned shoe designer, has been diagnosed with cancer and has only months to live. His last wish is to recover the painting which was stolen by a high ranking Nazi during the war and hasn't been seen since. Complicating the hunt is an amoral woman named Margaux de Laurent, owner of the largest, most important, and secretly bankrupt, art galleries in the world-who also desires the painting for her own selfish reasons and who'll let nothing stop her from getting it, up to, and including murder.

As the action switches back and forth between Europe and the United States, the turbulent story of the painting is revealed in the reminiscences of various characters who recreate the atmosphere of wartime Germany and the ransacking of the Continent's art treasures by the rapacious Third Reich. The novel is well researched, well written, and a thoroughly captivating read!

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## Time for Spring Cleaning, Sullivan County!

### Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck Returns April 1st through June 30th

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's Annual Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck is set for **April 1 through June 30, 2022**. By resolution of the County Legislature, the disposal fee will be waived during that time for roadside & public trail litter.

This popular annual event is coordinated by the County's Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department and the Division of Public Works.

"This is a great way to 'clean ourselves up' as we start a new tourism season," Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty notes. "One of the first impressions we make on visitors is the state of our roads. Frankly, we all feel better when our roads look better, and this is an opportunity to work on a project we all agree about."

Residents who wish to participate in the Litter Pluck may pick up their free disposal coupons, along with program guidelines, on or after March 21 at their town or village hall, County-operated transfer station, or the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department in the Government Center. Participants will be asked to register at the County-operated transfer station at the time of disposal.

For more information about the Litter Pluck, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beautification at 845-807-0287 or email [scparks@sullivanny.org](mailto:scparks@sullivanny.org).

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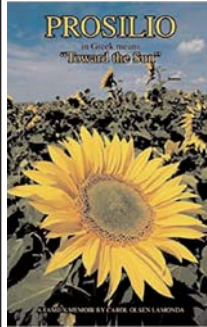
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## The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... 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



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# The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda Green on Green



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Of strangers with red hair and complexion fair.

Stone upon stone, mountains and sea,  
Waiting centuries for the likes of me.

Lamb stew, crisp fish and chips,  
With Guinness and Jamison to kiss my lips;  
Woolen knit sweaters and caps.  
Smoky peat fires, and little cat naps  
As the road winds like corkscrews  
Ireland's old meets the new in incredible views.

Stone upon stone, mountains and sea,  
Waiting centuries for the arrival of me.

Cobbled villages with shops and ware  
With names like Galway, Cork, and Kildare.  
Cottages on ledges or lanes lined with hedges,  
Cows, and sheep, and goats in masses  
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**CAS Kids Spring Break Session**

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY - The Catskill Art Society, proudly presents the annual CAS Kids Spring Break session, completely free arts education for children during spring break on April 18 - 22, 9am - 9:45am (Ages 4-7) and 10 - 10:45am (Ages 8-teen) at the Laundry King at 65 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY.

CAS Kids helps children develop creative thinking, emotional intelligence, and cooperation through painting, drawing, collage, sculpture, and pottery. In so doing, CAS Kids provides an excellent and free out-of-school learning opportunity during the school spring break. This season's session will center around the practice and work of Derick Melander, CAS's Artist in Residence. Melander will introduce children to a variety of projects utilizing fiber and textiles. Registration is recommended in advance, as space is limited. Please call 845-436-4227 or email [info@catskillartsociety.org](mailto:info@catskillartsociety.org) for more information.

This program is made possible through generous support of the Fullen-Smith Foundation, the Goyanes Family Foundation, Lazare and Charlotte Kaplan, and Thalia and George Liberatos Foundation.

**About CAS at the Laundry King**

CAS Arts Center will be closed for much of 2022 as the organization embarks on a major renovation and expansion to the previously unoccupied second-floor. During this time, CAS will program out of the Laundry King (65 Main Street) its annex performance and exhibition space. The newly realized exhibition space will launch with a long-term presentation of James Turrell's light installation Avar, 1976 and site-specific wall drawing from Sol LeWitt. Contrasting with the established group and regional artist shows currently offered in CAS's lower level, second floor gallery programming will offer major single-artist presentations for extended periods of a year or more - attracting major press attention, encouraging repeated visits by residents, and encouraging weekend travelers to spend time at CAS and in town. These exhibitions will be fully integrated with CAS's ongoing operations, and will be used as a significant platform to develop parallel programming notably including talks or other presentations by invited guests, public tours, and other education-focused workshops. This program will also establish a new level of regional significance for CAS's arts programming.

**About the Catskill Art Society**

The Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists. Located in Livingston Manor, the renovated 4,500+ square foot facility includes a designated fine arts gallery, a large multi-purpose space, a pottery studio, a painting studio, and a digital arts lab. For more information, please visit [www.catskillartsociety.org](http://www.catskillartsociety.org). Funding for CAS is provided in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislation.



## Fallsburg Students Activate Empathy with Sweethearts & Heroes

(From Pg. 1) Murphy's original Sweethearts & Heroes presentation focuses on "Empathetic Fitness," Action and HOPE (Hold On, Possibilities Exist!) with an aim at preventing bullying and suicide. For 15 years, he has presented what he calls "the 'stop, drop and roll' of bullying" to more than 2 million



students in thousands of schools from New England to Hawaii. Murphy will be joined by Rick Yarosh, a retired sergeant with the U.S. Army - injured in Iraq with burns over most of his body - who gives messages about overcoming adversity.

"Just talking about awareness doesn't fix anything," said Murphy, of St. Albans, Vt. "What separates us from other anti-bullying presentations and projects is that we give each student a plan to activate their

innate superpowers - to empower them to help others that are struggling with bullying or other challenges that all students face. Our message and strategies go way beyond bullying. We are about humanity, giving HOPE to the hopeless and making the world a better place."



Fallsburg students will also be treated to Circle, which is based on the ancient ritual of sitting in a circle to communicate and build empathy. Sweethearts & Heroes teammate Pat Fish leads Circle efforts. (For more on CIRCLE: <https://youtu.be/C2-DEwtbBOW>)

"Circle is about building a support network for students in all grades, so that when they are struggling with social and emotional obstacles, they will have the resources necessary to manage those struggles," Murphy said. "If you dedicate to Circle, if you commit to Circle on a regular basis, an entire culture can change. We've seen it happen thousands of times."

In late 2021, Sweethearts & Heroes released *13 Pillows For Affective Teachers*, a fictional and inspiring allegorical novel that covers the themes of HOPE and Action found in the Sweethearts & Heroes curriculum. *13 Pillows* is available on Amazon. Digital or printed copies are available upon request. (On Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/13Pillows>)

*13 Pillows* is based on real students and teachers that Sweethearts & Heroes has encountered over the years. Murphy cowrote the book with Brian McKeon of Fort Worth, Texas.

For more information on all programs and publications of Sweethearts & Heroes, visit their website:

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## Spring is in the Air in the Sullivan Catskills

April's here and that means the traditional trout fishing season has begun. So, pack a bag, head to the Sullivan Catskills and reel in some fun and adventure.

If the peeps in your group aren't fishing fans, many of our small towns offer big brews and spirits, home goods, vintage furniture, and good eats: Check out Catskill Brewery, Do Good Spirits, Upward Brewing, Roscoe Beer Company, Northern Farmhouse Pasta, The Junction, Sunshine Colony, Van Smokey, Life Repurposed, Jitterbug Catskills, Ba and Me, and The Kaatskeller. There's so much more Catskill-icious food and Good Taste Beverages you'll want to indulge in while you're here.

You'll want to head to Bethel. The Museum at Bethel Woods that reopened on Friday. This season's special exhibit: & Art Fair: Art and Design at the 1969 Woodstock Festival is an engaging and interactive display, highlighting the often-forgotten aspect of the festival. The gallery will showcase pieces made for and at Woodstock by artists, organizers, and festival attendees. Shopping and adventure? Yes, we have lots more of that, too, worth checking out. And remember to visit our Sullivan County Visitors Association Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok pages.

We're anxiously awaiting wild ramp season, when we (and our chefs) can head into the woods and forage for this tasty wild leek. But in the meantime, spring is a great time to hike our trails breath in our fresh mountain air and enjoy the sights as the earth springs back to life. Trails are important to communities, and you can attend the Trail Towns Conference on April 7 and 8, which will discuss their impact and potential.

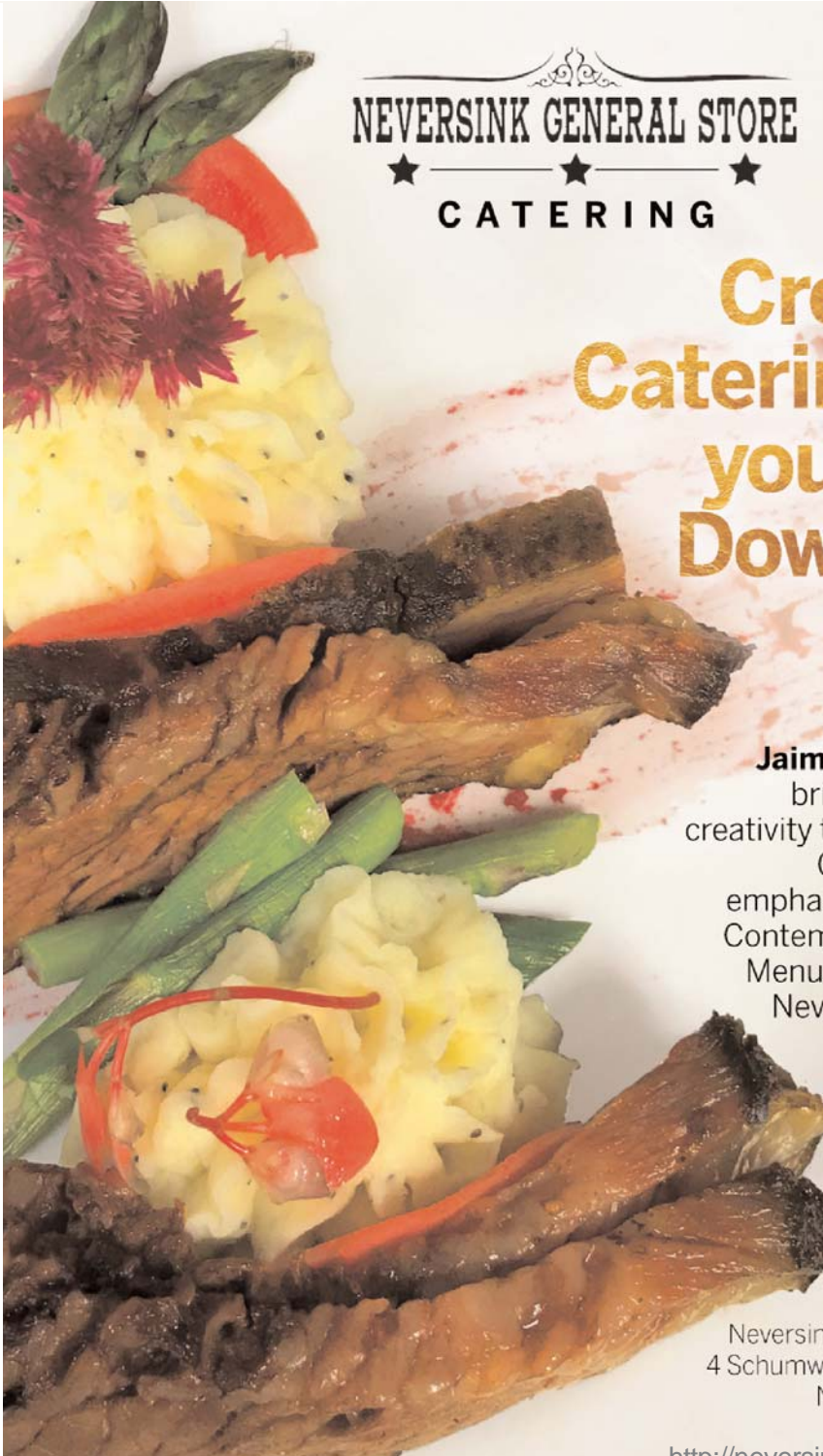
If you just want to chill and be still, our hoteliers- from full-service resorts to charming inns, B&Bs, and vacation rentals- have just what you need to unwind, relax, and recharge. Anytime is a great time to visit, but spring is so quiet and peaceful. Book a stay and see what we mean.

Consider a family stay, a healthy retreat, a quiet couple's getaway, a luxury gaming stay, dinner specials or other discounts when you visit this spring. Have a look at our Spring Offers and see what strikes your fancy.

We're just a 90-minute drive from Manhattan. Close.... clean... confident... and full of off-the-hook fun. Come see us! Remember, some of our proprietors may request that you wear a mask as part of our Catskills Confidence program to help keep us all safe, and healthy.

See you soon!

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## Music on Market

Join us on Thursday, April 21 at 7:30 pm for **Soul City!**

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If you experience technical difficulties with Eventbrite, please call (845) 377-3727 or email [musicon-marketellenville@gmail.com](mailto:musicon-marketellenville@gmail.com) with details of your reservation and we will assist you.

**Reserve your spot here:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/music-on-market-presents-soul-city-tickets-305155968717>



## The Scene Too -Jane Harrison

The best laid plans, right? The one musical offering I was able to make it to this weekend was a FIRST SUNDAY - A TRIBUTE TO JERRY GARCIA at the SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM in Hurleyville. The weather had eased up just enough to make it possible.

And at the start, there were only 4 empty chairs.

CAROL SMITH and ALDO TROIANI who comprise the successful LITTLE SPARROW are always a treat to hear and have traditionally hosted the FIRST SUNDAYS in the past to provide a musical interlude for people enduring the difficult winters of this area. Now rumor has it that these FIRST SUNDAYS will now continue into the summer. This Sunday, they were joined by three of my favorite musicians, ELLEN IOVINO on vocals, congas and assorted percussion; VAN MANAKAS on vocals and guitar; and JEFF ANDERSON on bass. I had the pleasure of meeting Ellen and Van at different times,



(Pre CoVid) and both with LITTLE SPARROW. Ellen on percussion, well all I can say is I haven't heard anyone before be so gentle and precise and yet incredibly profound. VAN MANAKAS? Give him 30 seconds and he'll give you a riff that will leave your jaw dropped. JEFF ANDERSON, I met for the first time at CABERNET FRANKS maybe two summers ago in their outside seating. Although best known in this area for his work with SLAM ALLEN, he also worked with BEN E. KING. I did not know Mr. King, but I had met his wife and daughter. So Jeff and I had traded stories. As a bassist, I do believe you could put him with any group of musicians and those subtle but solid bass notes would perfectly align.

me at this event. Someone's brother-in-law was a roadie for the didn't contribute, but I knew someone who traveled with them filming documentary footage. I fully suspect that those who said

Speaking of stories, I just listened to those around GRATEFUL DEAD. Another's friend was a stagehand. I



nothing were the superfans known as Deadheads. Maybe some knew him personally. We'll never know. JERRY GARCIA is a legend of our time, bringing forward the music of the past integrated with originals that strike true to the soul.

And it was a true pleasure hearing these five excellent musicians pay tribute.

The schedule for the upcoming week is still a bit sketchy as the few venues with live music are still playing it by ear. CoVid positives are inching up again with this newest variant but unfortunately, with the home testing kits expect people to 'do the right thing' and report positive and negative results. We all know it's a given that some will not do this.



What I DO know is:

There is a FIRST MONDAY Open Mic at the TANGO CAFÉ (behind the HURLEYVILLE ARTS CENTER) on the first Monday of every month hosted by CASWYN MOON.

CASWYN MOON also hosts an Open Mic at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville on Wednesdays at 7pm and at THE DALE in Mountindale on Thursdays.

The Open Mic at DeFILLIPI'S BAKERY in Monticello is back on every Sunday from 11am to 1-ish. (this is one of the things I wanted to go to this last weekend but the weather made the roads around here treacherous)

The ROCK HILL FARMER'S MARKET has released their musical line-up for the coming season. (more on that next week)

CABERNET FRANK'S on Saturday, April 9 will host NEVADA NEVADA and COVENTRY CAROLS in a double bill. And don't forget their EASTER BRUNCH on April 17; 10am to 2pm.

Let's hope this pandemic lull holds.

Stay well, stay safe and keep a mask in your pocket if not on your face

Until next time.....

(See Pg. 13 a montage of Nicky's Memorial)

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**Irina Nicoletti**



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## DEC Announces Adoption of Regulations to Significantly Reduce Electronic and Foam Packaging Waste Measures are Part of New York's Nation-Leading Efforts to Prevent Landfilling of Solid Waste and Promote Recycling

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the finalization of two regulations that will help reduce waste going to landfills. The adoption of requirements to reduce electronic waste (e-waste) and enacting the Expanded Polystyrene Foam Container and Loose Fill Packaging Ban will promote recycling and help prevent foam litter from affecting communities.

"New York was among the first states to ban foam take-out containers and packing peanuts because we've seen the direct impacts of litter in neighborhoods across the state and the ongoing, long-term damage created by microplastics on our environment," Commissioner Seggos said. "The enactment of this common sense regulation and the new requirements for electronic waste builds upon New York State's nation-leading efforts to reduce landfill waste and promote recycling."

DEC recently adopted regulations related to e-waste management to strengthen and provide clarity to the State's 2010 Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act. The regulations increase consumer recycling opportunities, emphasize producer responsibility for covering costs associated with the implementation of their own electronic waste acceptance programs, and improve overall collection of e-waste and recycling program performance. The full text of the regulations, which go into effect for existing regulated entities on Jan. 1, 2023, can be found at DEC's website.

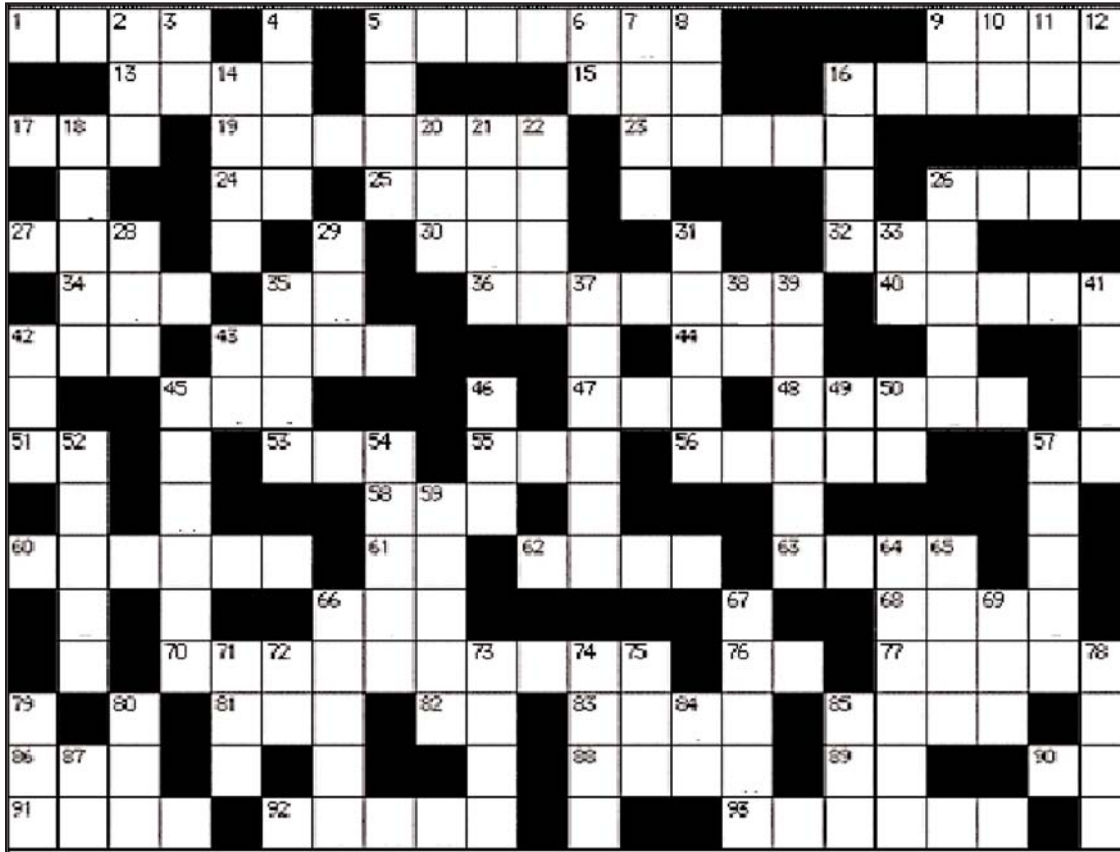
Expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam is a major contributor to environmental litter, causing negative impacts to wildlife, waterways, and natural resources. EPS foam is lightweight, breaks apart easily, and does not biodegrade, rendering it persistent in the environment and susceptible to becoming microplastic pollution. In addition, EPS foam containers and loose fill packaging are not accepted by most recycling programs in New York State because the foam is difficult to recycle, easily contaminates the recycling stream, is often soiled, and has low value.

