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(Left to right): back row- Sanaa Lawrence, Timothy Kufert, Matthew Cuji Angamarca, Kenneth Green, Maddox Crux, Julia Sweetman; front row- Jiya Patel, Ava Bush, Avery Carrier, Carter Ukaj, Christopher Parken, Leland Reinshagen

On Friday, February 10, a special ceremony was held at Tri-Valley Central School for 7th and 8th grade students. The assembly, put on by the 7th and 8th grade teachers, recognized students for achieving Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll for the first quarter.

Special awards were also given to students who the 7th and 8th grade teachers selected as going above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. In the 8th grade, Jacob Davison and Rebecca Squires won awards for Academic Excellence, Aaron Edwards and Luis Cholula-Jimenez won awards for Leadership, Caitlyn Monell and Novalee Morton won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Johnathan Moore and Jacob Van Etten won awards for Most Improved, Janiel Prado and Kaylee Taubl won awards for Outstanding Participation, and Hiram Roman and Anthony Schuman won awards for Exemplary Collaboration. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Senator Oberacker Meets with TV FFA Students in Albany

State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenevus) today met in Albany with students from Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters throughout his district.

"Agriculture is our state's number one industry and in order to preserve and advance this time-honored tradition, we need programs like the FFA," said Senator Peter Oberacker. "The students not only learn about traditional farming, but engineering, science, and business as well. Their personal stories demonstrate the need for ongoing state support that will bolster this valuable education program."

The state senate adopted a special legislative resolution calling on Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 18-25, 2023, as National FFA Organization Week in the State of New York. Senator Oberacker co-sponsored the resolution (J.321) which reads in part:
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Senator Peter Oberacker welcomes Tri Valley FFA members to the Capitol in Albany. From left, Tara Burke, Katie Deuch, Mya Ibarra, Senator Oberacker, Jacob Lucak, Dylan Poley.

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On the Front Burner: When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.
Deuteronomy 26:6-7

OBITUARIES

Lynn S. Spikes, of Neversink, NY passed away on Friday, February 10, 2023 at home. She was 74.

She was the daughter of the late Harry and Clare (Lombardo) Maus, born on August 26, 1948 in Manhattan, NY.

Lynn was a proud graduate of Dominican University and also attended Hunter College, where she studied computers. She went on to work for Nyack Hospital and then continued her career at Valley Hospital in billing and training. Around the time her son was born, she relocated from Queens, NY to Rockland County, where she sat on the board of the Rockland County ARC and finally moved to Neversink in 2020. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and sister. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her husband, Ronnie Spikes, at home; her son Daniel V. Kennedy of Loch Sheldrake, NY and her sister Diane Maus of Suffern, NY. She is predeceased by her parents and brother William Scott Maus.

A memorial will be held at a later date.

Donations in Lynn's name can be made to NHC Foundation, P.O. Box 289, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Lynn Spikes, please visit our Tree Store at http://tree-tc.tributestore.com/memorial-tree?oId=27253016&_ga=2.200914919-819022591.1676134196-423316298.1665942417

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John G. Munoz of Woodridge, NY, formerly of Loch Sheldrake, NY, a retired maintenance supervisor for residential housing facilities in Sullivan County and a stone mason, died Sunday February 5, 2023 at the Garnet Health Medical Center, Harris, NY. He was 70.

The son of Juan Rodriguez and

Inez Perez, he was born February 20, 1952 in Middletown, New York and raised in Ponce, Puerto Rico. John was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Loch Sheldrake, NY. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and baseball.

Survivors include his wife Jannette M. Edwards Munoz, at home; four sons, Mark Jewis, Taurus Lopez, Johnny Munoz and his wife Sara, and Stephen Munoz; four daughters, Katie Hobbs and her husband Ryan, Faith Munoz, Juanita Barotti and her husband William, Jr., and Marcelina Patton and her husband David; several brothers, sisters, grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday, February 9, 2023 at the Harris Funeral Home with services following. The Rev. Carl Caskey will officiate.

Burial will be in the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery, Sunset Lake Road, Liberty, New York.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home.

Days of Yore.... Today's History

February 25, 1953

Elwood Velie, Fire Chief of Grahamsville, and Mrs. Mildred Stone Maier of Middletown, announced their engagement at an informal dinner party Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Ter Bush who have been lifelong friends of Mrs. Maier. The wedding will take place this spring.

Moses I. Kortright, 89, died at the Loomis Hospital in Liberty on Friday, February 20th. The son of Abraham and Dora Hill Kortright he was born on September 8, 1863 in Montela. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Bertha Krum, and Mrs. Laura Walter of Grahamsville and Mrs. Theda Taylor of Allentown, Pa.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The New York Commerce and Industry Association has requested Mayor Impellitteri of New York City to reconsider the possibility of using the Hudson as a source of city water following the rejection by Pennsylvania for the long-range water development program on the Delaware River. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Senator Oberacker Meets with TV FFA Students in Albany

(From Pg. 1)

WHEREAS, Agricultural education and National FFA Organization ensure a steady supply of young professionals to meet the growing needs in the science, business and technology of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Agricultural education in New York affects and instructs students in all parts of the State, and through their efforts, the officers and members of New York FFA are achieving increased levels of national recognition for themselves, and their schools and communities, as well as New York agriculture; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud the leaders of commerce and industry whose accomplishments contribute to the economic health and prosperity of the communities of the State of New York and to the quality of life of its people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim February 18-25, 2023, as National FFA Organization Week in the State of New York.

Days of Yore....

Today's History From Pg. 2)

February 27, 1963

Wilfred Rhodes, TVCS senior, and Mr. Arlington Visscher, band director at Tri Valley will leave on Friday for Atlantic City, New Jersey. Wilfred, who plays the tuba, will participate in the All-Eastern band concert on Monday, March 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dymond of Sundown are parents of a son, their sixth child, born at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Ellenville on February 25th. The baby weighed 8 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Clark are patents of a son born at Liberty Loomis Hospital on Friday, February 22nd. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clark of Curry are the paternal grandparents.

February 21, 1973

Robert Krom, former resident of Grahamsville and son of Mr. and Mrs. George Krom of this community, will be appearing on a national Cerebral Palsy Telethon originating from KFVS-TV, Channel 12 in Cape Girardeau, Mo., on Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4, it was announced today by Robin Litton, National Telethon Producer.

Herman B. Christian, a veteran of the Spanish American War, died Tuesday in Delhi at the age of 93. He lived most of his life in Neversink, N.Y. Mr. Christian was born February 11, 1880 to Charles and Rebecca Jane Curry Christian. Survivors include one daughter, a grandson and two granddaughters.

February 24, 1983

Harry M. Furman of Liberty, a retired plant manager for Benton Brothers, Inc. of Liberty, died Thursday, Feb. 17th at Community General Hospital, Harris after a long illness. He was 79. The son of the late Miles and Estella Crantz Furman, he was born Dec. 1, 1903 in Grahamsville. A lifelong area resident, Mr. Furman was a member of the Liberty United Methodist Church, and was a past master of Mongaup Lodge No. 816, F&M, Liberty.

Household Hint:

Shiny Crust on Homemade Loaf of Bread?

For a shiny crust on homemade bread and rolls: just before they have finished baking, take them out, brush crusts with vinegar, return to oven to finish baking.

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

The Last Leaves will Soon Fall

Sping will arrive in less than 4 weeks. There are signs to look for as the new season approaches. You may begin to notice beautiful pink sunsets. This occurs when the sun shines on dust particles that are pushed by a high-pressure system, which brings warm, dry air.

And watch those dried dead leaves that are still clinging on to the twigs of some beech and oak trees. They bring a sign, too. All living trees shed their leaves. Every leaf has a limited life span and each leaf changed color and will fall. There is great differences in the timing of the leaf fall. Evergreens are at one end of the spectrum and at the other end of the spectrum are deciduous trees, that shed their leafy summer coats in fall. Cells at the point connecting the twig and the end of the leaf stem release enzymes and form an abscission layer that naturally detaches the leaf - separating it from the vascular bundles, allowing it to fall free.