DEC adopted regulations to help implement New York's polystyrene foam ban, known as the Expanded Polystyrene Foam Container and Loose Fill Packaging Ban, that began on Jan. 1, 2022. The new regulations provide clarity regarding the ban on expanded polystyrene foam containers and loose fill packaging (commonly referred to as packing peanuts); establish prohibitions related to its sale, offering for sale, and distribution; explain the financial hardship waiver application process; give cost comparison analysis for alternative packaging; provide definition of the terms "comparable cost" and "undue financial hardship"; and criteria for hardship waiver approval, renewal, and denial. The full text of the regulations can be found at DEC's website. For more information to "Go Foam Free" visit DEC's website.

The two measures build upon New York's environmental leadership in preventing litter and reducing waste through measures such as the ban on plastic carryout bags, the bottle bill, and food scrap recycling and food waste prevention efforts.



Spring - Poetry in Motion - L. Comando



- 73 High temper- 79 Plead
- ature 80 Moist
- 74 Spring pre- 84 Trade
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- 75 Final part 85 Armed
- 78 Circle of conflict
- light 87 Virginia
- (abbrev)

### Impossible Chocolate Cream Pie

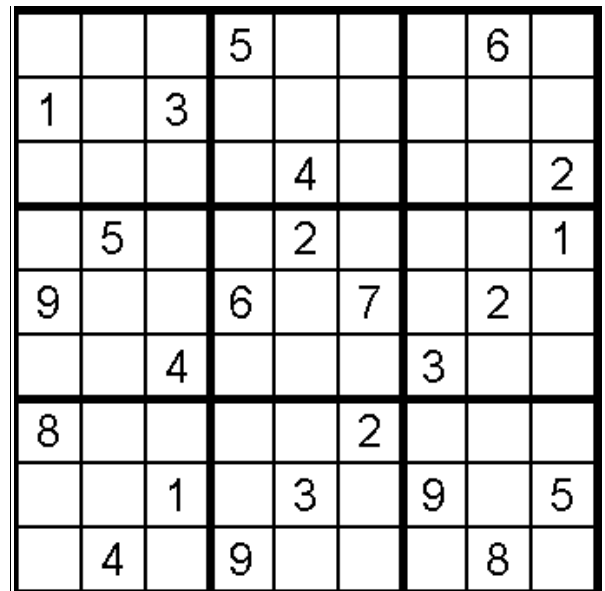
- 2 eggs
  - 1 cup milk
  - 1/4 cup butter or margarine, soft-  
ened
  - 2 (1 ounce) squares unsweetened  
chocolate, melted and cooled
  - 1 cup granulated sugar
  - 1/2 cup Bisquick
  - Sweetened Whipped Cream
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.  
Grease a 9-inch pie plate.

Place all ingredients except sweetened whipped cream in blender container. Cover and blend on high 1 minute. Pour into plate. Bake until no indentation remains when touched lightly in center, about 30 minutes. Cool completely. Top with sweetened whipped cream.

**Sweetened Whipped Cream**  
Beat 1 cup chilled whipping cream and 2 tablespoons granulated sugar until stiff.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Legend year
  - 5 Catkin 40 Leafless flower stalk
  - 9 Niche 42 Bitter bearing trees
  - 13 Exclusively 43 Jetty beer
  - 15 Hot 44 Grand Old Party
  - 16 Flowering spike of a willow tree 45 Drill
  - 17 Give fertilizer 47 Runs Batted In
  - 19 Relating to sight 48 Makes new again
  - 23 Chantry 51 Officer of the Guard
  - 24 Regarding 53 Distinct period of history
  - 25 Hack 55 Having three
  - 26 Bird with a raucous voice 56 Atrocity
  - 27 Blossom 57 Auto exposure
  - 30 Fasten 58 A definite article
  - 32 Inlet 60 Relating to spring
  - 34 Help 61 Brit's thank you
  - 35 Rural 62 Shred
  - Route 63 Perform-
  - 36 Four divisions of a ed well
  - 66 Drink
  - 68 Course of someone's life
  - 70 Half a sphere
  - 76 Father
  - 77 New
  - 81 Recored of events of a voyage
  - 82 Archiac form of thou
  - 83 Against
  - 85 Fermented drink
  - 86 Adam's wife
  - 88 Norse goddess of Spring
  - 89 Alternating current
  - 90 Kiloliters
  - 91 Entrance
  - 92 Begin
  - 93 Narrow river
- DOWN**
- 2 Staff
  - 3 Half an em
  - 4 Category of things
  - 5 Summons
  - 6 Old Testament
  - 7 Disengage
  - 8 Important source timber of India
  - 9 New Testament
  - 10 All right
  - 11 Exclamation attracting attention
  - 12 Recognize
  - 14 Commander
  - 16 Cradle
  - 18 Non-partisan
  - 20 Hat
  - 21 Imaginary line about which the Earth rotates
  - 22 Score
  - 26 Series of repeated events
  - 28 Expire
  - 29 Anger
  - 31 Codification of proven principles
  - 33 Like
  - 35 Ceremony
  - 37 Get here
  - 38 Not any
  - 39 Season after winter
  - 41 Fringe
  - 42 Past
  - 43 3.14159
  - 45 Limb
  - 46 Has already eaten
  - 49 Printer's measure
  - 50 North-east
  - 52 A new technology
  - 54 Youthful consort of Cybele associated with Spring
  - 57 French Cleric
  - 59 Feeling content
  - 64 Work room
  - 65 Mend
  - 66 Glimpse
  - 67 Whirls
  - 69 Small peg used for golf
  - 71 Large tree
  - 72 Missouri (abbrev)

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Answer on page 23

To play SUDOKU online:  
<https://sudoku.com>

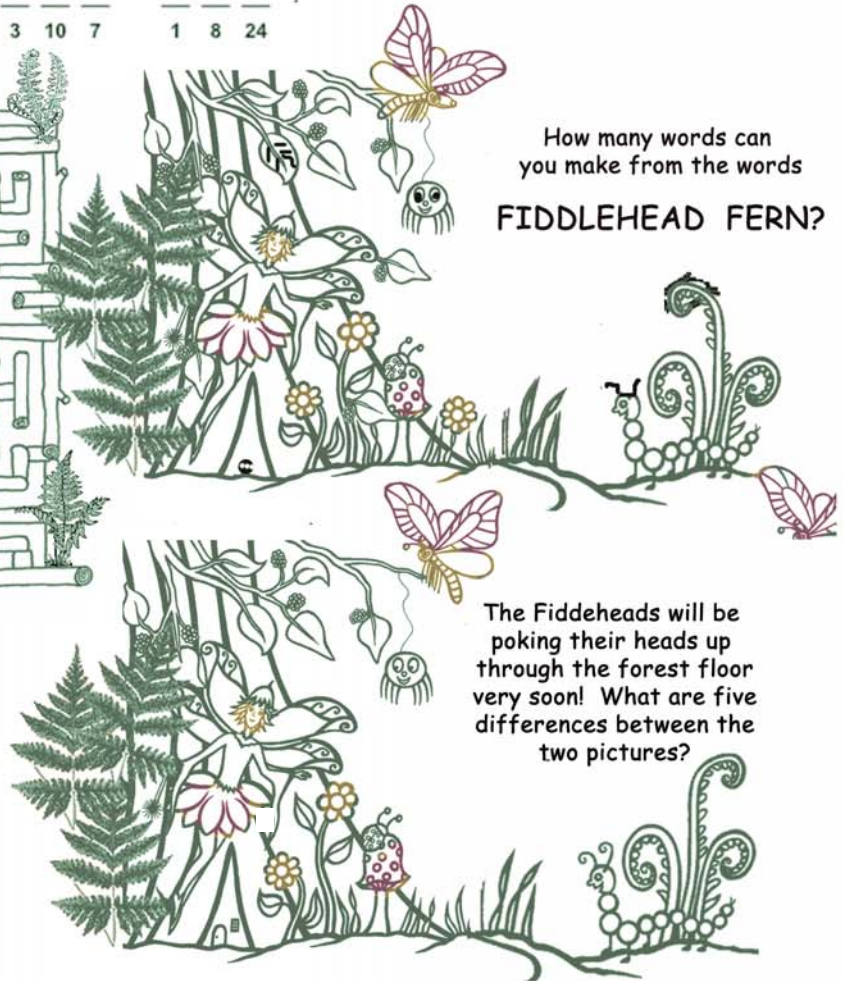
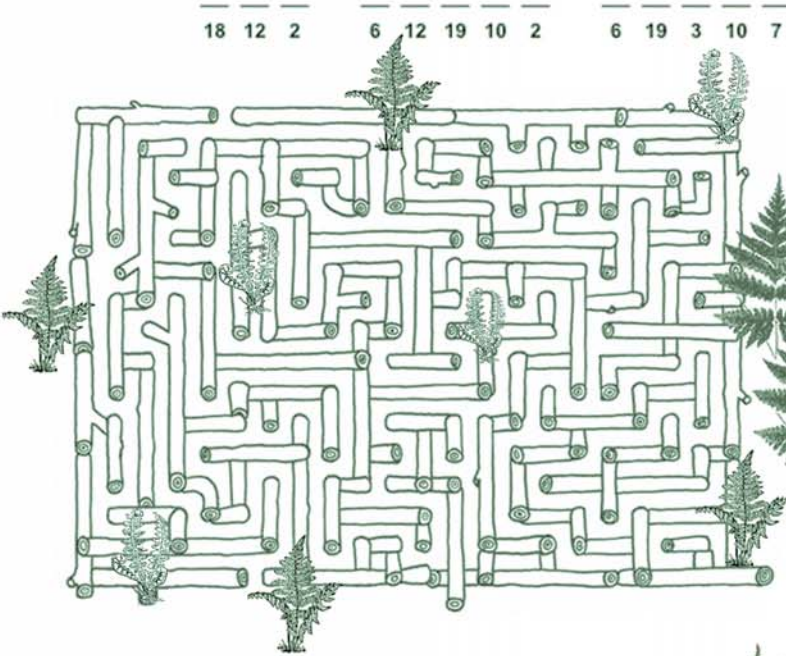
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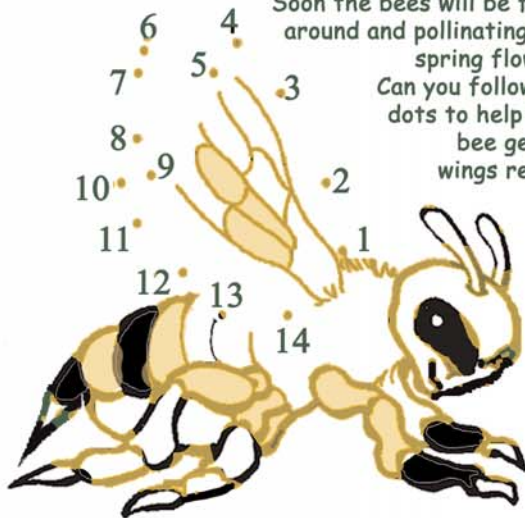
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How many words can you make from the words **FIDDLEHEAD FERN?**

The Fiddleheads will be poking their heads up through the forest floor very soon! What are five differences between the two pictures?

Soon the bees will be flying around and pollinating the spring flowers. Can you follow the dots to help this bee get his wings ready?



Kids' Spring Fun Page

L. Comando

SPRING TIME WORD SEARCH

- FERN
- FIDDLEHEADS
- FOREST
- WOODLANDS
- SHADE
- FRONDS
- STALK
- LEAF
- SPRING
- FORAGE
- BRACKEN

G E T R O S H A D E H N K  
 L S S C L X H X A Y C R L  
 F P E B R A C K E N Y N S  
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## Catskill Art Society

### Derick Melander to serve as its Artist in Residence at the Laundry King

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY Catskill Art Society invited Derick Melander to serve as its Artist in Residence at the Laundry King at 65 Main St, Livingston Manor, NY. Melander offers the public privileged access to his artistic practice by hosting open studio hours, interactive collaborations with local artists, draw-in's and interactive arts education. His residency will culminate with an exhibition of his monolithic work, *The Witness* along with other work created during his time at the Laundry King.

Derick Melander creates clothing sculptures that explore the intersection between global consumerism and the intimate relationship we have with what we wear. *The Witness* is made from wood and thousands of second-hand garments, sourced from New Yorkers. The title of the work refers to the collective act of living through COVID-19 and is a tribute to the survivors and those who perished, asking the viewers to ponder what they have witnessed. For Melander, the process of sorting, folding and stacking adds a layer of meaning to the work. When he comes across a dress with a hand-sewn repair, a coat with a name written inside the collar, the work starts to feel like a collective portrait. His goal is to celebrate and honor both the individual and the community in each work he creates.

Derick Melander was born in Saratoga Springs, NY. He earned his B.F.A. from SVA, where he was the recipient of the Chairman's Grant. He has shown extensively in the U.S. with solo exhibitions at The University of Maryland and special projects for Scope Miami, The City of San Francisco, and The City of New York. Derick recently completed a commission for The Chapman Perelman Foundation, was a visiting artist at FIT, and exhibited at Starstreet Precinct in Hong Kong. In 2021 he was awarded grants from NYFA and Queens Council on The Arts to create 'The Witness', a monumental sculpture in the public realm of Jackson Heights. His work has been reviewed in The New York Times, Vogue, GQ, NPR and he was recently interviewed for The Listen Podcast and the Let it Out Podcast.

#### Artist in Residence

The artist has opened his practice to the public March 5 - April 23 on Fridays and Saturdays from 11am - 5pm. Additional programs include and are not limited to:

**Drawing Club** - April 2, 11am - 12:30pm

**Artist collaboration with David Alexander Barnett** - April 8, 12pm

**Artist collaboration with Thomas Bosket** - April 15, 12pm

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**CAS Kids Spring Break** (limited availability, registration is recommended) - April 18 - 22, 9am - 9:45am (Ages 4-7) and 10 - 10:45am (Ages 8-teen)

Saturday, April 9, 2021 - **Artists Talk and Opening Reception**

CAS will host an Artists Talk at 3-4pm, followed immediately by a free Opening Reception from 4-5pm. Laundry King exhibition hours are Fridays - Saturdays from 11am - 5pm, and Sundays from 11am - 3pm and will be on view April 9 - 23.

#### About CAS at the Laundry King

CAS Arts Center will be closed for much of 2022 as the organization embarks on a major renovation and expansion to the previously unoccupied second-floor. During this time, CAS will program out of the Laundry King (65 Main Street) its annex performance and exhibition space. The newly realized exhibition space will launch with a long-term presentation of James Turrell's light installation *Avaar, 1976* and site-specific wall drawing from Sol LeWitt. Contrasting with the established group and regional artist shows currently offered in CAS's lower level, second floor gallery programming will offer major single-artist presentations for extended periods of a year or more - attracting major press attention, encouraging repeated visits by residents, and encouraging weekend travelers to spend time at CAS and in town. These exhibitions will be fully integrated with CAS's ongoing operations, and will be used as a significant platform to develop parallel programming notably including talks or other presentations by invited guests, public tours, and other education-focused workshops. This program will also establish a new level of regional significance for CAS's arts programming.

**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

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 18, 2022

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 3, 2022  
 At 7:00 P.M. (EDT)

for the purpose of presenting the school budget for the 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 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 the following proposition will also be submitted for voter approval at said Annual Meeting:

"Shall the Board of Education be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund, designated as the 2022 Capital Reserve Fund, in accordance with Education Law Section 3651(1), for the purpose of paying the cost of future building projects and facility renovations, in a maximum amount not to exceed \$20,000,000, plus accrued earnings, to be raised by annual transfers of unappropriated fund balances, annual transfers of excess funds from the General Fund in an amount up to \$750,000, for a probable term of ten (10) years, effective July 1, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2032, provided that, pursuant to Education Law Section 3651(3), no expenditure shall be made from such fund except upon authorization of the voters of the District for the purposes specified herein?"

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 18, 2022. 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 2022, there are three Board seats available which are three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025, for seats currently held by the following Board of Education members:

Keri-Ann Poley  
 Erin Mentnech  
 Joseph Colón

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 3, 2022, 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 Tuesday, May 10, 2022, and Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 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 12, 2022, 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 17, 2022. 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. (Contd. Pg. 19)



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 TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK

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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. Potential voters who are concerned about appearing for personal registration due to COVID-19 risks, may register online at the Department of Motor Vehicles voter registration website at the following URL: <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>. Potential voters may also register by downloading a Voter Registration Form from the New York State Board of Elections website (<https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html#VoteRegForm>), completing it, and mailing it to the Sullivan County Board of Elections at the address listed on the second page of the form.

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](mailto: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 21, 2022. 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 21, 2022. 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 22, 2022. Completed military ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2022 in order to be counted.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee Ballots must be applied for unless the 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 10, 2022) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 16, 2022), 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 Peña, District Clerk  
 Dated: March 18, 2022

4/7; 4/14; 4/21; 4/28

**Tri-Valley CSD  
 Board Meeting  
 Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

Meeting Opening Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.,  
 Secondary School Library Lower Level,  
 Anticipated Proposed Executive Session 6:00 p.m.,  
 Secondary School Library Upper Level,  
 Regular Meeting #19 resumes approximately 7:00 p.m.,  
 Secondary School Library Lower Level.

**Fallsburg CSD  
 Board of Education  
 Meetings**

**April 12, 2022  
 (Tuesday: BOCES vote)**

**May 4, 2022**

**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES****NOTICE**

The Town of Neversink will be accepting applications for Lifeguard positions at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pool for the 2022 season.

Application forms are available at the Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Applicants must include copies of all current certifications, length of time available to work and any needed time off when submitting their applications. (Photocopies of certifications can be made at the Town Hall when the application is brought in.)

**PLEASE NOTE: THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS WILL BE 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022.**

Town of Neversink Summer Swim Program is also requesting applicants for WSI Instructors. For further information on either please call Town Hall at 985-2262, ext. 319. 4/7

**2022-2023 Opening  
Tri-Valley Central School  
School Nurse**

LPN/RN License Required

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

4/7; 4/14; 4/21

## Town of Neversink SPRING CLEANUP 2022

Spring Cleanup will be held on April 23, 27 & 30 AND May 4, 2022. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with RED 2022 permits will be allowed 2 loads which must be brought during the Spring Cleanup dates. Permit cards will be punched for each load. TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of with payment being made by SW coupons. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. Due to the high volume of traffic during spring cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Spring Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.

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

**Please Take Notice:**

## Covid-19 Home Test Kits

are available at  
**Town of Denning Town Hall**  
**1567 Denning Road Claryville, NY**  
**Mondays through Thursdays**  
**8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**until they are gone.**

**Call (845) 985-2411 for more information.**

**Full Time Residents Only**  
**Proof of Denning**  
**residency required**  
**ONE kit per household**  
**(2 tests)**  
**Signature required**

**Ulster County**  
**is tracking distribution**

## COVID HOME TEST KITS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE NEVERSINK TOWN HALL.

- \*\*Must be a Town of Neversink Residents
- \*\*Two tests per household
- \*\*Available 8:30 to 4:30 M-F

## Special Announcement about Budget Vote in FCSD

This year's School Budget Vote and Election for Board of Education members on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 will be held in the Board Room at the Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School instead of the high school library. If you are facing the front entrance to the school, take the road that is on the left side of the building. The Board Room is on the same floor as the Superintendent's Office. There will be plenty of lawn sign and large banners showing the way. Voting hours are 11 AM to 8 PM.



## Take Out Chicken Barbeque Fundraiser

Saturday, May 14, 4 to 6 p.m.  
Time and the Valleys Museum



Tickets for the Chicken Barbeque are \$15 per meal and are available on line: [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/product/chicken-takeout-bbq/](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/product/chicken-takeout-bbq/), or by sending a check to: Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door. Please call 845 985-7700 or email [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) for more information.