Evergreens were the first trees on the planet and for a very long time, all trees were evergreen. Populations of the early evergreen trees encountered changing growing conditions as they expanded their ranges over a long period of time. Trees gradually began to develop different ways of doing what trees do, including new ways of growing and shedding their leaves.

We still have evergreens -pine, spruce, hemlock, and fir. And we have the relative newcomers with short-lived leaves -birch, maple, cherry, and poplar for example. We also have a third class of tree between the evergreen and deciduous trees. Their leaves die, but many don't fall when they die. Botanists call this retention of dead plant matter marcescence. You may have noticed some hardwood trees still holding their dry withered leaves. This is most common with many of the oak species and American beech in the Catskills.

Evergreens have an advantage of increasing the time available for its leaves to remain photosynthetic and by reducing nutrient losses associated with dropped leaves. Deciduous leaf fall, on the other hand, is considered an adaptation that evolved to allow trees in seasonally changing environments to reduce water loss and frost damage during unfavorable seasons while increasing their photosynthetic efficiency during favorable seasons. Each has its advantages and downsides. Over the millennia, most species seem to have settled in to being one or the other with the exception of a few trees that fall somewhere in between. While physiologists agree that marcescence is a juvenile trait, most commonly observed on young trees and on lower branches, there is considerable debate about why some species would seem to be deciduous in all other respects except that they delay the physiological process of leaf shedding.

Some ecologists suggest that marcescence has adaptive significance for trees growing on dry, infertile sites such as those where we often see beech and oak growing. They believe retaining leaves until spring could be a means of slowing the decomposition of the leaves. Dropping them in spring delivers organic material (compost or mulch) at a time when it is most needed by the growing parent tree. Others suggest that retained leaves, particularly on young trees and the lower branches on bigger trees, is an effective means of trapping snow like a fence, leading to more moisture at the base of the trees come spring. Still others have hypothesized that persistent leaves might provide some frost protection for buds and new twigs over winter. And at least one study suggested that marcescent foliage could be a deterrent to browsing deer. Buds hidden by clusters of dead leaves do not get eaten and thus live to become new shoots and green leaves in spring. Marcescence may indeed be helpful to trees living in dry, cold, deer-infested environments. But it may also be simply a sign that beech and oak are evolutionarily delayed, still on their way to becoming fully deciduous from their more evergreen past.

Regardless the reason for marcescent leaves, when the new growth begins, the expanding buds will push the old leaves off and clothe the branches with new greenery. When the last of the brown withered leaves fall -we will know it is spring!



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



(Left to right): back row- Novalee Morton, Johnathan Moore, Jacob Van Etten, Aaron Edwards; middle row- Kaylee Taubl, Rebecca Squires, Hiram Roman, Luis Cholula-Jimenez, Caitlyn Monell; front row- Janiel Prado, Jacob Davison, Anthony Schuman

Fallsburg CSD Recognizes Athletes Past and Present

On February 10, 2023, Senior night recognition for the cheerleading and the boys basketball teams took place in the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School gymnasium. Senior recognition is a Fallsburg tradition that celebrates our senior athletes, their families, coaches and teammates in our various sports programs. While this is always a special event that takes place every sports season, on this night it was even more special as Fallsburg celebrated sports teams from the past who set an inspirational standard for Fallsburg sports.



2022-2023 Varsity Basketball Seniors: (left to right) Justin Parsons, Carlos Alvarado, Mateo Scanna, Eugene Johnson, Andrew Rein, Lucas Parisi, and Anthony Hernandez

Being celebrated and honored on this special evening were members of the 1998 Orange County League Boys Basketball champions as well as the 2003 Boys basketball team that made it to the New York State Final Four. Members of these championship teams were on hand to be honored with special Fallsburg Comet t-shirts that were made for this special occasion. Comments were made by Dr. Ivan Katz, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Mike Weiner President of the Fallsburg Central School District Board of Education. Mr. Weiner stated, "In order to move forward in the present or future, one can't forget the past! Tonight, we honor the 1997-98 OCL Conference Championship Boys Basketball team and the 2002-03 State Final Four Boys Basketball teams...history remembers Fallsburg Comets! Thank you for representing!" (Contd. Pg. 8)