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

### Exhibitions:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm an outdoor experience with farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with working waterwheel!
- o One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room a temporary exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org).

The 3rd annual Take Out Chicken Barbeque will be held on Saturday, May 14th, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum parking lot, 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville NY.

The BBQ includes Murray's Chicken BBQ'd to perfection by the Neversink Fire Department, delicious sides (baked beans, baked potato, corn bread and coleslaw) by Chef Jaime of Neversink General Store and ice cream from Gillette Creamery. It also includes a trivia booklet for activities to do at home after your delicious BBQ. Enjoy a delicious dinner, support the Museum and never leave your car!



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Will be opened every Friday from 10 - 3

**Something for Everyone**



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**Sundown United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper April 2**

**Bake Sale April 16th 9 - 12**

**Easter Breakfast April 17th - 9:30**  
*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*



**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**  
The Little Church with the Big Heart  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**Sunday, 8:00am Service of Holy Communion**  
Music by Fred VanWagner

5277 State Rt. 42 • South Fallsburg  
845-436-7539

For information contact:  
**The Reverend Diana Southwick Scheide**  
Canon Missioner of the Delaware Catskill Episcopal Ministry  
PO Box 296 Callicoon, NY  
vicardcem@gmail.com  
845-887-3201 • 717-870-7874 cell

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)  
**6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY**

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

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 3:00 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

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

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**First Thrift Sale of the Season!**

**April 9th 9 am-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

Dial by your location  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

*The Church with a friendly welcome*

**Pastor Kenneth Ronk**  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Worship Service 9:30 am  
P O Box 238 - Route 55  
Grahamsville, NY 12740  
845-985-7480

**Claryville Reformed Church**



Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041

Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor  
Church Hall available for rent  
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

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**Geoff and Heather Hazzard**  
**"Celebrating Life, One Family at a Time"**

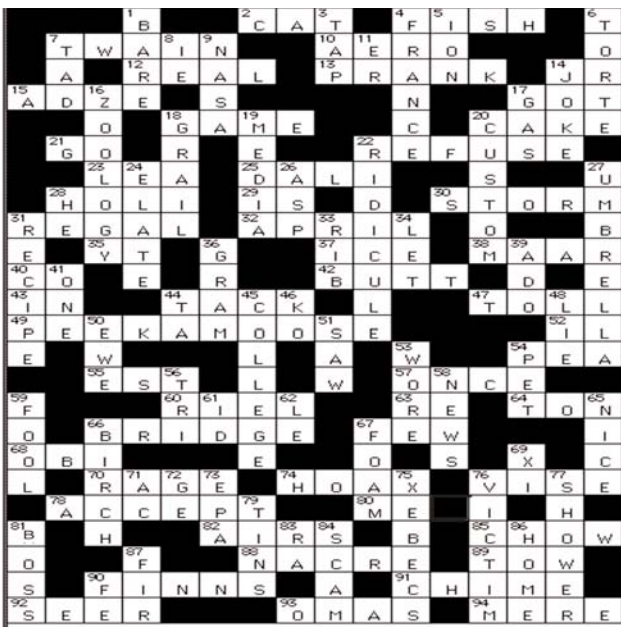
79 North Main Street  
Ellenville, New York  
(845) 647-4343

**St. Augustine's Chapel**  
*Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY*

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



Ans to last week's Crossword



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### Grahamsville United Methodist Church



356 Main St. P.O. Box 86  
 Grahamsville, NY 12740  
**Thrift Sale Schedule 2022**  
 All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

- April - 9th and 23rd
- May - 7th and 21st
- June - 4th and 18th
- July - 9th and 23rd
- August - 13th and 27th
- Sept - 10th and 24th
- October - 8th and 22nd
- Nov - 5th and 19th

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays  
 from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment.

Call Lee (985-3128) or Ruth (985-7222).

<http://grahamsvilleumc.org> • [grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com)  
 Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

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

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU  
 answer

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

### Sundown United Methodist Church

**Covered Dish Supper**  
 Saturday, April 2, 2022 5:30 pm  
 at the Church Hall

*(Covered Dish Suppers will be held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)*

### WSCS Ladies of Sundown UMC

### Bake Sale

April 16th 9 am - 12 noon  
 at the Church Hall

### Easter Breakfast

April 17th - 9:30 am  
 at the Church Hall

Following  
**Easter Service**  
 at 8:00 am

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 or visit our Virtual Mail  
<http://gnomehomeinc.com>

**AL-ANON MEETINGS-** <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>  
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m.  
 Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne  
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

**VETERANS** always Free search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the  
**Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurlayville, NY.  
 For information call 845-434-8044.

**LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 4/5/22 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm  
 4/6/22 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm  
 4/9/22 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon  
 4/10/22 Claryville Fire Department **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 8 am - 12 noon  
 4/12/22 Denning Town Board Meetings 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall  
 4/13/22 Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm  
 4/15/22 Town of Neversink Holiday - **GOOD FRIDAY**  
 4/16/22 Sundown UMC **Bake Sale** 9 am - 12 noon Church Hall  
 4/17/22 Sundown UMC **Easter Breakfast** 9:30 am Church Hall  
 4/19/22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm  
 4/21/22 Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall  
 4/23/22 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon  
 4/28/22 Neversink Fire District Monthly meeting 7:30 PM  
 5/7/22 **Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 Church Hall

**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.

**Local Town Hall Websites:**

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

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update

April 4 - April 9, 2022

**Monday, April 4**

o 6:00 PM - Traffic Safety Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Tuesday, April 5**

o 5:15 PM - Public Works, Capital Projects, & Transportation Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 886 9068 1787, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

o 6:30 PM (or immediately following the Public Works, Capital Projects, & Transportation Committee) - Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts, & Agriculture Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 872 2481 1671, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

**Wednesday, April 6**

o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Webinar ID: 875 6300 3273 Pw: 834223, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

**Thursday, April 7**

o 4:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 870 4094 2317, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

o 5:15 PM - Law Enforcement, & Public Safety Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 865 1401 4873, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

o 6:00 PM - Human Rights Commission, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 301 339 6875, By Phone Dial (929) 205-6099

o 6:30 PM (or immediately following the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee) - Energy, Environment, & Sustainability Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 850 1629 4456, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

**Friday, April 8**

o 5:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 848 4329 2055, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

**Saturday, April 9**

o 10:00 AM - Special Meeting of the Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 897 7611 6344, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

### Help your local business grow Advertise locally in *The Townsman!*

Classified ads - \$5.00  
for the first 20 words/  
20 cents each additional word

1" Boxed ad (1" x 3")  
- \$6.00 per week

Business card ad (2" x 3")  
\$12.00 per week

(3" x 4") - \$24.00 per week

(3" x 6") - \$36.00 per week

(4" x 6") - \$48.00 per week

1/4 pg (4" x 5") - \$40.00 per week

1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$64.00 per week

(6" x 8") - \$96.00 per week

Full Page - 8" x10" - \$100.00 per week

Digital Flyer - 8"x10 - \$100.00/week

•• Full Page Flyer for Local Municipalities  
and Organizations - one time fee-  
\$20.00

(once the flyer is inserted we will publish it  
each week through to the week of the  
event)

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

### Low Rates High Visibility!



## The First Thrift Sale of the Season will Happen! Remember All the Fun You Had at the Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sales? We Can't Allow that to Change!

The first Thrift Sale at Grahamsville UM Church will be held on **April 9th**. Volunteers are still needed to make sure they can continue to hold all the Thrift Sales posted on their calendar!

We all had a lot of fun looking for that special item and finding a lot more! Not only was it fun finding great bargains, but it was also a lot of fun seeing familiar faces and meeting new friends who were having just as much fun.

All those years, all those bargains, fun and food were **made possible by volunteers**. **Volunteers are special people** who gave some time and effort back to the community. In the past volunteers found their little niche - whether it was sorting the new items that were brought in by donors, washing items so they were pristine when you bought them, placing the items in an orderly fashion on the racks, tables and shelves, or being there on a sale day helping those making purchases.

Unfortunately time has taken its toll on the number of volunteers that are needed to make the Thrift Sales continue to happen. Some of the volunteers are longer with us, or are now unable to perform as they did in years past. How sad it would be not to have someone follow in their footsteps and step up and volunteer! **If you loved coming to the Thrift Sales, why not become one of the volunteers?**

You don't have to be a member of the Grahamsville UM Church to be a volunteer. Think about it. If everyone who came to the Thrift Sale in the past were to volunteer just a little of their time and a little effort, we could all still look forward to future **Thrift Sales!**

Please fill out the form below and bring it with you **to the church on Sunday and leave it with the pastor** or mail it to: **Grahamsville UM Church, P O Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740 Attention: Thrift Sale Volunteers**; or if you come to the **Thrift Sale on April 9th**, bring the form with you and give it to one of the volunteers.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check what type of volunteer service you can offer to  
**help make the GUMC Thrift Sales continue to Happen!**

\_\_\_\_\_ Help sort donations

\_\_\_\_\_ Wash items when necessary

\_\_\_\_\_ Help with displaying and placing merchandise for sale

\_\_\_\_\_ Help at the Thrift Sales

\_\_\_\_ Other: If you have something else that you may offer to help, please let us know

**THANK YOU!**

## Winter Ice Skating Event is Big Success at FCSD

Dozens of Fallsburg families braved frigid temperatures and cold rain to have fun and connect with friends at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) on Saturday, March 26, 2022. The Ice-Skating Winter Event was happening in front of the school entrance and protected by the overhang. The ice skating was held at the main driveway exposed to the weather elements.

Very popular places were the hot chocolate station and a "food truck" turned into a kiosk with full grill and protected by a portable canopy with Fallsburg Comets written on the fabric. The one-man grill man was Luis Carrillo. He was taking special orders faster than the chain drive-ins, dispensing loaded nachos with filling and sauce and gluten-free arepas with choice of toppings. An additional array of subs and fresh fruit was available under the overhang.



SGA students were in charge of this bounty furnished from the ARP ESSER grant.

Another popular feature of the day were racks of new winter coats that had been donated to the schools by Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther's office, parents, staff and community agencies. With the thermometer hovering just above freezing, parents appreciated the warm clothing. The Comets' Football Team had a table to welcome students. The BCES PTA, manned by Ms. Colleen Picciotti and Ms. Samara Naeymi, had a table with information about growing plants. The FHS PTO President Verna Greer and VP Lisa Acosta were welcoming people to a table with free Covid test kits provided by FCSD, tee shirts and information about their upcoming activities.



Dr. Aleta Lymon, Director of Family and Community Engagement, organized the day's festivities. She wanted to thank all those that helped make the event a great success. Besides those mentioned above, the FCSD custodial staff did yeoman work to set up and break down all the tables, chairs, canopy for the hot food grill, and clean up; School Administration; the FCSD Wellness Committee; the Board of Education School Community Relations Committee chaired by Ms. Fiorella Muscia; Dr. Sean Wall-Carty of the BOE; volunteers from My Brother's Keeper program; Elisa Baum and the SGA for many volunteers; the Football Program for volunteers; Rolling V Bus Company for providing bus service to and from the event; FCSD Coach Michael Ballard; Sullivan 180 for co-sponsorship; Mobile Medic for providing an ambulance and EMT in case of emergency; and Fallsburg Police and Fire Departments for providing emergency equipment and staff for information table on their community services.



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Toward the end of the event, there was an egg hunt. Colorful plastic eggs were filled with Starburst. The kids had a blast finding the eggs in the playground and empty parking lot. As a grand finale was a professional mountain bike raffle along with multiple helmets and basket raffles. Appropriately, the bicycle went to BCES fourth grader and outdoor enthusiast Walker Budde, who loves hiking and riding in the woods. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz and members of the Board of Education presented the raffle prizes.





Tri-Valley Elementary School  
"INSPIRE SUCCESS TOGETHER"



## Tri-Valley Elementary School

### UPK REGISTRATION

**If you have a child that will be 4  
years old by December 1, 2022 please  
call us at**

**845-985-2296 ext. 5405**

**Or send an email to:**

**[registration@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:registration@trivalleycsd.org)**

**and leave your name, your child's  
name and phone number where you  
can be reached.**





## Fallsburg CSD 2022-2023 Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

**NEW FOR 2022-2023:  
FULL DAY PRE-K PROGRAM!**  
(2 classrooms with 18 students in each)  
(that day program will no longer be offered)

- Pre-K students must be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2022.
- Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2022.

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 11th - April 29th  
Kindergarten students: May 9th - May 20th

**For Pre-K:**  
COMPLETE Registration Packets (including ALL required documentation) will be accepted until April 29th. 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 2022-2023 Registro de Pre-K y Kindergarten

**NUEVO PARA 2022-2023:  
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 2022 o antes.
- Los estudiantes de kindergarten deben tener 5 años cumplidos el 1 de diciembre de 2022 o antes.

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

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

El registro se llevará a cabo para los entrantes:  
Estudiantes de Pre-K; 11 de Abril - 29 de Abril  
Estudiantes de Kindergarten; 9 de Mayo - 20 de Mayo

**Para Pre-K:**  
COMPLETE Los paquetes de registro (que incluyen TODA la documentación requerida) se aceptarán hasta el 29 de abril. Una vez que se llenen todos los asientos, los estudiantes se agregarán a una lista de espera. El registro se procesará, por fecha de recepción, solo para paquetes de registro COMPLETOS.



## Tri-Valley Secondary School presents *Freaky Friday: The One Act Musical!*

- Article by Patrick Kelly

Tri-Valley Secondary School would like to welcome you back to the theater with a musical sure to delight all ages. Based on the hit movies and classic novel by Mary Rodgers, Tri-Valley presents the classic Freaky Friday story with a new musical twist on April 8th and 9th at 7:00 pm. With music by Tom Kitt (*If/Then, Next to Normal*), Lyrics by Brian Yorkey (*If/Then, Next to Normal*), and Book by Bridget Carpenter (*Friday Night Lights, Parenthood*), the musical focuses on the intergenerational struggle between mother and daughter and one freaky day that changes everything for the both of them. Directed by Tri-Valley music teacher Regina Hartman, and featuring the musical talents of Tri-Valley students, the show will make you laugh, sing, dance, and cry. Tickets can be purchased at the box office on the night of the show or online at <https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/tri-valley-central-school-district/freaky-friday-one-act-edition-81775/>. For more information contact Regina Hartman at [reginahartman@trivalleysd.org](mailto:reginahartman@trivalleysd.org)

## Sullivan County Accepting Agricultural District Applications

Monticello, NY - From April 1-30, Sullivan County is accepting applications from property owners seeking to be included in New York State Agricultural Districts 1 and 4.

New York State Agricultural Districts are geographic areas that consist predominantly of viable agricultural land. Agricultural operations within those districts are afforded benefits and protections to promote the continuation of farming and the preservation of agricultural land. These benefits include protection of farm operations from unreasonably restrictive local laws, limitations on assessments for newly formed benefit districts, and notification to local governments of projects that could adversely affect farmland.

There are two New York State Agricultural Districts in Sullivan County: Agricultural District 1 encompasses towns in northern and western Sullivan County, and Agricultural District 4 covers the County's eastern and southern towns.

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Law, defines "viable agricultural land" as land highly suitable for agricultural production and which will continue to be economically feasible for such use if real property taxes, farm use restrictions and speculative activities are limited to levels approximating those in commercial agricultural areas not influenced by the proximity of non-agricultural development.

During this 30-day window, property owners may request the addition of their land into an Agricultural District. Applications are available by calling Melinda Meddaugh at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at 845-292-6180 x116, or by emailing her at [mm2592@cornell.edu](mailto:mm2592@cornell.edu).

Applications will be reviewed by the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, who will then make recommendations to the County Legislature regarding property to be added to the districts this year. The County Legislature will hold a public hearing and then vote on the

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approval of each recommended addition.

Subsequent to County approval, an updated district map with a report showing the new parcels for inclusion in the districts will be submitted to the State Department of Agriculture and Markets for State approval. Upon approval by Agriculture and Markets, each property owner will be notified by mail, and the real property tax records for each parcel will be updated. Applicants will receive notification by the winter.

More information on the benefits of agricultural districts, as well as access to maps of Sullivan County's agricultural districts, is available on the Sullivan County website at [www.sullivanny.us](http://www.sullivanny.us). Type Agricultural Districts in the search box, or click on Agricultural Districts from the Planning Division page.

## A Reminder That the Redemption Date for Tax-Foreclosed Properties Is April 30

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck is urging owners to redeem their tax-delinquent properties prior to April 30, 2022.

"We extended the redemption date from January 31 to April 30 to accommodate those struggling in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic," she explained. "But that means there will be NO repurchase opportunity after that date. After April 30, properties with taxes delinquent from 2020 or earlier will go straight to the tax auction."

State law permits owners of properties facing foreclosure to "redeem" those properties - removing them from the foreclosure list - by paying the outstanding taxes and associated penalties (prior to April 30) before an auction is conducted.

"We want everyone to remain in their homes and keep their properties for as long as they are able. The very last resort is foreclosure - which we undertake reluctantly and carefully, according to State law," Buck noted. "I'm glad that we can offer this extra amount of time to taxpayers, but that grace period is about to run out."

For more information, contact the Treasurer's Office at 845-807-0200.

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## Governor Hochul Announces Award of \$1.6 Million to Establish Mobile Medication Units for Addiction Treatment

- *Mobile Medication Units Will Allow People to Receive Medication for Addiction Treatment Outside of a Traditional Facility*
- *MMUs are First of Their Kind Programs in New York State*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the award of \$1.6 million to eight addiction services providers in New York State, which will allow them to establish Mobile Medication Units. These Units will dispense medication to treat substance use disorder, including methadone and buprenorphine, allowing people to receive these medications without the need to travel to a brick-and-mortar facility. These will be the first MMUs in New York State and were made possible by a Federal Drug Enforcement Administration rule change allowing them to be operated by existing Opioid Treatment Program Providers.

"Like far too many New Yorkers, my family has lost a loved one battling with addiction," Governor Hochul said. "Physical distance or lack of transportation should never come between someone struggling with addiction and potentially lifesaving treatment. This first-of-its-kind program will break down barriers to resources for those seeking support and is a critical step in overcoming this public health crisis."

Office of Addiction Services and Supports Commissioner Chinazo Cunningham said, "The lack of transportation or the distance from a treatment facility should not act as a barrier to receiving necessary care for addiction, including lifesaving medication such as methadone. These new mobile medication units will offer comprehensive addiction services and bring important help directly to individuals in need, giving them another avenue to receive important help in their recovery."

MMUs are designed to help people who may face barriers to accessing traditional treatment, such as geographic proximity to an Opioid Treatment Facility, or the lack of reliable transportation. These mobile units will offer services that include admission assessments and medication induction, medication administration and observation, toxicology tests, and other medical services. They will supplement already existing mobile services throughout the state offered by various providers, including assessment, counseling, medications other than methadone for addiction treatment, telepractice, and transportation services.

Funding for these programs was provided to New York State through the Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant and awarded through a competitive grant process administered by the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports.

**Representative Paul Tonko** said, "At a moment when we are losing more than 100,000 Americans each year to overdose, we must take urgent and immediate action to combat the disease of addiction and provide hope to those struggling. I have led the fight in Congress to address this crisis and am proud of my work to fund the Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant program. I thank Governor Hochul for her leadership delivering addiction services directly to our New York communities and ensuring our loved ones and neighbors have the life-saving support and treatment they need."

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, and recovery services. The State has worked to expand access to traditional services, including crisis services, inpatient, outpatient, and residential treatment programs, as well as medication to treat addiction, and mobile treatment and transportation services.

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

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](https://www.findaddictiontreatment.ny.gov) or through the NYS 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](mailto:ombuds@oasas.ny.gov).



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## NYS Department of Public Service Investigation into Central Hudson Receives Over 1,000 Complaints in 48 Hours

Triggered by a formal request for investigation by Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) will look into Central Hudson's customer information system implementation and resulting billing errors. County Executive Pat Ryan continues to encourage impacted residents to submit comments as part of the investigation by DPS into Central Hudson.

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) investigation into Central Hudson has received over 1,000 complaints in 48 hours after County Executive Ryan encouraged impacted residents to post public comments on the matter via the DPS webportal. Triggered by a formal request for investigation on March 3rd by County Executive Ryan, DPS will look into Central Hudson's customer information system implementation and resulting billing errors.

"As Ulster County Executive, I will continue to use my office to advocate on behalf of all of our residents. The failed implementation of Central Hudson's new billing system along with the unexpected and unprecedented bill surges is simply unacceptable," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I want to thank all of the impacted individuals who have already participated in the investigation along with DPS for their immediate attention to this matter. While this investigation has already seen over 1,000 comments, I am continuing to encourage residents to submit their concerns in order to show the full scope of the situation."

This week, in response to County Executive Ryan's formal request, DPS opened matter number 22-00666 to investigate problems with Central Hudson's billing practices. Other matters open with DPS are an investigation into Central Hudson's winter storm response (matter number 22-00497) and an audit into Central Hudson's billing practices (matter number 21-M-0541). Within 48 hours of County Executive Ryan notifying the public that an investigation had been opened, there were over 1,000 public comments logged on the matter.

Central Hudson customers who have been impacted by the implementation of Central Hudson's new billing system, and who have not been able to resolve their issues with the utility, may submit public comment to the DPS investigation through the online form.

Due to unusually high call volume, the Ulster County Recovery Service Center is prioritizing Ulster County residents who do not have computer access or a valid email address, and those who fit this criteria may call 845-443-8888 for assistance with submitting public comments on the investigation. All others, please keep the lines open for these folks and use the DPS online form.

There is no deadline to submit complaints, and it's anticipated that the DPS investigation will go on for several months.

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### Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on Resolution of Seneca Dispute

"Since the beginning of my administration, I have been committed to resolving this dispute and securing the funds that State and local governments are owed. The courts have consistently ruled in the State's favor, yet no payments were made. Upon taking office, I sought to negotiate in good faith, and we have met every hurdle. I am pleased to have finally reached a resolution, and the full \$564 million has been received by New York.

"These funds were generated in Western New York, and I am directing the State's share, which is more than \$418 million, to the new Buffalo Bills stadium. This will ensure the Bills remain in New York State and support 10,000 construction jobs. The remainder of the funds will go directly to the counties and cities of Western New York and be reinvested to support the local economy and communities.

"I thank President Pagels and the Nation leadership for fulfilling their commitment to the people of New York."

### Statement from UC Government

At approximately 2 P.M. on Friday afternoon, Ulster County Emergency Services, Ellenville Fire Department, and other emergency personnel from Sullivan and Ulster County, responded to a call of a structure fire at the Ukrainian American Youth Association Camp in Kerhonkson.

At this time, the fire is under control and there are no known injuries or fatalities. Presently, our Ulster County Fire Investigation Unit is on scene and will release additional information when available.

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

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

*For any other questions*  
845.798.2077 [nickneedsokidney@gmail.com](mailto:nickneedsokidney@gmail.com)

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## Musical Theater Returns to Fallsburg High School

The Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Drama Club will perform the musical, *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, on April 8 & 9 at 7:00 p.m. Based on the comic strip, "Peanuts," by Charles M. Schultz, *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* was written by Clark Gesner. The show opened on Broadway in 1967 and won two Drama Desk-Vernon Rice Awards for Director and Performer, and the Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Production.



*You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* explores life through the eyes of Charlie Brown (played by Cecelia Norris-Yanes) and his friends, as they play baseball, struggle with homework, send Valentines, sing songs, and share friendship. The series of vignettes and songs features Lucy van Pelt (played by Hayden-Marie Herrera) as Charlie Brown's strong-minded friend, who analyzes his character in "The Doctor Is In." Lucy dominates over her younger brother, Linus (played by Adam Mednick), but shares a special bond with him as well, as she instructs him in her view of life in "Little Known Facts." For his part, Linus is a child prodigy in philosophy, calmly delivering wisdom and support to Charlie Brown, while also clinging to his blanket as he sings, "My Blanket and Me."

Lucy sings "Schroeder" to her heartthrob, the musician Schroeder (played by Nicholas Muscia), who rarely looks up from his piano long enough to notice her. Patty (played by Olga Flores-Bonilla); the little redhead girl Heather (played by Elisheva Sudranski) and Sally (played by Sanaya Aquil) round out the group of friends. Charlie Brown's dog Snoopy (played by Adira Greer-Padilla & Jalysa Poindexter) & Woodstock (played by Bella Muscia) steal the spotlight in the production number, "Supertime." The entire cast highlights some of childhood's simple joys in the finale, "Happiness," a beloved classic from the show.

*You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* is directed by Tobi Magnetico (stage) and Danna Clear (music). The stage designer and costume designer is Kim Flynn. Lighting design by Amanni Sitz, sound design by Jim Schmidt, choreography by Danna Clear, and stage manager is Megan Kappes. Student stage managers are Michael Storms and Catherine Pena. The stage crew consists of Danielle Olsen, Danica Morris & Anngeleenna Bruno.

Tickets can be purchased at the door on the night of the show. Pricing is \$7, children under 5 years old are free. Doors open at 6:30pm. The Drama Club hopes to see you there!

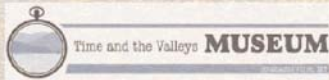




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## UC NOW TRENDING .....

### April 2022

**Apr 1-10 Coach House Players** presents "Drinking Habits," Who knew that raising money by making wine, keeping secrets, and suspicion of

spies could be so problematic? Comedy. 12 Augusta Street, Kingston. 845-331-2476; coachhouseplayers.org

**Apr 1-Oct. 31 Bridge Music:** 13 th season. Joseph Bertolozzi's musical opus celebrating the Mid-Hudson Bridge. Free. Dawn to dusk. Access from the Mid-Hudson Bridge's pedestrian sidewalks at Johnson-Iorio Park. 281 Haviland Road, Highland. josephbertolozzi.com/bridge-music

**Apr 8, 10, 22, 24 Pebble Painting:** A fun-for-all art expression. Includes instruction and materials. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 2-3 p.m. Free for overnight guests. \$25 per participant. Emerson Resort & Spa, 5340 Rte. 28, Mount Tremper. 845-688-2828; emersonresort.com

**Apr 9, 16, 23, 30 Secret Ruin Hikes:** See ruins of the Overlook mountain hotel and explore summit of the fire tower. Breath-taking views at Eagles Point. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 353 Meads Mountain Rd., Woodstock. 765-314-6181; bornwild.rocks/day-trips-2/secret-ruin-hike

**Apr 7 The Analog Jazz Orchestra:** Comprised of some of the most talented and accomplished jazz musicians, composers and arrangers in the Hudson Valley. 7 p.m. Live at The Falcon, 1348 Route 9W, Marlboro, 845-236-7970; liveatthefalcon.com

8 Hasan Minhaj, The King's Jester Tour: 7 p.m. UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org

**Apr 8-10 Seventh Annual Old Time Rollick:** Enjoy jams and classes at various levels in fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, flat-footing, singing and special one-off presentations. Open to all. The Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Rd., Olivebridge. 845-657-8333; ashokancenter.org

**Apr 9 Egg Hunt: Family** fun. Children ages 0 to 12. Prizes. Free. 11 a.m. Parish Field, Ava Maria Drive, Phoenicia. facebook.com/PhoeniciaPtA

**Apr 9 The House on Mango Street:** Join the Kingston Library, La Voz and the Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History for a literary parade through Midtown. 2-5 p.m. Kingston Library, 55 Franklin St., Kingston. 845-331-0507; kingstonlibrary.org

**Apr 9 Art Yard Sale: Kick** off Eco Arts week, April 9-16. Noon-5 p.m. The D.R.A.W., 20 Cedar St., Kingston. 845-802-0097; drawkingston.org

**Apr 9 Town of Esopus Annual Easter Egg Hunt:** Games, music, prizes and the Easter Bunny. Pre-K through 4th grade. Rain date: Sunday, Apr 10 2-4 p.m. George Freer Memorial Park, 104 Canal Street, Port Ewen

facebook.com/events/520162029733447/?ref=newsfeed

**Apr 9, 10, 16 Easter Bunny Express:** Open air flats. No stops. Individual bag of candy to each person. Check website for schedule. Catskill Mountain Railroad, 55 Kingston Plaza Road, Kingston. 845-332-4854; catskillmountainrailroad.com

**Apr 10 Photo with Easter Bunny:** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Reservations required. UCSPCA, 20 Wiedy Rd., Kingston. 845-331-5377; ucspca.org

**Apr 13 Weaving Geology and Climate Through Time:** Learn about the geologic history of the Hudson Valley. With educator Audrey Trossen. 7-8:30 p.m. Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hmmm.org

**Apr 14 A Taste of Rosé:** Join Benmarl Winery, Fjord Vineyards, Quartz Rock Vineyard and Nostrano Vineyards at The Barn at Nostrano Vineyards for an elevated evening of Rosé. 6-9 p.m. \$50. 14 Gala Lane, Milton. 845-795-5473; nostranovineyards.com

**Apr 16 Bad Seed Cider Company Comedy Night:** Features a lineup of standup comedians from New York to L.A. whose credits include top festivals, TV and major club appearances. 8-9:30 p.m. \$17. 42 Baileys Gap Road, Highland. 845-236-0956; badseedhardcider.com

**Apr 16 Easter Egg Hunt & Pony Ride:** Rain or Shine. Noon. \$35 per session. Ridge Runner Ranch, 85 Hasbrouck Rd., New Paltz. 845-706-3637; ridgerunnerranchny.com

**Apr 17 Easter Dinner:** 4-8 p.m. \$95. Tavern at Diamond Mills, 25 South Partition Street, Saugerties. 845-247-0700; diamond-millshotel.com

**Apr 22-24 Northeast Blacksmiths Association Spring Hammer-In:** An exciting weekend of activities for beginners and experienced metal-smiths alike. The Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Road, Olivebridge. 845-657-8333; ashokancenter.org

**Apr 22-24 HudsON Valley Tango Festival:** Workshops, classes. Senate Garage, 4 N Front St., Kingston. 845-802-5900; senategarage.com

**Apr 23 Mid-Hudson Orchid Society Orchid Show and Sale:** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wallkill View Farm Market, 15 State Route 299 W., New Paltz. 845-255-8050; wallkillviewfarmmarket.com

**Apr 23 Blossom Street Fair** - Event by Meet Me In Marlborough: Crafts, farms, food, music, dance, kids activities and much more. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Rain date 4/24. Main Street, Milton. meetmeinmarlborough.com

**Apr 24 38th Annual Kiwanis Kingston Classic:** Race start/registration under the 9W bridge downtown Kingston. kiwaniskingstonclassic.com

**Apr 30 Rail Explorers Opening Day:** Eight mile round trip with electric pedal assistance. 70 Lower High Street, Phoenicia; railexplorers.net

**Jan. 1-Dec. 31 2022 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge:** Experienced hikers are encouraged to visit the region's six fire towers. Hike to all six Catskill Fire Towers between January 1 and December 31, 2022. Fill out the log of completed hikes along with one favorite photo. Download the Catskills Fire Tower Challenge log (PDF) and email it to catskillschallenge@dec.ny.gov or mail to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Outdoor Recreation, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-1010. Entries must be postmarked by January 7, 2023. Limit one entry per person. Participants will receive a commemorative patch and will be entered to win great outdoor prizes including hiking accessories. Catskills Visitor Center, 5096 Route 28, Mt. Tremper. 845-688-3369; catskillsvisitorcenter.org

**Feb. 5-July 17 The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz - "Mary Frank: The Observing Heart:"** A retrospective exhibition of Mary Frank's powerful artwork that spans her career of more than six decades. Centered on the twin themes of social justice and the preservation of the natural world. "Museum hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Anderson Gallery and Howard Greenberg Family Gallery, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

# DEC Forest Rangers Week in Review

## Town of Mamakating - Sullivan County

**Wildland Fire:** On March 22 at 4:15 p.m., Forest Ranger Franke responded to an open burn off Route 209 in the town of Mamakating. A 41-year-old from Manhattan was burning brush and had left the fire unattended. Due to high winds and dry conditions, the fire spread to approximately 2.5 acres of land. Westbrookville Fire responded and had the fire under control by 4:45 p.m. Ranger Franke issued tickets to the subject for violating New York's statewide brush burn ban.

New York's annual statewide brush burning ban is in effect through May 14. Since 2009, DEC has enforced the ban to prevent wildfires and protect communities during heightened conditions for wildfires each spring. Backyard fire pits and campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width, or diameter are allowed. Small cooking fires are allowed, but only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated, or unpainted wood can be burned. People should never leave these or any fires unattended and must extinguish them. Burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round. For more information about fire safety and prevention, go to DEC's FIREWISE New York webpage at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/42524.html>

## Town of Fishkill -Dutchess County

**Community Outreach:** On March 26, Forest Rangers Jahn and Pries participated in the Sharpe Reservation's 17th Annual Maple Festival. Approximately 850 people attended the event. Rangers Jahn and Pries joined Smokey Bear to teach visitors about the importance of wildfire prevention and safety.



Ranger Jahn with Smokey Bear

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.

# NYS Environmental Conservation Police on Patrol

## Walleye Challenge - Great Sacandaga Lake

On Feb. 18, ECOs and Sheriff's Deputies in Fulton and Montgomery counties conducted patrols on Great Sacandaga Lake the evening before the annual Walleye Challenge ice fishing contest.



Officers checked ice ridges on the lake and alerted event organizers about safety hazards and open water. On the morning of Feb. 19, ECOs were joined by local law enforcement from the New York State Police, Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, and

Montgomery County Sheriff's Office to monitor the challenge, which drew 2,000 participants. Using snowmobiles, ATVs, and UTVs, the Officers focused on public safety. Throughout the day, the ECOs responded to four calls for machines and individuals through the ice and into the water; all who fell through made it out safely. A half-submerged snowmobile was recovered, as well.

The Walleye Challenge on the Great Sacandaga Lake was part of a series of weekend-long ice fishing contests throughout New York State, including contests on Lake Colby in Franklin County and Schroon Lake in Essex County. In addition to the ice rescues, ECOs conducted patrols to ensure anglers followed the Environmental Conservation Law. While most anglers complied with all requirements, Officers issued 13 tickets over the weekend of March 5 for violations including fishing without a license, failure to wear a helmet, and operating an unregistered snowmobile. A total of 31 law enforcement members participated.

## Illegal Commercialization of Wildlife

On March 3, Lieutenant Buckley, Investigator Bastedo, and ECO Parker conducted an enforcement detail to crack down on the illegal commercialization of wildlife in Sullivan County. While in plainclothes, Investigator Bastedo and ECO Parker entered an antique shop in the town of Liberty and, within a few minutes, located several artifacts made from ivory, alligator parts, and leopard parts. After the items were positively identified, Officers identified themselves and seized the pieces as evidence. Several notices of violation were issued to the store owners for offering ivory, alligator parts, and leopard parts for sale. The store owners agreed to a consent order and paid \$2,500 in penalties. (Contd. Pg. 41)



ECO stands at a table with illegal items on it



## NYS Environmental Conservation Police on Patrol

(From Pg. 40)

### Pig Struck by Ambulance Sullivan County

On March 16, ECO Parker responded to a report of a pig struck by an ambulance in the town of Fremont near the Pennsylvania border. Officer Parker arrived at the location and found the pig deceased on the side of the road. He collected the animal and transported it to DEC's Division of Wildlife to conduct a pathology examination to identify the presence of any diseases. Test results showed the pig appeared to be healthy before it was struck, but provided no information about its origins.



*ECO kneels next to deceased pig*

Officer Parker spoke to a Pennsylvania Game Warden who advised he had received several reports of pig sightings near the New York border the previous week. Any sightings of wild pigs should be reported to DEC Dispatch at 1-844-DEC-ECOs (1-844-332-3267).

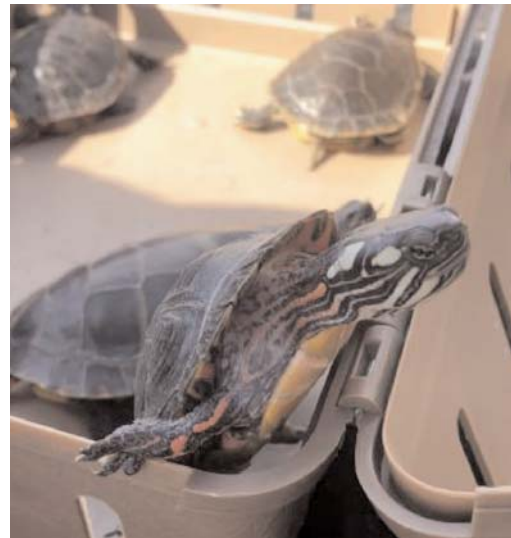
### Stripers with a Side of Sturgeon - Orange/Rockland/Westchester County

On March 15 and 16, ECOs conducted details along the Hudson River in Orange, Rockland, and Westchester counties in search of anglers taking striped bass out of season. In Orange and Rockland counties, Officers issued 10 tickets and seized six out-of-season striped bass. In Westchester County, ECO Franz observed a vehicle on the side of the road in a closed-off area and decided to investigate. While approaching the vehicle, the ECO discovered the driver with a large garbage bag containing out-of-season striped bass, two catfish, a white perch, and a fish later determined to be a shortnose sturgeon. Shortnose sturgeon are an endangered species and protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Officer Franz ticketed the angler for a host of Environmental Conservation Law violations and donated the striped bass to a local wolf conservation center. The sturgeon is being used for outreach and educational purposes.

Each year, DEC's Division of Marine Resources monitors the health of New York's spawning fish population. Using a 500-foot seine net and an electrofishing boat, employees catch spawning striped bass, record their weight, length, and sex, and tag the fish before returning them to the water. Taking striped bass out of season or fishing without a fishing license can affect the data collected, hampering DEC's fisheries management. Some of the seized striped bass will be utilized during training for fish detection by DEC's K-9 program.

### Painted Turtles for Sale

On March 12, ECO Pabes discovered an online ad offering painted turtles for sale in Hempstead. The ECO posed as an interested customer and contacted the seller who offered five painted turtles for \$200. While not endangered, the turtles are native wildlife and selling or keeping them as pets is illegal.



On March 15, Environmental Conservation Investigators (ECIs) Eastwood, Farrish, and Grady, along with ECOs Kochanowski and Pabes, organized a "buy/bust" for the turtles at a Hempstead parking lot. Posing as a customer, ECI Grady met with the seller as ECIs Eastwood and Farrish stood by in an undercover

vehicle. ECOs Kochanowski and Pabes intercepted the transaction, seized the turtles, and ticketed the seller for illegal possession/sale of protected wildlife, returnable to Nassau First District Court. The Officers turned the turtles over to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator who later diagnosed two of them with life-threatening fungal infections. The sick turtles are expected to make a full recovery. More information about native New York turtle species (PDF) can be found at DEC's website.

CONGRESSMAN

**ANTONIO DELGADO**

NY-19

## Weekly Recap

Dear Neighbor,

After a productive week, I wanted to give you an update on how I've been serving you.

Supporting the community

Hands out supplies

Over the weekend, I was out in the district to attend some important events. I started my Sunday by joining members of the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church for a service and connect with their youth caucus. I was glad to join folks after the service and help with their medical supply drive. My heart and prayers are with Ukrainians here at home and on the ground in Ukraine.

After the service, I headed to the Ulster County Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day Ceremony. It was good to see members of the Kingston Veterans Association and everyone else who was able to join and honor our Vietnam Veterans for their selfless service and commitment to our country.

Taking Action to Lower Drug Prices

This week, the House passed important legislation this week to lower drug prices and support the millions of Americans living with diabetes. I voted to pass the bipartisan Affordable Insulin Now Act, which caps out-of-pocket costs for insulin at no more than \$35 per month in Medicare Part D and commercial health insurance. This bill helps ensure vital and affordable access to life-saving medication for the more than 37 million people in the United States who have diabetes, including one-third of Medicare beneficiaries and the over 7 million Americans who rely on insulin to maintain their health and well-being.

### Funding Community Projects across NY-19

I also announced the launch of the Community Project Funding (CPF) process open to local governments and non-profits for next year. The CPF process allows localities and non-profits to submit requests for direct federal funding for high-priority community projects in New York's 19th Congressional District. The deadline for Appropriations submissions to my office is April 18, 2022.

Last year, I successfully secured funding for 9 projects in NY-19 including funding for local police, child care, broadband, and more.

This initiative is coupled with stringent eligibility, ethics, and transparency guardrails that are outlined on the individual forms linked below. CPF will be available only to nonprofit organizations and to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments. In addition, only projects with evidence of strong support from the community will be considered, and evidence of community support and community need is required as part of your submission. This evidence can take the form of a letter from local stakeholders, inclusion on a state or local planning document, letters to the editor in local papers, and many more options discussed further below.