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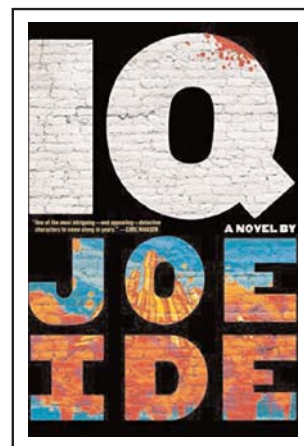
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by John Dwaine McKenna



One sure way to know you're reading a great book, is when you just don't want it to end. Perhaps it's because you've found the main character to be so fascinating, endearing or heroic that you don't want to break contact with him; or the story is so compelling, you have to know, *What happens next?* Those are the novels we remember and tell others about . . . maybe even re-read some time. This week the MBR has just such a character by a debut author, and the shortest title we've ever seen.

IQ (Mulholland Books/Little Brown, \$26.00, 321 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-26772-4) by Joe Ide, instantly transports the reader from that cozy book nook and plunges her into the mean, drug and gang-infested streets of south central Los Angeles at Long Beach, where we meet Isaiah Quintabe –otherwise known as IQ. He's a high school dropout and self-taught detective whose low-key style and quiet nature disguise his colossal intelligence. He's the one the neighborhood folks turn to in their high-crime area to solve the murders, missing persons cases, robberies, kidnappings, and all types of other crimes that the LAPD either won't, or can't, be bothered with. IQ is flexible too. Money's tight. It's not always easy to come up with, so he'll adjust his fees to fit your ability to pay . . . which can make it tough for the unlicensed Private Investigator to pay his bills at times. Times like now. IQ hasn't had a cash-paying client in months. Nearly desperate, he takes on a case he'd usually turn down: that of a hip-hop mogul and gangsta rap artist whose life has been threatened by persons unknown. The suspect list is long, and includes several disgruntled employees, a couple of hangers-on, an attack dog that's the size of a Shetland pony and

a professional hit man who never misses. It's more than he bargained for . . . and almost too much for IQ to overcome as he pits his intellect and inductive reasoning skills against the thugs and killers, envious competitors and the mean streets he was born and raised upon. IQ is the most unique character you'll encounter in a long long time . . . and one you'll not forget. Read the book and make his acquaintance. You'll be glad you did. You'll also find yourself telling all your friends about it . . . and dying for the next book to come out so you can reconnect with young Isaiah Quintabe . . . whom we all know as IQ!

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The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda

AGELESS the Senior Art Exhibit

Please join us on Saturday, March 11, from 2-4, at the Olive Free Library for an opening reception for the Senior Art Group's ongoing exhibit entitled AGELESS.

The art work is on display in the downstairs gathering room, and the Library will get a percentage of the sale price. The exhibit will be ongoing and evolving so visit often.

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy



guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!** *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble online as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to: <http://amazon.com> or <http://barnesandnoble.com> and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*

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AGELESS



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open for viewing now!



Olive Free Library's Exhibition "cARTography: alternate routes" OPENS MARCH 18

The Olive Free Library Association is very pleased to present the exhibition cARTography: alternate routes showcasing the works of artists who have incorporated maps in their art. The show, curated by the Olive Library's Exhibition Committee member Jan Sosnowitz will run from March 18 through May 6 with an opening on Saturday, March 18 from 3 - 5 pm.

Jan Sosnowitz says about this exhibition, "If there is one thing I've learned over the past twenty years, as an antique map dealer, it's that everyone is fascinated by maps! They meld history, geography, and aesthetics... both personal and universal, in a broad array of formats. This was the impetus for cARTography: alternate routes. By altering the context, format, and purpose of a map, this group of ten artists presents a diversity of approaches that are thought provoking and visually exciting. Included in cARTography: alternate routes are the works by Rhea Banker, Daniel Baxter, Donna David, Robin Factor, Andrea Geller, Carole Kunstadt, Hedi Kyle, Patrice Lorenz, Amy Silberkleit, and Joy Taylor."