### Congressional Art Competition

Additionally, my office announced the guidelines for the Congressional Art Competition for the high schoolers in NY-19. I'm happy to invite high school students from across New York's 19th Congressional District to participate in this year's Congressional Art Competition. The winner will have their art

displayed in the U.S. Capitol.

Last year's winning piece was "Vulpin," by Amelia Booth of Franklin D Roosevelt High School, pictured below, on display in the U.S. Capitol.

All submissions will be collected digitally at NY19.Art@mail.house.gov. All high school students who are residents of New York's 19th Congressional District are eligible to submit entries to our office. Each student may submit one piece of art



*Vulpin in US Capitol*

to the competition. If students are unsure of who their Congressman is, they can check the U.S. House of Representatives' "Find Your Representative" tool here to find which congressional district they reside in.

Images of the artwork must be received via email no later than Friday, April 29, 2022 and a release form must be submitted along with each submission. Rules for submission and additional requirements can be found on my website.

### Supporting Broome County Hospitals

When the COVID-19 pandemic began more than two years ago, our New York hospitals and frontline workers stepped up and cared for our communities in crisis, and they haven't stopped since. This week, I was happy to announce \$3,069,039.02 in federal funding for United Health Services, Inc. in Broome County to reimburse the costs of emergency protective measures undertaken because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As we all continue to recover from the pandemic, we must ensure our health care providers have the resources and support they need.

### APRIL mobile office hours

My team is doing mobile office hours throughout the month of April. Mobile office hours are an opportunity for constituents to meet with my staff and receive assistance with constituent services. See below for dates, times, and locations.

#### Mobile Office Hours for April

Monday, April 18th  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Woodstock Public Library  
5 Library Lane  
Woodstock, NY 12498

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Liberty Public Library  
189 N. Main Street  
Liberty, NY



## Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan Announces Re-Launch of Mobile County Government

*Ulster County re-launches its Mobile County Government Initiative on April 11th • County Executive Ryan's Mobile County Government Initiative brings resources to residents across five regions of Ulster County*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today the re-launch of the county's Mobile County Government Initiative after a hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The initiative takes County Government on the road and brings resources directly to residents twice a month through a 5-region approach to scheduling across Ulster County. Part of County Executive Ryan's "Responsive and Responsible Government" initiative, Mobile County Government is a first of its kind program that improves access to essential government services while giving the County a better understanding of local concerns.

"Through our Mobile County Government initiative, residents in every corner of Ulster County will have more direct access to critical services; we're bringing government to you," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "Ulster County is committed to meeting residents where they are. We know that access to vital services can be challenging based on where you live. This program will deliver critical services to the backyards of residents throughout Ulster County."

The Spring 2022 5-Region Schedule is 10AM-3:30PM at the following dates and locations:

- o April 11th: Marlborough Highway/Water Department, 1650 Route 9W in Milton
- o May 6th: Shandaken Town Hall, 7209 Route 28 in Shandaken
- o May 26th: New Paltz Community Center, 3 Veterans Drive in New Paltz
- o June 8th: Warwarsing Town Hall, 108 Canal Street in Ellenville
- o June 24th: Shawangunk Town Hall, 14 Central Avenue in Wallkill

"As Supervisor of the Town of Marlborough, I'm happy to be the first Town to host the re-launch of Ulster County's Mobile County Government. This is a convenient way for the public to access County services close to home. Having greater access to our local Government and its representatives is a win-win for the Town of Marlborough and its citizens," Town of Marlborough Supervisor Scott Corcoran said. "I hope everyone utilizes this convenient way of accessing County services. It will be a great addition to the already highly successful DMV mobile bus and a great example of local Government working for you."

Mobile County Government will provide services from the County Clerk's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) van. In addition to vehicle registration and licenses, residents will have access to representatives from human service departments such as:

- o Department of Social Services
- o Office for the Aging
- o Veterans Services
- o Office of Employment and Training
- o Office of Economic Development
- o Mobile Office Hours with the Exec's Office

The seasonal 5-Region Schedule of upcoming Mobile County Government sessions will be shared on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @UlsterNY.

## New York State Public Service Commission Opens Investigation into Central Hudson at Request of Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan

- *The investigation by the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) will look into Central Hudson's customer information system implementation and resulting billing errors*
- *County Executive Pat Ryan encourages residents to submit public comments to the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS)*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that in response to his formal request for an investigation regarding Central Hudson, the New York State Public Service Commission has opened an investigation into the company's customer information system implementation and billing practices. County Executive Pat Ryan is encouraging residents to submit official complaints to the commission via the DPS webportal.

"This is an urgent issue for countless residents across Ulster County who have been severely impacted by the failed implementation of Central Hudson's new billing system, which was compounded by unexpected and unprecedented bill surges," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I want to thank DPS for their immediate attention to this matter, and to reassure Ulster County residents that their concerns are being taken very seriously by my office. Your input into this investigation is needed, and I encourage all impacted residents to submit comments."

Under New York State Public Service Law Section 71, County Executive Pat Ryan had the legal authority to call for an investigation, and his March 3rd letter cited Ulster County residents' concerns ranging from not receiving bills for months, to extremely over-estimated bills, to large automatic withdrawals from customers' accounts without notice. Since September, at least 11,000 Central Hudson electricity customers have experienced billing problems.

To submit public comment to the DPS investigation, visit <https://on.ny.gov/3iOP2wk>. Individuals who are unable to access a computer to make a complaint can call the Ulster County Recovery Service Center at 845-443-8888. It is anticipated that the DPS investigation will go on for several months.

## RSVP For The Seders!

Passover begins Friday evening April 15th. If you do not yet have plans for the Seders, we invite you to join us! Full information for both seders can be found in the image below this message.

If you have plans which include attending a Seder at the RJC, please RSVP now! RSVPs enable us to be adequately prepared for our guests and thus provide you with the optimal seder experience!

2 simple ways to RSVP:

Email: [RSVP@rhinebeckjewishcenter.com](mailto:RSVP@rhinebeckjewishcenter.com)

Call: 845-876-7666

We look forward to sharing the holiday with you!

Rabbi Hanoch & Tzivia Hecht

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This concert will be in person at MISU, 40 Market St. Ellenville, NY and live-streamed on Zoom. Pre-registration on Eventbrite is requested for both. Please consider making a donation for your ticket.





# Senators Gillibrand, Sanders and Merkley, Representatives Ocasio-Cortez, Pascrell and Kaptur Press Postmaster DeJoy to Improve Postal Banking Pilot Programs

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and Jeff Merkley (D-OR), and Representatives Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) and Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) sent a letter to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy pressing him to improve the postal banking pilot programs that the United States Postal Service launched last September. Last spring, Gillibrand, Sanders, Kaptur, Ocasio-Cortez and Pascrell had sent a letter to appropriators pushing for the pilot programs.

The pilot programs launched in four cities-Washington D.C., Falls Church, Virginia, Baltimore, MD, and Bronx, NY-to offer customers the ability to convert cash payroll or business checks up to \$500 onto a prepaid Visa gift card. However, the lack of marketing of the program has led to very few reported transactions.

In the letter, the officials pressed DeJoy to improve marketing of the program, to expand test site locations, price the products more affordably, expand the available services and increase the value of the service it already provides.

The lawmakers wrote, "We are writing to ask USPS to expand and improve the services they are offering in the pilot, under their current legal authority, so that more of the needs of the unbanked and underbanked can be addressed, and so that lessons can be learned that can be applied to making postal banking more universal through legislative efforts."

Millions of Americans live in "bank deserts" - regions without immediate access to a brick and mortar bank - and approximately 46 million Americans are considered unbanked or underbanked. Nearly ninety percent of the zip codes lacking a bank or credit union are in rural areas, and low-income communities and communities of color are also historically underserved by mainstream financial services - approximately 30% of Hispanic adults and 40% of Black adults are underbanked or unbanked, and 84% of all unbanked adults have a family income below \$25,000.

Additionally, establishing permanent postal banking services would strengthen the Postal Service by creating a nonprofit bank that offers low-cost checking and savings accounts, ATMs, mobile banking, and low-interest loans. According to a report from Gillibrand's office, this proposal would create nearly \$19 billion in revenue for the Postal Service each year.

Senators Gillibrand, Merkley and Sanders are the lead Senate sponsors of the Postal Banking Act, legislation that would establish permanent essential financial services in post offices in every community.

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## Live music returns to the Olive Free Library

West Shokan, NY: Each spring since 2015 the Olive Free Library in West Shokan has hosted the Piano Plus! Concert series featuring world-class pianists and guest performers. On the eve of the library's 2020 season, the COVID-19 pandemic forced a shut-down of all in-person programs, including the performance of the Guevara & Zhelezova Piano Duo. After two long years, the library is thrilled to restart live performances starting with the Guevara & Zhelezova Piano Duo. This concert will be FREE thanks to a generous grant administered by Arts Mid-Hudson. Face masks will be required.

This program is funded by the Statewide Community Re grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by Arts Mid-Hudson.

The Guevara & Zhelezova Piano Duo will perform a program called Reconnecting: Fantasies and Dances (One Piano Four Hands), which features works by Franz Schubert, Johannes Brahms, Francis Poulenc, and Astor Piazzolla.

Hailed for their dynamic interpretations, powerful stage presence, and elegance, the Guevara & Zhelezova Piano Duo comprises Mexican pianist Citlalli Guevara and Bulgarian pianist Slavina Zhelezova, both winners of prestigious international competitions and awards.

Acclaimed for their "wonderful sense of dialog and balance" (American Record Guide), the unique duo combines the cultural heritages and temperaments of Latin America and Eastern Europe and is committed to delivering an exhilarating experience to audiences worldwide by bringing a vast repertoire and original programming, ranging from Baroque to newly commissioned works. For more information, please call the Olive Free Library at 845-657-2482, or email programs@olivefreelibrary.org, or visit olivefreelibrary.org.

### CORRECTION TO:

## Overlook Mountain Center Turns Ten!

*Announces New Board of Directors and Officers  
Nonprofit Expands Efforts in the Hudson Valley and Catskills Mountains*

Woodstock, NY - As it turns ten, the Woodstock, NY nonprofit Overlook Mountain Center (OMC) has expanded both its focus and its board. The organization, known for advocating for Native American issues and its guided hikes to indigenous ceremonial stone landscape (CSL) sites in the Catskill Mountains and Hudson Valley, has expanded its efforts to put greater emphasis on relationships with local indigenous tribes as well as on creating partnerships to research these sites, complementing local indigenous knowledge with scientific research. The expanded board, along with an Advisory Council, includes two Ramapough Lenape Turtle Clan members and one Narragansett Indian Tribe member and former Tribal Historic Preservation official. The new board also includes a professional archeologist, a nonprofit fundraiser, a nurse, a local realtor and an attorney, among others.


The Overlook Mountain Center board officers are:

- o Glenn Kreisberg, Chair, OMC Co-Founder
- o Jonathan Vaughn, Vice Chair
- o Rob Saffer, Treasurer, OMC Co-Founder
- o Cayenne Fusco, Secretary

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o Geoff Baer, videographer, drone pilot  
o Doug Harris, retired Dep. Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
**CORRECTION:**

Doug Harris is NOT a member of the Narragansett Indian Tribe; however, he did serve as the Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Narragansetts for over 20 years. In the summer of 2021, Mr. Harris resigned the position and moved to Western Massachusetts to write, engage in his former profession, photography and cinematography, and serve as a consultant for towns and private landowners as a preservationist for Ceremonial Stone Landscapes.

- o Dave Holden, NYS Guide and Author
  - o Michaeline prelim (Ramapough Lenape)
  - o Felicia Raphael, Assistant District Attorney, Ulster County
  - o Susan Winchell-Sweeney, archeologist, New York State Museum
  - o Fred Waring, Hudson Valley realtor
- The OMC Advisory Council is:
- o David Johnson, archeological researcher, educator
  - o Vincent Mann, Chief, Ramapough Lenape Turtle Clan
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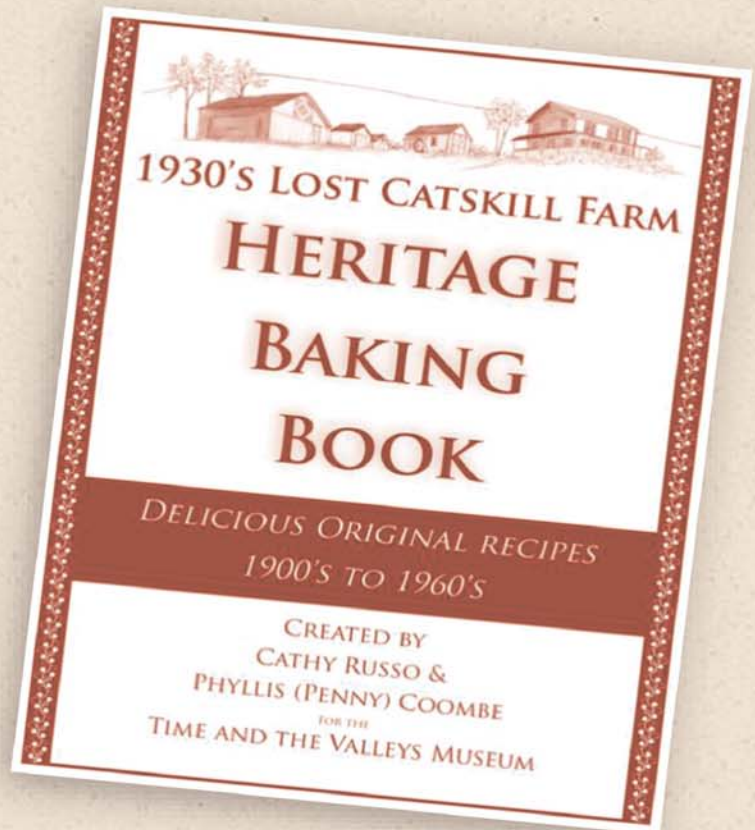
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## Overlook Mountain Center Turns Ten!

(From 46) OMC/2.

- o Robyn Pollins, philanthropist
- o Ed Sanders, poet, activist, author
- o Shari Therian, web designer

“This is a pivotal moment for OMC,” said Glenn Kreisberg. “After spending a decade securing and researching the critical Lewis Hollow site, Rob and I took a step back to see where the organization would go in its next decade and expanding the board as we increase our activities made sense. We’re thrilled such a talented and experienced team is on board. And, having members of Indigenous communities provides local Indigenous knowledge to help inform all we do, from site identification and research to outreach and education.”

In addition to leading tours, OMC recently received preliminary research results dating one of the cairns in Lewis Hollow to 1590 CE, making it likely the oldest stone structure in Ulster County. The findings were made using optically stimulated luminescence (OSL) methodology, conducted by Dr. James Feathers of the University of Washington and geophysicist Dr. Marine Florin from SUNY Stony Brook. More detailed information will be released when the results are finalized this Spring.

In 2022, OMC plans over a dozen educational/interpretive hikes, campouts and workshops on archaeoastronomy and landscape archaeology, including:

- Sun. 3/20 - Lewis Hollow Vernal Equinox Hike
- Sun. 4/24 - Mysteries of Mink Hollow: cairns and walls
- Sun. 5/22 - Spruceton Valley - Camping with the Cairns
- Sat. 6/18 - Summer Solstice Sunset at Spruceton Valley: cairns, walls, effigies
- Sun. 7/17 - Lewis Hollow: cairns, walls and effigies
- Sun. 8/21 - Mysteries of Mink Hollow: cairns and walls
- Sun. 9/18 - Autumnal Equinox Hike - Location TBD
- Sun. 10/16 - Spruceton Valley - Camping with the Cairns
- Sun. 11/20 - Lewis Hollow: cairns, walls and effigies
- Sun. 12/18 - Winter Solstice Sunrise Event

Overlook Mountain Center, a 501(c)3 non-profit formed in 2013, promotes awareness and understanding of the relationship between Overlook Mountain and the human populations that have encountered it throughout time. OMC creates programs and conducts research to educate, experience and celebrate all aspects of Overlook Mountain and its ecosystems. More info: [www.overlookmountain.org](http://www.overlookmountain.org).



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## FCSD Continues to Distribute Single Bite Meals



*Matt McPhillips from Aileen Gunther's office, FCSD Director of Family and Community Engagement Dr. Aleta Lymon, student volunteers Justin Chavez, Alexia Clark, Olivia DeGraw, and Jack Drapkin from Aileen Gunther's office.*

A Single Bite, the non-profit established by Foster Supply Hospitality, has continued its collaboration with Fallsburg Central School District through Dr. Aleta Lymon, Family & Community Engagement Director to provide families in FCSD with hot prepared meals. FCSD had chosen the special families through its social workers and guidance department staffs.

Sims and Kirsten Foster founded A Single Bite “to teach why real food is important and to empower young people to care about food they eat and where it comes from.” A Single Bite works with other Sullivan County school districts and service agencies, such as Rotary, Elks and Lions, to feed families throughout the County.

On March 2, 2022, Terry Grafmuller of Liberty Rotary Club backed up his SUV to the FCSD high school cafeteria loading dock. The vehicle was filled with boxes and foil containers of hot meals. Students from My Brothers Keeper Program Alexia Clark, Olivia DeGraw, and Justin Chavez unloaded everything and carried it to a table where Dr. Lymon was organizing everything. Before Mr. Grafmuller left the dock, Matt McPhillips and Jack Drapkin, who work in NY State Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther's office, arrived to help deliver the food with Dr. Lymon. This procedure is replicated every week to the joy of Fallsburg families.

## Sullivan 180 Looks to Strengthen Community Health Programs and Further Outreach Initiatives Welcomes New Staff Members to the Team

[FERNDALE] - Sullivan 180 is proud to announce that Amanda Langseder has been appointed with the new title of Executive Director and Lindsay Wheat has been named Outreach Coordinator. They are also welcoming new staff members, Elise Yamen as Administrative Assistant, and Tuwanda Martin as Health Equity Outreach Coordinator.

Ms. Langseder has been in the role of Director since she joined the organization in October 2021. Amanda works collaboratively with the Sullivan 180 Board, staff, volunteers, county government and diverse community partners to grow and mature the organization delivering on its long-term vision through programs, strategic-planning, and community outreach. She ensures that operations and resources are effectively implemented across the organization and that they are being targeted to the priorities and strategies identified in the County Health Improvement Plan.

“What can I say about Amanda Langseder that hasn't been said: she is a proven leader, a compassionate community member and an outstanding Director. This promotion is well earned and I'm certain will move Sullivan 180 forward,” said Jay Quaintance, chair of Sullivan 180's Board of Directors and president of SUNY Sullivan.

Lindsay Wheat has served the organization as its Administrative Assistant and has now accepted a promotion to Outreach Coordinator. She will coordinate volunteers including the Community Health Champions and Sullivan Club 180s to further their grassroots impact. Lindsay will be hands on with community workplaces, civic organizations, and fire departments helping to implement the Encouraging Healthy Behaviors Community Challenge. Lastly, she will collaborate with community partners, including the Sullivan County Drug Task Force to reduce stigma around substance use disorder and raise awareness around prevention programs.

Tuwanda Martin is the new Health Equity Outreach Coordinator and she will ensure the organization is listening and responding to all members of our community, including those whose voice is often under represented. She will support grassroots volunteer development in communities of color and Spanish-speaking communities, growing new Community Health Champions and Sullivan Club 180's. Tuwanda will perform outreach in the community, sharing the Sullivan 180 Community Resource Guide and engaging residents in the Encouraging Healthy Behaviors Community Challenge.

The new administrative assistant, Elise Yamen, will provide administrative support to ensure efficient operation of the office, and support staff through a variety of tasks related to organization and communication. She will also assist with logistics for meetings and special events while shining a positive light as she represents the organization and its mission.

“The Sullivan 180 team is a proven force for collective impact and change with each and every team member deeply connected to the mission of improving the health of the people who live here. Each team member lives in the county and serves on various boards and committees across the county, ensuring we remain connected and in touch with the greatest areas of need. As we grow and bring on two additional high-spirited, enthusiastic team members, I have not a single doubt that the ripple effect of this organization's work with our partners will continue to grow.

Sullivan 180's mission is to build a healthy, vibrant Sullivan County where everyone has a sense of purpose, connection to family and community and access to fresh foods and an active lifestyle. To learn more, please visit: [www.Sullivan180.org](http://www.Sullivan180.org).





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# NYS to Host Disadvantaged Communities Criteria Educational Sessions

## April Virtual Information Sessions Will Detail Criteria and Development Process and Offer Opportunities to Ask Technical Questions

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in partnership with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), will host two virtual information and educational sessions on the State's draft disadvantaged communities (DAC) criteria on Wednesday, April 13, and Tuesday, April 19.

New York's Climate Justice Working Group (CJWG) consists of representatives from Environmental Justice groups from across the State. The CJWG voted to release the draft criteria for identifying disadvantaged communities for public review. The criteria are based on geographic, public health, environmental hazard, and socioeconomic factors, and once approved, will be used to help meet the directives of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act) related to reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, as well as to inform regulatory impact statements and inform the State's clean energy and energy efficiency investments. The draft disadvantaged communities criteria was released last month for public review and comment.

The April public education sessions are an opportunity for interested stakeholders to review the CJWG's process and methodology for selecting DACs and to answer technical questions on the draft criteria and maps. These are not public hearings to receive public comments. A schedule for in-person and virtual public hearings on the draft criteria and indicators is being developed and will be announced soon. To submit public comments, please visit the Climate Act website (link leaves DEC website), email DEC at [DACComments@dec.ny.gov](mailto:DACComments@dec.ny.gov), or send via U.S. mail to: Attention: Draft DAC Comments, NYS DEC, Attn. Office of Environmental Justice, 625 Broadway, 14th Floor, Albany NY 12233.

Information and education sessions are:

**Session 1: Wednesday, Apr. 13, 2022 - 12:00 pm | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)** Attendees join link: via WebEx (link leaves DEC website). Webinar number: 2339 337 3154 Webinar password: DAC-Apr13 (32202771 from phones) Join by phone: +1-518-549-0500 USA Toll Enter access code: 233 933 73154

**Session 2: Tuesday, Apr 19, 2022 - 6:00 pm | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)** Spanish Translation Services will be available Attendees join link: via WebEx (link leaves DEC website). Webinar number: 2337 652 8847 Webinar password: DAC-Apr19 (32202771 from phones) Join by phone: +1-518-549-0500 USA Toll Enter access code: 233 765 28847

Note: Closed captioning will be available for both webinars. In addition, Spanish interpretation will be available for the April 19 webinar. Please direct requests for additional language interpretation for either the April 13 or 19 webinars by email to: [Language@dec.ny.gov](mailto:Language@dec.ny.gov) or telephone to 518-402-8044. Interpretation is provided free of charge and all interpretation requests must be received no later than April 5.

For more information visit: Draft Scoping Plan Currently Out for Public Comment and Review. The sessions will be recorded and posted on DEC's website for reference throughout the comment period.

# DEC Teacher and Educator Newsletter

Greetings, Educators!

Early spring is a time of wacky weather (75F on a Sunday and snowing at 34F on Tuesday!), but it is the longer hours of sun and (mostly!) warmer days that bring us the re-start of so much in nature. Maple sap is flowing, and evaporators are in full swing to turn sticky sap into sweet syrup. Skunk cabbage is starting to find its way up through the soil and popping out of the snow. Spring is coming and it's a time for renewal, out in nature, in our classrooms, and in our lives.

Take some time to head outside and find those new beginnings. They'll bring hope for what else comes. It's been a long winter (and few years with COVID), and we're looking at more crises in the news. Now's the time to take time to rethink and just breathe in the peace and quiet nature has to offer. There is a website showcasing the many benefits and ties between healthy trees and healthy lives. There, you will find a research library, infographics, and stories from around the US about how trees and health connect.

**Happy Spring!**

## NYSDEC Environmental Education Staff

### Remembering River

#### River Dileo, DEC's NYC Regional Educator, Mentor, & Friend

DEC is mourning the loss of environmental educator River DiLeo, who passed away in February from cancer. An educator at DEC facilities from 2010 to 2022, River helped hundreds of teachers in the Buffalo-Niagara region and New York City connect their students to nature through educator workshops and classroom programs. DEC Bureau of Environmental Education Chief Ann Harrison said, "River's impact on environmental education in New York State cannot be overstated - their love of mentoring interns, finding new ways to look at old problems, making art insightful and universal, putting the 'fun' in fungi, and ensuring we all are respectful of each other...River is an inspiration to us all."

For those that knew River, feel free to add words, images, and memories to the Kudos board in their memory.

## Hudson River K-12 Unit of Study: A Collection of Lesson Plans to Teach About the Hudson River

The Hudson River Estuary Program announced a new Hudson River Curriculum Guide, featuring original lessons from the Estuary Program and its partners. The inquiry-based, multi-component science guide is designed for teachers and students to enhance STEM learning, as well as deepen their engagement and understanding of the Hudson River Watershed and its watershed.

"The Hudson River curriculum guide has something for everyone," said Rebecca Houser, education and outreach specialist at the Hudson River Estuary Program, who spearheaded the project. "The lessons are designed so that students build key ideas and understanding of events and phenomena over time, and spark curiosity for the world around them. The units are creative, hands-on and can be adaptable to the individual needs of students in the classroom or in the field."

The guide offers six thematic units: estuaries; water and watersheds; climate and weather; interdependence in ecosystems; American eels; and human impacts, benefits and solutions. Each interdisciplinary unit is arranged by topic, and each topic includes lessons for elementary, middle, and high school levels. The units are designed to engage diverse learning styles, introduce students to the big ideas in science, expand their knowledge of environmental issues, and help them connect to the natural world around them. (Contd. Pg 53).



# DEC Teacher and Educator Newsletter

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Teachers may complete all the lessons in each unit or choose those that best fit their needs, whether in the classroom, remotely, or in the field. Every lesson has been reviewed by classroom teachers and other curriculum specialists to ensure alignment with grade level learning standards. We invite educators to explore our new Hudson River Unit of Study for K-12 classrooms.

## Resources for Educators: Climate Change in the Classroom

### "8 Ways to Teach Climate Change in Almost Any Classroom"

Have you incorporated Climate Change Education (CCE) into your classroom? NPR surveyed teachers to find out if they are currently teaching students about climate change and barriers teachers face to including CCE in class curriculum. They suggest these ideas (and more) for getting started.

Get Literal! Assign your students a novel or story that covers the impacts of climate change. NPR highlights a couple options and also recommends visiting Chicago Review of Books' "Burning Worlds" column for suggestions. Do you have experiences in your own life to share with students? Speaking on how things used to be is a powerful way to engage your students and underscore the personal impacts of climate change.

Roll up your sleeves and get dirty! Engaging students in a community science project is a great way to use real data to show environmental changes on a local or regional scale. Visit CitSci.org for a large catalog of projects, data tracking methods, and ways to get started. Take your classroom outside and plant a school garden. Growing food and flowers, composting, and soil health are hands-on ways to introduce large scale problems like greenhouse gas production.

### Visit NPR to read "8 Ways to Teach Climate Change in Almost Any Classroom".

NYSDEC offers Project WET, Project WILD, and Project Learning Tree workshops for teachers free of charge with hands-on, multidisciplinary activities that tackle climate change issues in an age appropriate, solutions focused way. For more information or to schedule a workshop, please contact EdProfDevel@dec.ny.gov or visit DEC's Upcoming Educator Workshops page for events in your region.

### Naturalist Notes: Sugar Maples

Tapped Sugar Maple at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center by Olivia Troiano As the days grow longer and the daytime temperatures get warmer, it's time for NY's state tree to shine. Sugar maples provide us with many things throughout the year. Shade on a hot summer's day, beautiful colors to view in the fall, and delicious maple syrup in the early spring! As the daytime temperatures rise, sugar maples begin to move water and nutrients stored in their roots up through the tree to provide energy to grow leaves. We can take a little bit of the water and nutrients, or sap, to boil and make maple syrup! Did you know it takes approximately 40 gallons of maple sap to make one gallon of syrup?

You can celebrate sugar maples in your classroom with DEC's Conservationist for Kids "Trees are Terrific!" (PDF) or explore sugar maples in your school yard with the Sugar Maple Field Journal (PDF).

Let us know how you and your students celebrate sugar maples by emailing EdProfDevel@dec.ny.gov.

## School Teachers and Educators, Did You Know?

### Did you know there is a grant to take youth on field trips?

The Connect-Kids-to-Parks Field Trip Grant Program (*Connect Kids*) is designed to connect students in New York State with nature and history. Each grant provides reimbursement of up to \$40 per student (and \$80 for special education students) for field trips to state and federal parks, education and nature centers, forests, historic sites, fish hatcheries and other outdoor recreation areas. Find out more about this innovative grant program at the [Connect Kids Grant](#) page.

### Did you know there is a kids' magazine your fourth-grade class can get for free all about NY's environment?

*Conservationist for Kids* is the nature and environment magazine for kids in New York State. Every issue contains information and activities about New York State's environment, and ways to explore outside. If you are a fourth-grade teacher in New York State and are not already receiving *Conservationist for Kids* for use in your classroom, you can email the editor at [KidsConservationist@dec.ny.gov](mailto:KidsConservationist@dec.ny.gov). To see back issues, lesson plans, and other activities, including educator resources and family resources, visit the *Conservationist for Kids* magazine site. If you are not on the distribution list and would like to be added, please email the editor at [KidsConservationist@dec.ny.gov](mailto:KidsConservationist@dec.ny.gov). Fourth Grade Teachers, did you know NYS honors the federal Every-Kid-in-a-Park-Pass?

New York State Parks will accept the National Park Service's Every-Kid-in-a Park pass upon presentation for free entry into all State parks and for tours at historic sites. For more information on activities 4th graders can do at NY State parks & historic sites with this pass, and how to receive it, visit the *Connect Kids* page.

### Did you know DEC's Environmental Education Centers and Programs offer school programs?

To learn about public programs, Guided School Programs, and how to receive the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center newsletter (focused on the Albany and Capitol District area), email [5rivers@dec.ny.gov](mailto:5rivers@dec.ny.gov) or visit the Five Rivers page.

To learn about public programs, school programs, and how to receive the Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve & Environmental Education Center newsletter (focused on the Buffalo & surrounding areas), email [reinsteinwoods@dec.ny.gov](mailto:reinsteinwoods@dec.ny.gov) or visit the Reinstein Woods page.

To learn about school programs on Long Island, contact the LI Regional Educator at [education1@dec.ny.gov](mailto:education1@dec.ny.gov) or visit the LI Environmental Education page.

To learn about school programs in New York City, contact the NYC Regional Environmental Educator at [r2ed@dec.ny.gov](mailto:r2ed@dec.ny.gov) or visit the [NYC Environmental Education](#) page.

Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center in the Hudson Valley and Rogers Environmental Education Center in Central NY also still offer programming through their friends of groups. Visit Stony Kill Foundation to learn more about programs offered at Stony Kill Farm and Friends of Rogers to learn more about programs offered at Rogers.

### For More Info...

About this newsletter and sharing your educator tips, research, and workshops, contact us at [EdProfDevel@dec.ny.gov](mailto:EdProfDevel@dec.ny.gov)

About educator workshops offered by DEC, visit the [Upcoming Workshops Schedule](#)

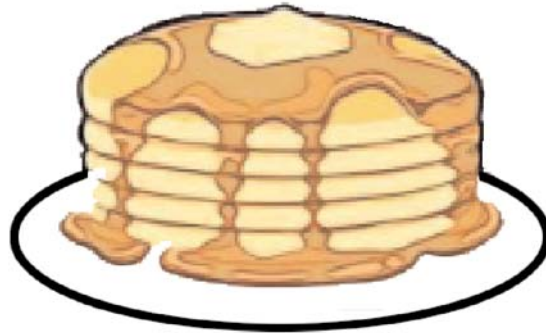
About more of DEC's resources for educators, visit the [Teacher Info](#) page

About getting youth outside, including fun activities to do, visit the [Kids GO \(Get Outside\)](#) page

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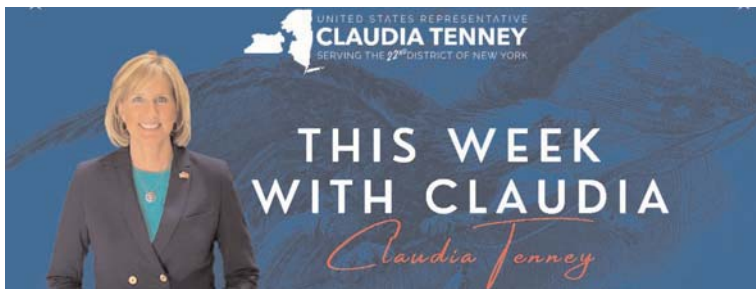
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### **Biden's Budget Proposal Misses the Mark...Again**

Tenney Discusses Biden's Build Back Broke Budget Go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOHUye19stI&feature=youtu.be>

This week, President Biden introduced a \$5.8 trillion budget proposal for the 2023 fiscal year, one of the largest ever. Under this proposal, federal spending would increase to more than \$73 trillion over the next decade, a massive 66% jump. The budget is based on totally unrealistic growth assumptions and will push our debt to record levels. As inflation hits a 40-year high, Biden's budget proposes \$58 trillion in new taxes - the single largest tax hike in our history.

So many of you have contacted my office to share the challenges you're facing in this economy. I've talked to many seniors who are choosing between paying for their groceries or heating their homes. This is why all of us wanted to see a plan for prosperity and security, but we did not get it in this budget, which does nothing to drive down consumer costs or address the current energy crisis. It also completely fails to make a significant investment in our nation's military, which we desperately need now to restore peace and security.

Instead of a path to prosperity, this budget puts us on a road to bigger government and greater dependency. This is not the right approach.

Thankfully, President Biden's budget proposal is just that - a proposal. Ultimately, Congress decides our country's budget, which is why as your representative in Washington, I will continue to fight for a plan that lowers taxes, supports those in need, invests in our military, and reduces wasteful spending.

### **Radical Policies in Biden's FY23 Budget Proposal:**

Increases the national debt to \$45 trillion by 2032, the highest level ever;

Adds \$58 trillion in new taxes, marking an 80% increase over the previous 10 years;

Removes middle class tax relief provided under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, leading to an annual tax increase of as much as \$2,000 for many middle-income families across New York;

Vastly underfunds our military and national security, with only a 1.5% increase in defense spending once inflation is taken into account;

Raises the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%, making the United States among the least competitive industrialized nations in the world;

Proposes a new radical tax on unrealized gains, greatly expanding the government's ability to tax money Americans haven't even earned yet;

\$43 billion in tax increases for the American energy industry at a time when we should be investing in cleaner and reliable domestic energy production, not green energy boondoggles;

Includes \$11 billion for international climate financing that will send your taxpayer dollars abroad to fund innovation in other countries when we should be investing here in America;

Proposes a 25% increase in funding for the Environmental

Protection Agency and includes \$20 million in new funding for the Civilian Climate Corps;

Sets aside \$1.7 billion for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), which was recently reported to have been compiling an illegal federal registry of American firearm owners;

Removes longstanding bipartisan Hyde Amendment language, paving the way for taxpayer funded abortions on demand.

### **New York State Should Divest its State Pension Fund from Chinese Firms**

In the beginning of March, New York's Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli announced the state pension fund would end new investments in Russian companies and that his office would begin a review of ways to divest from approximately \$110.8 million in already existing Russian investments. This is a good step - New York State should not be investing in countries that are working against our interests.

This week, I sent Comptroller DiNapoli a letter urging him to go even further and divest the state's pension fund from Chinese companies as well. The Chinese economy is controlled by the state and the Chinese Communist Party, and many Chinese companies contribute directly to the nation's civil-military fusions and its human rights atrocities, such as the ongoing genocide being perpetrated against the Uyghur population. Chinese state-backed firms also form the backbone of China's predatory trade practices that have decimated New York's own manufacturing base. New York State should not be investing in Chinese companies that are actively working against the interests of the American people.

That's why I think it's time to stop the flow of New York public pension funds to China, which is engaged in manifold human rights abuses, economic predation, intellectual property theft, and cyber-enabled tyranny. I urge Comptroller DiNapoli to take immediate action to end New York's public funding of problematic Chinese entities and protect our communities from further devastation.

### **As Crime Spreads, It is Time for New York to Repeal the Disastrous Bail Reform Law**

This week, I joined House Republican Conference Chairwoman Elise Stefanik and members of the New York congressional delegation in a letter to Governor Kathy Hochul urging her to push for a full repeal of the 2019 New York State bail reform law. The letter also highlighted the need for the state to implement a standard to assess the danger an individual poses to public safety when making bail or pretrial release decisions, also known as a dangerousness standard. Governor Hochul recently introduced a 10-point plan to change the bail reform law, which fell well short of these proven and commonsense principals.

New York State has experienced a rapid increase in crime, particularly since the passage of a so-called bail reform law in 2019. In New York City, the crime rate has increased 60% over 2021 levels, including a 54% increase in robberies, a 56% increase in grand larceny incidents, a 22% increase in rapes, and a 10% increase in murders. Over the past year, 20% of those who previously would have been held in custody pending bail were re-arrested, many for violent felonies against the most vulnerable New Yorkers.

Progressives in New York have sacrificed the safety of our communities for their far-left agenda. Across our state, including in New York's 22nd District, crime has skyrocketed, driving families and businesses out of our state at the second-fastest rate in the country. Enough is enough. Governor Hochul should demonstrate real leadership and address the problem: New York should repeal the bail reform law and institute a dangerousness standard to protect our communities. The future of our state depends on these critical changes (Contd. Pg. 56)

## **This Week with Claudia** (From Pg. 55) **Border Update: Removing Title 42 with No Strategy in Place is a Recipe for Disaster**

On Friday, the Biden Administration officially announced it would end Title 42, without first implementing a plan to replace it and secure our border. The policy was put in place by President Trump and allows Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents to send illegal immigrants back to their home countries immediately after apprehension. It was implemented by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Biden's irresponsible immigration policies have created an untenable situation at our Southern Border. From his first day in office, Biden waged a war on border security, starting by ending construction of the border wall. Today, he has continued this legacy of failure by now announcing an end to Title 42 without first putting in place a plan to address the ongoing border crisis and upcoming surges. President Biden's policies are encouraging greater illegal immigration and tying the hands of our brave Border Patrol agents. And now, experts expect as many as 500,000 migrants to come to our border over the next six weeks.

President Biden's decision to end Title 42 without a replacement plan is clearly intended to appease far-left special interests. But it is misguided and will only further damage our national and economic security, while making our communities less safe. President Biden's actions today are a true dereliction of duty, and he should reverse this decision immediately and put into place a clear and effective strategy to protect our border.

### **Biden's Border Crisis by the Numbers:**

Over 2 million illegal border crossings have taken place since Biden took office last January;

164,973 migrants were encountered at the Southern Border in February 2022—an increase of 63% from the previous year and the worst February on record in more than 20 years;

Deportations dropped 68% under Biden from 185,884 in 2020 to just 59,011 last year—the lowest level in more than 20 years;

In Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21), 11,201 pounds of fentanyl were seized by Customs and Border Protection, which is enough to kill every American nearly seven times over.

### **My Votes Explained**

I voted No on H.R. 6833, the so-called Affordable Insulin Now Act. This bill is a misguided attempt by House Democrats to address a serious problem but in a partisan manner that falls well short of meaningfully lowering insulin prices for American families. I opposed the bill because it will not fix the serious issue of high insulin costs, but instead simply shift those costs to higher health insurance premiums. In addition, I opposed the bill because it inexplicably delays the Trump Administration's Medicare Part D rebate rule, which would have ensured that drug rebates are directed to patients rather than to the pockets of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) who are responsible for negotiating drug prices between insurance companies and pharmacies. Over the past 10 years, the actual cost of insulin has gone down; however, the amount consumers pay has continued to rise as PBMs deepen their pockets and widen their profit margins. The problem is clear: PBMs are enriching themselves at the expense of Americans who need to access life-sustaining drugs and treatments. Unfortunately, the Affordable Insulin Now Act is a giveaway to special interests and a half-hearted messaging effort, rather than a genuine attempt to fix the cost problems or incentivize additional innovation and cost-effective solutions to diabetes care. By delaying the Trump rebate rule even further, Democrats are ensuring PBMs will continue raking in high profits while Americans are stuck footing the bill. Any solution to rising drug prices must end this exploitative practice. The Republican alternative, H.R. 19, the Lower Costs, More Cures Act, which I cosponsored, would also cap the monthly cost of insulin like this bill, while keeping PBMs in check and fast-tracking new brand-

name, generic, and biosimilar competitors to the marketplace, further driving down costs while increasing access. Americans need results-oriented solutions like H.R. 19, not industry giveaways under the guise of patient protections like the bill considered this week. This bill was passed by a vote of 232-193.