Rhea Banker: Rhea Banker is a photographer and award-winning book designer. After living and working in New York City for 30 years, she now makes her base in Northwestern Massachusetts. Much of her work is based on journeys to far rocky edges of the world, including Scotland's Outer Hebrides, Greenland, and Argentina's Tierra del Fuego. Her abstract studies of patterns within the Earth's ancient surfaces have been exhibited in a variety of museums, galleries, and cultural centers, including locations in Copenhagen, Denmark; Edinburgh, Scotland; Scotland's Outer Hebrides; New York; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and in a variety of museums throughout Greenland. Much of her work is based on ancient movements recorded within the Earth's crust. Influenced by the link between maps and experience of place, she often includes cartographic elements of places both real and imagined. Her textural abstract images are reflections of movements between one detail and the next, revealing her own attempts at understanding and sharing stories held within the landscape. rhea-banker.com (Contd. Pg. 11)

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The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop - the Catskill's award-winning Community theatre -is seeking actors to cast "A Lovely Day to Kill Your Spouse" by Lindsey Brown. This is an rollicking comedy of a bickering, long-married couple seeking to do each other in, thwarted by the realities of the situation and by their evil siblings.

Seeking 2 males - 50ish and **2 females** 40ish. Also, seeking a **stage manager, props person, set crew & painters.**

Auditions will take place on Saturday, March 11, and Sunday, March 12, from noon to 2:00 PM at the Senior Center on Laurel Avenue in South Fallsburg. Show dates are June 9, 10, & 16, 17, at 8:00 PM and June 11 & 18, at 2:00 PM.

Please make your interest known to Director, Sally:
h.845-434-0209 or c.845-798-8896 or gladsally@gmail.com

Fallsburg CSD Recognizes Athletes Past and Present

(From Pg. 4)



Members of the 1998 OCL Boys Basketball Champions



2022-2023 Varsity Cheerleader Senior:
Lena Campos

Mr. Weiner, on behalf of former Comets Coach Paul Marsden, who was unable to attend this recognition ceremony, read from a statement prepared by Coach Marsden who said: "These young men standing in front of you and those young men unable to attend tonight's recognition were always considered underdogs during their postseason runs. I recently had the pleasure of seeing some of these young men when I was back here in January. It was really gratifying to see the fine young men they have become. These young men from both championship teams always made me proud to coach them. I hope I was able to bestow life lessons along the way. I always remember the mantra that we would say prior to every game, and something I hope they carry on in their lives: play hard, play smart and have fun."

The Fallsburg Central School District is proud of our past champions, current champions and the champions of tomorrow!



Members of the 2003 Boys Basketball team who reached the New York State Final Four.