I voted "No" on H.R. 5706, the Stop Sexual Assault and Harassment in Transportation Act, which would massively expand government control over the private sector. The bill requires transportation carriers, such as passenger airlines, cruise ships, ridesharing companies, passenger railroads, transit agencies, and certain bus companies, to create formal sexual harassment and sexual assault policies, trainings, and reporting requirements. Sexual harassment and sexual assault are unacceptable, which is why they are already illegal under federal law. This bill vastly expands the authority of the federal government over the private sector, and completely overlooks the fact that many companies are already taking steps to actively strengthen sexual assault and anti-harassment policies, which is something the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office found when they assessed this bill. While this bill may be well-intentioned, its impact is to expand government mandates and regulatory authority to solve a problem that is already illegal and for which the private sector is actively making progress to address. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 339-85.

I voted "No" on S. 2938, a bill to designate the United States Courthouse and Federal Building located at 111 North Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the 'Joseph Woodrow Hatchet United States Courthouse and Federal Building.' As a member of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Judge Hatchet wrote the majority opinion overturning the right of students at the Duval County School System to select, by majority vote, a message or prayer to be read during their graduation ceremony. This overreaching decision violated the right of freedom of religion and had a chilling effect on American civic life. It is important as a country that we resist radical attempts to demonize faith and our nation's strong and proud heritage of free and open religious expression. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 361-61, with 1 member voting present.

I voted "No" on H.R. 5547, the Care is an Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Act. This legislation would require entities requesting funds from the Economic Development Administration to show how their plans would increase access to care-based services, including childcare, early childhood education, disability, long-term care, and elder care as part of their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies. While these forms of care are important, they often do not relate directly to every request for economic development assistance and including this new requirement will disadvantage smaller municipalities and organizations that apply for much-needed funds. Continuously adding extraneous complexity and new mandates to applications makes it harder for worthy applicants to apply for and secure funding. The issues this bill sought to address were worthy and important, however they are not best addressed by being added to unrelated applications for funding through the Economic Development Administration. We need to make it easier for worthy applicants to apply for and secure support, not harder by continuing to vastly expand application requirements beyond what is needed to genuinely assess the impact of a funding request. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 304-122.

I voted "Yes" on S.400, the William T. Coleman, Jr. and Norman Y. Mineta Department of Transportation Headquarters Act. This bill names the U.S. DOT headquarters after William T. Coleman and Norman Y. Mineta. Coleman was the first African American Secretary of Transportation and Mineta was the first Asian American Secretary of Transportation. Secretary Coleman was also a WWII veteran, civil rights leader, and U.S. Supreme Court clerk. Mr. Mineta is the longest serving Secretary of Transportation since the Department was established. This legislation honors their work as trailblazers and extensive service to the public. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 417 - 4. (Contd. Pg. 57)



## This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 56)

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5673, the Safeguarding Tomorrow Through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Technical Corrections Act.** This bill provides technical amendments to the existing FEMA hazard mitigation revolving loan fund program within the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, which assists state and tribal governments finance mitigation projects. This amends fund rules by requiring that FEMA capitalization grant recipients carry out the two most recent editions for relevant building codes, specifications, and standards. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 402 - 24.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5343, the FEMA Caseworkers Accountability Act.** This bill will require FEMA to submit a report regarding the rate of turnover for casework staff, as well as what actions FEMA is engaging in to reduce the rate of turnover. This report shall also include statistics on the average length of employment of case management and agency staff working on disaster recovery. FEMA has experienced significant staffing challenges, and this information will help Congress and the agency best understand and address caseworker related issues. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 409 - 17.

**I voted "Yes" on S. 2126,** a bill to designate the Federal Office Building located at 308 W. 21st Street in Cheyenne, Wyoming, as the "Louisa Swain Federal Office Building." This bill renames the previously stated Federal Office Building in honor of Louisa Swain. Ms. Swain was the first woman to vote in Wyoming after it recognized a women's right to vote. She did so in 1870, 50 years before women's suffrage was recognized universally across the United States. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 412 - 1, with one member voting present.

**I voted "No" on S. 1226,** to designate the United States courthouse located at 1501 North 6th Street in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the "Sylvia H. Rambo United States Courthouse." This bill would have renamed the previously stated U.S. courthouse after Judge Sylvia H. Rambo, a Senior U.S. District Court Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania who was appointed by President Carter. While I recognize and applaud Judge Rambo's personal accomplishments, as co-chair of the House Election Integrity Caucus, I am troubled by her record of failing to meaningfully scrutinize rushed election changes that were made in Pennsylvania, which have since come under scrutiny by other courts at the state level. It is vital that all government officials - whether appointed judges or elected officials - always work to protect the fairness, integrity, and accountability of elections. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 364 - 61, with one member voting present.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6865,** the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act, which would reauthorize the Coast Guard and the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC). This legislation would also amend operational and personnel activities of the Coast Guard, institute sexual assault and harassment procedures for the Coast Guard and update shipping regulations enforced by the FMC, granting the FMC authority to set certain service standards and prohibit unreasonable and unjust late fees. This increased level of support would enhance Coast Guard operations and help the Service replace and modernize its cutters, and shoreside and cyber infrastructure. This bill would help ensure that the dedicated men and women of the United States Coast Guard have the necessary resources to fulfill their critical mission. This legislation passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 378-46.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2954,** the Securing a Strong Retirement Act. This legislation would expand the automatic enrollment of workers in employee-sponsored savings plan and delay the age when retirees must begin taking distributions from their accounts. Workers would be automatically opted in unless they choose to opt

out. In addition, it would raise the age for taking required minimum distributions (RMD) from 72 to 75, allowing retirees to grow their accounts more. The penalty for a person not taking their RMD would also be lowered from 50% to 25%. Finally, it would allow employers to match a worker's student loan payment by making an equivalent contribution to their retirement savings plan. These changes would make it easier for Americans to save for retirement and enjoy their golden years. This legislation passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 414-5.

**I voted "Yes" on S. 2629,** the Better Cybercrime Metrics Act. This legislation requires the FBI to report cybercrime metrics just as they would for other property crimes. The bill also encourages local and federal law enforcement agencies to report cybercrime to the FBI. Further, the bill authorizes a study at the National Academies for Science to create a classification system for cybercrime incidents with the assistance of federal, state, local and tribal stakeholders as well as criminologists and business leaders. Lastly, this bill requires the Bureau of Justice and Statistics at the Department of Justice and the Census Bureau to include cybercrime and cyber-enabled crime related questions as part of the National Climate Victimization Survey. This legislation passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 377-48.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3359,** the Homicide Victims' Families' Rights Act grants the relatives of homicide victims the right to have the federal case file reviewed after the case has gone cold for three years. The assigned federal investigator may then choose to initiate a full reinvestigation if it is believed that doing so would result in further leads. This bill also requires the federal government to inform these relatives of their rights to have the case reviewed and share any updates upon review. Data regarding the issues with each of these cold cases shall also be collected. This legislation passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 406-20.

**I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4738,** the COVID-19 American History Project Act. This bill directs the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress to establish a COVID-19 American History Project. This shall be accomplished by collecting individual stories and experiences of individuals within the United States from throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. This bill also requires the collection of video and audio recordings of personal testimonies for those affected by the pandemic. This legislation passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 376-47.

**I voted "No" on H.R. 1621,** the Prohibiting Punishment of Acquitted Conduct Act. This legislation prohibits federal courts from considering acquittals that a defendant has received in a prior ruling. However, the bill contains an exception under which this information can be used to mitigate a defendant's sentence. In doing so, the bill limits the courts' sentencing power and ability to consider the full range of information that may be available. This legislation takes the wrong approach, particularly at a time when New Yorkers and all Americans are rightly concerned with recidivism rates and the increasing prevalence of violent criminals being acquitted by radical judges and activist District Attorneys in their communities. This legislation passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 405-12.

**I voted "Yes" on S. 3294,** which directs the placement in the Capitol or on the Capitol Grounds of two statues; one to honor Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Sandra Day O'Connor and the other to honor Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Ruth Bader Ginsburg. This legislation, which passed the Senate unanimously, would pay tribute to two female Supreme Court justices, appointed by presidents from both parties, who served our nation. This legislation passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 349-63.

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## **RABIES CLINIC**

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**Town of Rockland  
Livingston Manor Firehouse  
93 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY  
Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 2022  
6PM to 7:30PM**

**\*Sullivan County Residents only -Proof of ID required**

**\* Everyone must wear a mask while at clinic site**

**\*Appointments are required**

**\*Pre-registration of ALL animals is required**

***<https://tinyurl.com/yckmx6jm>***

**\*Everyone must maintain social distancing guidelines and remain at least 6 feet apart.**

**\*Bring prior rabies certificate, receive a 3-year vaccination.**

**\* No vaccine history, receive a 1-year vaccination.**

**Dogs – Cats – Ferrets**

**All Pet owners must clean up after their pets.**

**All pets must be in a carrier or on a leash.**

**All pets must be at least 3 months old.**

**Aggressive dogs should be muzzled to prevent any biting incidents**

**If you don't have access to a computer or have questions, please  
call 845-292-5910**



**CONSUMER ALERT:**  
**Attorney General James  
 Warns New Yorkers  
 to Be Mindful of  
 Discriminatory Practices  
 Targeting Jewish  
 Communities  
 Before Passover**

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued a consumer alert urging New Yorkers to be mindful of potential discriminatory pricing practices at car washes in the days leading up to Passover. In previous years, there have been reports of car wash businesses in predominantly Orthodox Jewish communities in New York City raising prices by as much as 50 percent for Jewish customers seeking cleaning services close to Passover. In advance of Passover, many Jews clean their homes, cars, and other spaces to remove "chametz," or leavened products, from these spaces because they are not eaten for the duration of the holiday. According to reports provided to the Office of Attorney General (OAG) from Assemblymember Simcha Eichenstein, some companies have advertised "specials" for car washing services related to Passover, but instead, charged higher prices to Jewish customers. Attorney General James also sent letters to two organizations representing car wash owners in New York to remind their members that any such business practice is illegal and should be reported to OAG.

"It's shameful that we even have to warn Jewish communities about the possibility that companies would take advantage of them during the holidays," said Attorney General James. "If we learn of any businesses engaging in such disgusting and antisemitic practices, we will not hesitate to take swift and serious legal action. No New Yorker should ever be forced to pay more for a service because of their religion, race, gender, or sexual orientation, and I urge anyone who has been a victim of this discriminatory behavior to report it to my office immediately."

"The Passover season is expensive enough and unfortunately many local families struggle to make ends meet at this time of year," said Assemblymember Simcha Eichenstein. "Given the Jewish tradition of cleaning our homes, our cars, and our possessions before the Passover holiday, car washes provide an essential service during the pre-Passover season. In the past I have received multiple reports of car wash establishments in my district and beyond that have raised their prices up to 50 percent during the pre-Passover weeks for the exact same service that they offer all year round. Shameless overcharging before the holiday is clearly religious discrimination and totally unacceptable in this industry or any industry. I thank Attorney General James for giving this issue the attention it deserves and issuing this pre-season warning to car wash establishments, ensuring that this discriminatory practice does not continue this year."

"Scammers try new methods to trick you all the time, even during religious holidays," said Assemblymember Nily Rozic. "As the Jewish community prepares for Passover, it's crucial consumers are mindful to look out for opportunistic price gouging. I'm thankful to Attorney General James for her continued efforts to crack down on discriminatory practices."

"New Yorkers should not have to tolerate exploitative business practices, especially ones that target individuals based on religion, gender, or race," said Assemblymember Daniel Rosenthal. "That message was made loud and clear today by Attorney General James, who is taking a proactive stand against discriminatory and predatory practices. On behalf of the Jewish

community and all New Yorkers, I thank her for her vigilant advocacy and leadership."

If you believe you were charged more for services because of your religion, race, or background, or know of businesses using these discriminatory practices, please file a complaint with OAG at: [https://formsnym.ag.ny.gov/OAGOnlineSubmissionForm/faces/OAGCRBHome.jsessionid=swvlrOz4\\_G0k9wSr4KK4VzAwSxvWwe5rAN5GWDaa9WYUdtbTfMIE!-958076709](https://formsnym.ag.ny.gov/OAGOnlineSubmissionForm/faces/OAGCRBHome.jsessionid=swvlrOz4_G0k9wSr4KK4VzAwSxvWwe5rAN5GWDaa9WYUdtbTfMIE!-958076709)

**Assemblymember  
 Kevin Cahill Statement  
 Regarding the NYS Budget**

While it is, of course, preferable to have a state budget before April 1st, it is also important to have a reasonable and balanced plan. The late introduction of new but important issues in budget negotiations by Governor Kathy Hochul resulted in minor delays to resolving the whole package. Our teams have been meeting day and night over the last several weeks and will continue to do so until full resolution.

We are advised by fiscal experts that as long as we wrap up the budget by Monday or Tuesday, there will be no interruption in the payment of any bills coming due from the State of New York, including state worker payroll. I am confident that over the next couple of days the governor and the state legislature will arrive at a complete package to address the needs of New Yorkers in these unprecedented times.

**Central Hudson  
 Inadequately Addressing  
 Major Lapse of Service**

(Poughkeepsie, NY) - Today Central Hudson attempted to address the erratic and inaccurate billing practices as well as the extensive use of estimated meter reading ratepayers in their service area have been subjected to. Over 600 people tuned into the broadcast to hear their utility supplier justify and minimize the impact of these errors.

"This livestream update was unfortunately inadequate in explaining to ratepayers how their billing issues will be resolved," said Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess). "During the 40 minute broadcast there was no apology for the confusion, frustration and angst their practices have caused, no mention of how to contact the Public Service Commission and no discussion of their response to the recent ice storm which left almost 50,000 Ulster County customers without power. Instead we heard excuses made for a months-long software update, overwhelmed call lines as well as blame cast at New York State and environmental advocates for the wise decisions to shutter Indian Point and stop pipelines from crisscrossing our natural areas. It would appear that Central Hudson cannot help themselves but diminish their reputation with the public they are required to serve."

Those experiencing an issue with Central Hudson are encouraged to call the Office of Assemblymember Cahill at 845-338-9610 for assistance and file a complaint with the Public Service Commission at 800-342-3377.

# SUNY Sullivan Theater Program presents *Next To Normal* has been Postponed Until Further Notice

Loch Sheldrake, NY - The SUNY Sullivan Theater Arts Program is proud to present *Next to Normal*, book/lyrics by Brian Yorkey and music by Tom Kitt. The winner of three 2009 Tony Awards, including Best Musical Score, and the 2010 Pulitzer Prize, *Next to Normal* explores how one suburban household copes with crisis and mental illness. This play deals with bipolar disorder and will open on World Bipolar Day. SUNY Sullivan produces a contemporary, a classic, and a musical every year. This contemporary play fulfills the Theater Program's 2021-2022 season that focuses on Disability and Disorders.



**Performances of *Next to Normal* has been postponed until further notice.**

*Next to Normal* is directed by SUNY Sullivan Adjunct Professor Nick López, with music direction by Leon Hilfstain and Brandon Sparkman, and features Jessica López-Barkl, Theater Arts Program director, and Billy Steeves, Theater Arts alumni. *Next to Normal* is one of several plays in SUNY Sullivan's 2021-22 theater season to investigate the circumstances of the historically marginalized disability community and attempt to foreground people whose stories have not been largely overlooked. The SUNY Sullivan Theater Program is sensitive to the fact that representation is not enough if the stories of marginalized individuals are not represented in a thoughtful and authentic way. As a college in a county whose largest healthcare employer serves people with disabilities, SUNY Sullivan hopes to partner with regional organizations to provide an array of educational opportunities to demonstrate that art by and about people with disabilities is enriched and enhanced by the extraordinary circumstances of their lives.

*Next to Normal* explores how one suburban household copes with crisis and mental illness. Winner of three 2009 Tony Awards, including Best Musical Score and the 2010 Pulitzer Prize, *Next to Normal* was also chosen as "one of the year's ten best shows" by critics around the country, including *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Rolling Stone* and *The New York Times*. This deeply moving piece of theatre is an emotional powerhouse that addresses such issues as grieving a loss, ethics in modern psychiatry, and suburban life.

The 2021-22 SUNY Sullivan Theater season continues May 6-14, with a World Premier, *Thank You / I'm Sorry*, by Brianna

Worden and Janna Walter. Music composed by Brandon Sparkman. Directed by Jessica López-Barkl. This play is the first play about Neurofibromatosis, and a world premiere opening during Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month.

For more information, contact Jessica López-Barkl at [jbarkl@sunysullivan.edu](mailto:jbarkl@sunysullivan.edu).

## DVAA Announces Spring Exhibitions

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) is excited to announce its upcoming exhibitions, "Epiphanies," featuring photographs by Sarah van Ouwerkerk with poetry by Elizabeth Swados and "Negatives Preserved," a multi-media installation by Stephanie Land.

There will be an opening reception for both exhibitions at DVAA located at 37 Main St, Narrowsburg, NY on Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 3 pm - 5 pm. The shows will be on view through Sunday, May 8th, and are free and open to the public, masks required.

### SARAH VAN OUWERKERK "EPIPHANIES"

In 2014, the artist Elizabeth Swados approached Sarah van Ouwerkerk about collaborating on a book featuring Swados' writing with van Ouwerkerk's photographs. As a composer, author and director, Elizabeth had been producing work successfully for many years, from Broadway to La Mama and The Public Theatre, along with authoring many books. They set out to create a story about the life and process of making work, and all that comes in between. The collaborative project began at a time that Swados thought marked a new beginning and believed in the process of producing work to be healthy. Swados' poems inspired van Ouwerkerk's photographs. These images and poems were created in the spirit of looking forward, the randomness of day-to-day life, and the fortitude necessary to continue on, regardless of the obstacles. Looking back on it, Van Ouwerkerk says "I have never loved working on a project more than this and I am grateful to have been given such a gift." The essence of the work is about hope and it honors Swados' memory and contributes to her legacy.

Sarah van Ouwerkerk received her BA in Painting from University of Wisconsin/ Madison and her MFA from Pratt Institute. She is a professor of photography at Pratt Institute in New York City. Her work has been exhibited at the New Museum, Whitney Museum, Brooklyn Museum, Frazier Museum, and numerous other national and international venues. Her work has been published in *The NY Times*, *Smithsonian Magazine*, *Vogue*, *NY Daily News*, *Scholastic Magazine*, *Stern*, and featured on CNN, SNL, and German National Television.

Elizabeth Swados was an American composer, musician, and theater director. She received Tony Award nominations for Best Musical, Best Direction of a Musical, Best Book of a Musical, Best Original Score, and Best Choreography. Elizabeth Swados passed away in 2016 from cancer.

### STEPHANIE LAND "NEGATIVES PRESERVED"

Through geographic, cultural, political, and intimate investigations that examine white feminism and white supremacy as a history with a continuous, harmful present, Stephanie Land's exhibition *Negatives Preserved*, examines how the artist's own histories intersect with America's racial histories to determine relationships to land, gender, queerness, family, resource-sharing, and safety. Through mixed media that weaves together sculpture, photography, architecture, mapping, repetition, and the archive, *Negatives Preserved* investigates beginnings and middles instead of endings to confront individual complicity and the weight of whiteness. (Contd. Pg. 61)



## DVAA Announces Spring Exhibitions

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Stephanie Land received a BA in Photography from Columbia College Chicago and an MA in Fine Art Printmaking from the Royal College of Art in London. Land's work has been featured in exhibitions and publications throughout the US and UK. She has received an Illinois Arts Council Grant and an award from the Illinois Chapter of The National Museum of Women in the Arts. In 2017 she was an Artist in Residence of Process Space, a Lower Manhattan Cultural Council studio residency on Governors Island. In 2019 she was a featured artist in "The Whiteness Issue" of The Racial Imaginary Institute. She lives and works in Brooklyn, NY.

### ABOUT DVAA

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Walk-ins are welcome (no advance registration is required for these shows). Gallery hours are Thursday - Sunday, 11am - 4pm and by appointment.

The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part through funding provided by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support from the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

For more information, visit [delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org) or call (845) 252-7576.

CONTACT: Signe Ballew, Gallery Manager, [gallery@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](mailto:gallery@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org)

## Governor Hochul Announces \$20 Million Investment in Capital Projects for Arts and Cultural Organizations

**The New York State Council on the Arts Awards 116 Capital Awards in Agency's Final Funding Round of Fiscal Year**

**Spanning 10 Regions, 60% of \$50 Million in NYSCA Capital Funding Awarded Outside of New York City Since 2018**

**In 2022, NYSCA Has Awarded More Than \$100 Million for the First Time in Agency History**

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced 116 Capital Project grants were awarded through the New York State Council on the Arts. In the agency's final funding round of Fiscal Year 2022, NYSCA awarded \$20 million throughout the state, bringing its grant making total for the year to an historic \$100 million. Capital Projects range from innovative construction renovations to critical equipment updates that prioritize health and safety upgrades. These grants reflect the breadth and depth of New York State's art sector with projects that will spur economic development, job growth, and access to arts and culture experiences in all 10 regions.

"Capital Projects create safer, healthier, and more accessible spaces across New York State," Governor Hochul said. "From our vibrant cultural anchors, to celebrated historical sites, our arts and cultural spaces represent the ingenuity of New York and preserve our state's rich history and character. Congratulations to all grantees embarking on these transformative projects that will demonstrate the arts are both back and thriving."

In this round, NYSCA prioritized small and medium sized organizations as well as first-time Capital Projects applicants. In addition to the 70 awards in the \$50,000 to \$1 million range, NYSCA provided additional support for capital projects through

its local funding, awarding 46 organizations with \$10,000 grants for equipment upgrades and facilities improvements. All \$10,000 grants support organizations with operating budgets under \$1 million, bringing the total number of capital awards to 116. The majority of grants in the \$50,000 to \$1 million category will support organizations outside of New York City.

Mara Manus, Executive Director, New York State Council on the Arts said, "Capital Projects large and small drive long-term economic development for our State by creating hundreds of jobs, supporting Main Street businesses and tourism, and promoting social engagement. We are grateful to Governor Hochul and our State leaders for their recognition of the integral role arts and cultural spaces play in strengthening and revitalizing New York's cities, towns, and villages."

Katherine Nicholls, Chair, New York State Council on the Arts said, "Investing in projects that promote accessibility, energy efficiency, and sustainability is essential as we rebuild New York State and move towards an even brighter future. The Council on the Arts recognizes the economic hardships arts and cultural organizations have confronted over the past two years. We are proud to invest in these inspiring projects that will fuel economic growth and promote vitality in communities across New York State."

Grantees include:

**Bushwick Starr (New York City)** - The grant will fund construction of a new 5,000-square-foot performance venue in Brooklyn and provide the Bushwick Starr with a permanent home for its artists and audiences.

**Chenango County Historical Society & Museum (Southern Tier)** - Funding will support masonry restoration and architectural preservation on the historic Ward School No. 2 building where the museum operates public spaces for programming about its community's rich cultural history.

**The Hochstein School (Finger Lakes)** - Grant dollars will support the renovation of Hochstein's Performance Hall, an historic public arts space serving thousands in the greater Rochester community.

**Women's Studio Workshop (Mid-Hudson)** - Funding will support the restoration and redevelopment of a historic 1800s era brick arched oil house into a new ceramics studio, artist book editions studio, and five rental studio spaces for local artists.

NYSCA Capital funding invested to date totals \$50 million, which has been awarded across three funding rounds. Of the 88 projects across the state that NYSCA supported in prior funding years, approximately 50% are near completion.

State Senator José M. Serrano said, "A thriving arts and culture sector is critical to the vitality of our State. NYSCA's Capital grantees will fortify our state's arts ecosystem, advancing compelling and innovative projects after two years of immense challenge. I am proud to support the growth and revitalization of non-profit arts organizations around the state, and applaud Governor Hochul and NYSCA for their work to ensure New York remains a vibrant cultural destination."

Assemblymember Danny O'Donnell said, "New York is a global beacon for arts and culture, and every dollar invested in the arts supports jobs, culture, and economic growth in every region of New York State. The pandemic has illuminated and exacerbated the severe challenges faced by the arts and culture sector, and this vital Capital funding will be transformative for organizations and their communities. The work of these Capital grantees strengthens our economy, supports the health of all New Yorkers, and enriches our lives. I am very proud that New York State has stepped up and delivered support to the longstanding capital needs of our arts sector. I applaud Gov. Hochul for her continued championing of the arts and for her commitment to ensuring that our arts and cultural institutions thrive in our collective recovery."

## Setting the Record Straight

We are all aware that social media has been overwhelmed with misleading and inaccurate information. Most recently there is a great deal of conversation over the Parental Rights in Education bill in Florida. Critics nicknamed the bill, "Don't Say Gay" suggesting that the bill literally outlaws the word "gay" in Florida. You may consider this propaganda and ignore the spin that has led to more division among our nation. Issues such as this can be resolved by doing a little research and getting the facts.

The first place you may want to go if you are online, would be Fact Check. Here is there explanation:

**According to Fact Check: Does Florida's Parental Rights in Education Bill Outlaw the Word 'Gay'? –No.**

"Social media has been flooded with misinformation about the Parental Rights in Education bill in Florida, which critics derogatorily nicknamed the "Don't Say Gay" bill. Some have suggested that the bill, as the nickname suggests, literally outlaws the word "gay" in Florida."

"The bill, which has passed both houses of the Florida legislature, prevents teachers from providing instruction on sexuality or gender identity to children in grades K-3 "or in a manner that is not age appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students in accordance with state standards." While an earlier version of the bill said schools "may not encourage classroom discussion" involving sexual orientation and gender identity, the revised version that was approved by the state legislature prohibits only "instruction by school personnel or third parties." The language in the earlier version of the bill raised concerns that it would prevent children with LGBT parents from discussing their family life or teachers from mentioning their spouses, leading to the revision that states the new limitation would apply only to instruction. The bill was revised February 23, 2022."

"The bill would also enable parents to sue schools and teachers who teach children about sexual orientation and gender identity in the aforementioned grade levels."

"The word "gay" has not been banned in the state of Florida, and would not be if the Parental Rights in Education bill is signed into law. Limitations would be placed on what material regarding sexuality can be taught to students in kindergarten through third grade, but the bill as passed by the legislature would not prevent students with gay parents from talking about their family. The Parental Rights in Education bill now awaits Gov. Ron DeSantis' signature. DeSantis has said he supports the bill, and once signed it will go into effect on July 1."

Rather than just relying on one opinion, two other sources helped to clarify exactly what is stated in the bill.

According to a synopsis on Florida's government website:

### **CS/CS/HB 1557 - Parental Rights in Education**

General Bill by Judiciary Committee and Education & Employment Committee and Harding and Grall (CO-SPON-SORS) Avila; Bell; Borrero; Byrd; Fernandez-Barquin; Fetterhoff; Fine; Fischer; Latvala; Maggard; McClain; Plakon; Roach; Roth; Sirois; Snyder; Truenow; Yarborough

**Parental Rights in Education:** Requires district school boards to adopt procedures that comport with certain provisions of law for notifying student's parent of specified information; requires such procedures to reinforce fundamental right of parents to make decisions regarding upbringing & control of their children; prohibits school district from adopting procedures or student support forms that prohibit school district personnel from notifying parent about specified information or that encourage student to withhold from parent such information; prohibits school district personnel from discouraging or prohibiting parental notification & involvement in critical decisions affecting student's mental, emotional, or physical well-being; prohibits classroom discussion about sexual orientation or gender identity

in certain grade levels; requires school districts to notify parents of healthcare services; authorizes parent to bring action against school district to obtain declaratory judgment; provides for additional award of injunctive relief, damages, & reasonable attorney fees & court costs to certain parents. Effective Date: July 1, 2022

And a third resource which states it clearly is a copy of the actual bill. You may read the bill in its entirety at:

<https://legiscan.com/FL/text/H1557/id/2541706/Florida-2022-H1557-Enrolled.pdf>

To say that the United States is divided right now would be an enormous understatement. Many of us are shaken with disbelief at the scenes that have unfolded in our nation's capital and around the world. Others may become cynical touting how right they were to those who didn't share their fears of a potential outcome. Neither disbelief nor cynicism will solve today's fragmented world. Actions will.

Now is the time for action. Regardless of our enthusiasm, emotions, or politics, we all have the potential to help heal our communities and our nation and ultimately, ourselves. All it takes is a little of our time and attention

It is easy to complain and say, "this is not us." But just saying it won't be enough. It's time we do something about it. It is easy to blame our political adversaries for what has happened to America, the truth is that we are what has happened to America.

Again, a little research led me to these few suggestions:

**"Soften Our Hearts** – A hardened heart doesn't beat as well, and it certainly doesn't swell with compassion for others."

**"Engage in Civic Storytelling** –One of the best ways to help soften our hearts is to hear one another's stories. I'm not referring to the bite-sized narratives that we post on Instagram or Snapchat, nor the articles and tweets that we share as proxies to our own beliefs. I mean real stories of personal experience living and struggling in America –the stories of oppression and endurance, and of privilege and perseverance. For far too long, Americans focused on shaping narratives, not sharing them. If the United States is going to find a way to better share our nation, then we need to get better at sharing stories and training ourselves to tell our stories and listen to the stories of others, not merely by social media, but face-to-face in public and in our private homes. Only by honestly sharing experiences can we hear the truth in one another's perspectives."

**"Listen and Learn Locally** –The polarized political landscape right now is the belief that all politics are national. That isn't the case. The most relevant political decisions that impact our daily lives are largely shaped by our local civic leadership. Many of us have very little knowledge about the policies of our local leaders, and some of us don't even know who those leaders are. We have a greater ability to influence our local politics than our national politics, not only by paying attention, but also by getting involved. By reading local news, attending virtual town halls, and supporting local leaders, we can begin to build a deeper sense of civic connectedness, and trust, on the grassroots level of our country."

**"Change the Channel** –Many of us have been staying 'safe' in our homes and in our own 'thought bubbles' that we firmly hold as beliefs from our channels of choice, without thinking about the power of choosing. Even when we do explore other news channels and information sources, it is often for the purpose of just watching, and not for value. In some ways, it's like all of America has lost the remote control and we are too tired to get up and try to find it."

Unlike years ago when we relied on encyclopedias and books for resources, now with computers and internet it is so easy to do legitimate research (not social media). The best advice I ever got when I was in college was from Professor Tom Lambert –"Check at least three resources!" It is easy to access any government site to research a bill that interests you. One click can give you the correct knowledge and the privilege to form your own opinion. If you don't have a computer, check out the local library.



# The Daniel Pierce Library Children's Programs 2022



*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 4, 2022. These programs are free and are made possible through the generosity of our community. Registration is required.

## **Mother Goose Time–**

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. Program will be held each Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

## **Toddler Time–**

Stories, felt stories, crafts, music, and friendship-building geared for wee ones ages 24-35 months. Program will be held each Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

## **Story Hour–**

Our classic, beloved program for three, four, and five year-old children, featuring the "Magic Bag," a read-aloud, felt stories, crafts, homework, and music. Program will be held each Friday 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

## **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 him/her in one of these valuable programs this spring. Please register online at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org) by April 1st.

If you have any questions, please email [dmchugh@rcls.org](mailto:dmchugh@rcls.org) or call (845) 985-7233 x105.



Come visit us at the library, remember to check out our website for upcoming events, and like us on Facebook and Instagram!



# Spring Into Self Care

at the Daniel Pierce Library

## Revitalize & Cleanse Through the Spring Season

### Three separate workshops

**A Practical Guide to Bring Balance to Your Mind and Body**

Saturday, April 9, 2022

**Breathework & Relaxation Techniques for Spring**

Saturday, May 21, 2022

**Spring Cleanse Through Nutrition**

Saturday, June 18, 2022

**10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Are you ready to feel clarity of the mind,  
move toward emotional balance and feel nourished in the body?

April's workshop will include: discussions on balanced vs unbalanced state, listening to your body, tips & routines for at home use, lymphatic system care, full body wellness and an interactive session in mindfulness meditation practices.

You can join one or all three of these free workshops for a holistic experience rooted in balance this spring season. You do not have to attend one to attend another. Registration for each workshop will be open at the beginning of each month, for adult residence of Tr-Valley at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org).



#### Meet your instructor, Kelsey Riley.

Kelsey is a Holistic Health Coach with a background in Ayurveda, Yoga and Reiki. Her passion is to uncover the root causes of dis-ease and disconnection in the lives of others and guide them in their discovery toward the nature of the true Self. She founded EyeAwaken Wellness to bring these ancient wellness teachings into modern lifestyles with the intention to integrate them in ways that feel inspiring, nourishing and aligned to YOU!

Click here to register for Daniel Pierce Library Spring into Self Care Workshop  
<https://danielpiercelibrary.org/spring-into-self-care-workshop/>



## Pattern for Progress announces \$50,000 grant from Empire State Development to support MAIN STREET: Hudson Valley

- **New initiative will build local capacity for Main Street revitalization and vibrancy**
- **Pattern to host first “Sidewalk Talk” webinar on April 7**

Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress today announced that it received a \$50,000 grant from Empire State Development for its new initiative MAIN STREET: Hudson Valley, a regional resource center that will build the capacity for main street revitalization in our cities, villages and hamlets. The new center will focus on main streets as vital centers for commerce, culture and community across the Hudson Valley. It will offer a variety of programs, services and research designed to inspire new ideas, attract people to our walkable downtowns, and build local capacity for main street revitalization.

The programming for MAIN STREET: Hudson Valley will be led by Eric Pierson, a professional planner who will serve as executive director of the initiative. The main street center will provide the following programs, services and research in 2022:

- o Main Street Bulletins - research papers that will identify opportunities and solutions for the region's main streets.
- o Sidewalk Talks - a webinar series that will feature speakers from a range of professions to share details about projects, initiatives and best practices that promoted vibrancy in their communities.
- o Main Street Makers - a training program that will put our knowledge into action. The main street center will work with a select number of communities across the Hudson Valley to plan and implement projects on their main streets.
- o Annual Main Street Conference - the center will host an annual conference to convene local, state and national experts.
- o Resource Center - all the resources developed by the initiative will be accessible through a resource center on the Pattern for Progress website. The one-stop shop will be updated throughout the year with blog entries, research papers and other resources.

MAIN STREET: Hudson Valley was made possible by a \$50,000 grant from the State of New York (Empire State Development) and financial support from local investors, including Webster Bank. By developing these resources and educational opportunities, Pattern for Progress hopes to set a foundation that will help local leaders and business owners bring a new era of vibrancy to their downtowns.

“Main streets serve so many important functions,” said Eric Pierson, executive director of MAIN STREET: Hudson Valley. “They are economic engines, a place for community members to connect with each other, and outlets for creative expression. We are excited to launch an initiative that provides main streets in the Hudson Valley with the attention and support they deserve.” “Empire State Development supports placemaking investments in

initiatives that build vibrant downtowns,” said Empire State Development Acting Commissioner and President & CEO-designate Hope Knight. “MAIN STREET: Hudson Valley will provide a range of resources to help fuel the growth of main street development around the region, with inspiration and ideas for creating downtown districts where people want to both visit and work.”

“Webster Bank recognizes that thriving small businesses are the lifeblood of a community, especially in this post-pandemic world,” says Karina Saltman, Senior Managing Director of Community Investment, Engagement and Philanthropy at Webster Bank. “We are proud to support the work of Pattern for Progress and its MAIN STREET: Hudson Valley center, bringing essential services and support that will enable small businesses to participate in the new economy.”

The main street center will host its first Sidewalk Talk on Thursday, April 7, from 12-1 p.m. The free webinar will focus on people-first main streets - strategies for using sidewalks and streets differently to attract more foot traffic to our downtowns. National and local experts will talk about simple methods that can be implemented on our main streets to prioritize the experience for people. Those interested in the free webinar can register by clicking here.

The Hudson Valley is home to a vast array of main streets, large and small. Many of our main streets are vibrant, but they can also be vulnerable to economic forces and other trends. Some of our main streets benefit from good planning, steady investment and a cohesive vision that drives their vibrancy. Others suffer from economic decline, disinvestment, and an inability to recapture the spark that once drove traffic to their streets, sidewalks and shops. In any case, the Hudson Valley is more vibrant, prosperous and sustainable when its main streets thrive.

MAIN STREET: Hudson Valley will bring new programming to the region each month to get our business and government leaders thinking about ways to bolster their communities. That effort will begin in March with programs that will focus on “people-first main streets.” This will focus on pedestrian plazas, street festivals, the adaptive use of sidewalk and streets, and other examples that put pedestrians at the center of the main-street landscape.

Throughout the remainder of 2022, the center will focus on issues that include housing, strategies to deal with vacant buildings, green main streets, place-making, local business support, main street design and beautification tools, and the balance that allows main streets to serve local residents and tourists.

Information on programming, registration and other details about the main street center can be found on the Pattern for Progress website at [www.pattern-for-progress.org/main-street](http://www.pattern-for-progress.org/main-street).

### About Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress

Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress is a policy, planning, advocacy and research organization that has promoted regional, balanced, equitable, and sustainable solutions for the Hudson River Valley since 1965. It serves a nine-county region that includes Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties. Visit [Pattern-For-Progress.org](http://Pattern-For-Progress.org). Follow on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn @PatternForProgress and on Twitter @HVPattern.



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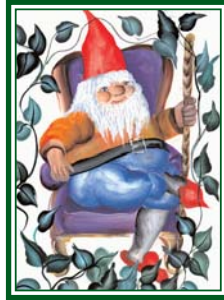
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*“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE I*  
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**AUSTRALIA**

A 2008 adventure film, directed by **Baz Luhrmann** and starring **Nicole Kidman** and **Hugh Jackman**. The screenplay was written by Luhrmann and screenwriter **Stuart Beattie**, with **Ronald Harwood** and **Richard Flanagan**.



The film's character story is set between 1939 and 1942. In 1939, weeks before the start of World War II, Lady Sarah Ashley of England travels to Australia to force her philandering husband to sell his faltering cattle station, Faraway Downs. The huge station straddles thousands of acre's.



**Nicole Kidman** as **Lady Sarah Ashley**, an English aristocrat who inherits the cattle station Faraway Downs after the death of her husband, **Lord Maitland Ashley** **Hugh Jackman** as the "Drover." **David Hirschfelder** composed the score to Australia. Interpolated musical numbers include the jazz standards "Begin the Beguine."

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## WHAT'S EATING GILBERT GRAPE

(2998 / PG 13 / 1 HR 58MIN / DRAMA)

**Johnny Depp** as **Giulbert Grape**, a small town youth that has more responsibility than he needs at this point in his journey to manhood. You will love his unselfish compassion of youth and his terrible violation of another marriage, which possibly caused a death by murder, or suicide of another human being.



On his shoulders, Gilbert also has an overly obese mother. Momma, played by **Darlene Cates**, who got this way after her husband's death. A brother superbly played by a very young **Leonardo DiCaprio** as **Arnie**



**Grape** a rather mentally challenged 17 year old seeking high places to play on top of, such places as a 50 ft high town water tower.

**Juliette Lewis** as **Becky**, Gilbert's sister.

**“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III  
SEE ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE FILMS  
TCM, AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, NETFLIX,**

## COCOON □THE RETURN□



(Rated-G / 1988 / 1 hr 55 min / Fantasy / Drama)

A fantasy comedy that teaches us how exhibiting compassion in the form of "Agape Love" (Looking for nothing in return) builds courage within each of us. This week's offerings are more pointed to the growth of the human condition. Hopefully "LOVE" will spread and bring peace to our ever troubled war-like chaotic world. In "Cocoon The Return" these truths become self evident.



One of the best films supporting the totality of unconditional love and compassion.

Directed by **Daniel Petrie**, and starring **Don Ameche** as **Art Selwyn**, **Wilford Brimley** as **Ben Luckett**, **Courteney Cox** as **Sara**, **Hume Cronyn** as **Joe Finley**, **Jack Gilford** as **Bernie Lefkowitz**, **Steve Guttenberg** as **Jack Bonner**, **Barret Oliver** as **David**, **Maureen Stapleton** as **Mary Luckett**, **Elaine Stritch** as **Ruby**, **Jessica Tandy** as **Alma Finley**, **Gwen Verdon** as **Bess McCarthy** **Tahnee Welch** as **Kitty**, **Linda Harrison** as **Susan**, **Tyrone Power Jr.** as **Pillsbury**, **Mike Nomad** as **Doc**,

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