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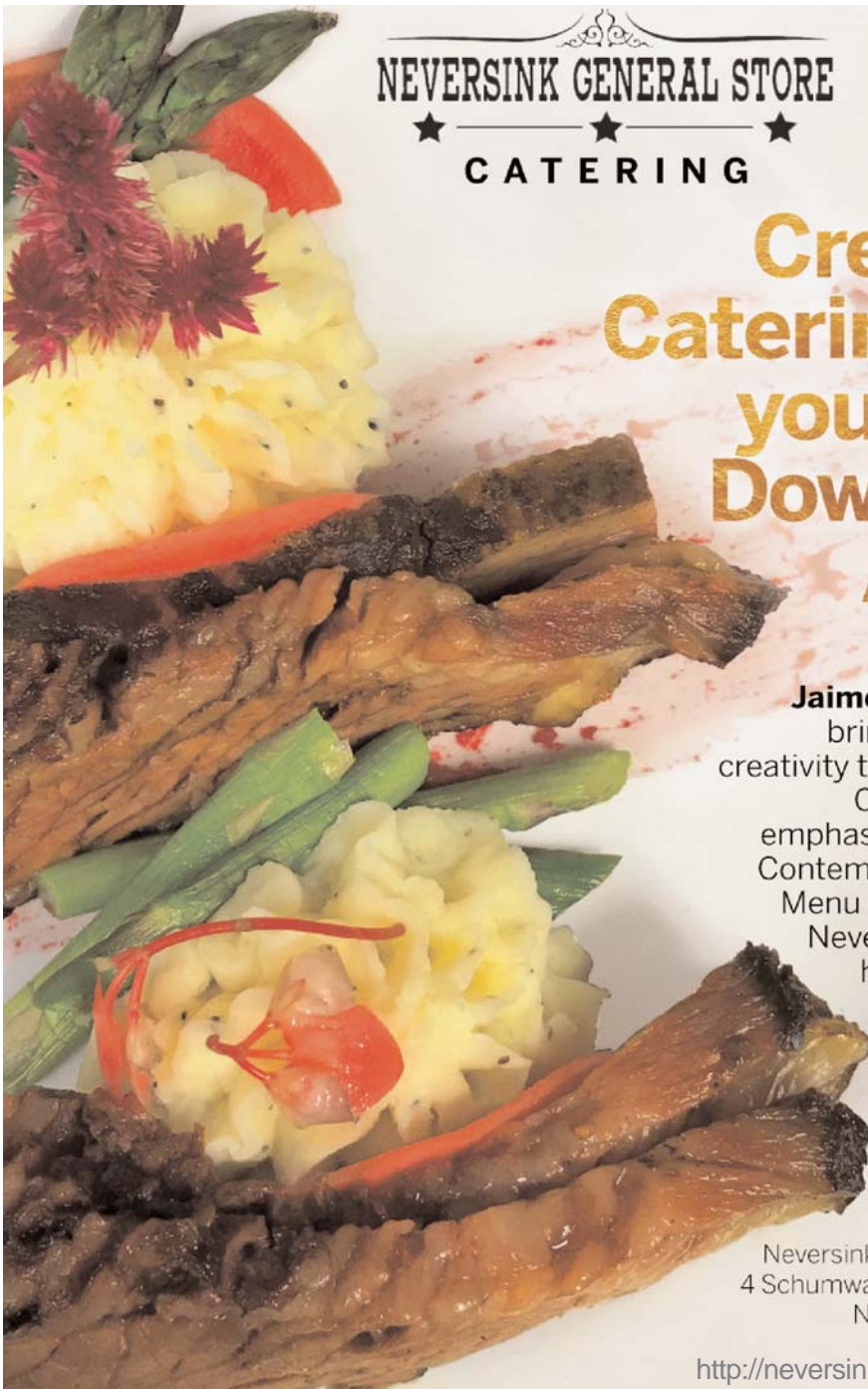
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Calling all soul mates, sweetie pies, and love bugs it's always time to say "I Love You" in a big way, and our Sullivan Catskills is just the place to do it. Show your family, friends, or significant other how much you care when you come to stay with us in a full-service resort, a boutique inn with dining, a quiet B&B, or a vacation rental. We promise to show you some love of our own.

Plan Ahead

- The 98.3 WSUL Heart-A-Thon, presented by the Sullivan Catskills Visitor Association, Rolling V, and Thompson Sanitation, is LIVE on 98.3 WSUL, Friday, February 17, from 6 am - 6 pm at Resorts World Catskills. With a focus on prevention, education, and treatment of heart disease for our residents and visitors, proceeds will benefit Garnet Health Medical Center Catskills, Sullivan180, A Single Bite and SUNY Sullivan. You can make your pledge at WSUL.com.
- Who Doesn't Love a Good laugh? Head to the Hudson Ballroom at Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark on February 18 at 8 pm for Stand-Up NY featuring Adam Mamawala, Ahri Findling, and Casey Balsham. And for the little ones, it's Kids Night Out from 7-10 pm.
- The Delaware Highlands Conservancy is hosting an Eagle Watch Bus Tour on February 18 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Learn about eagles and their habitat on a scenic drive on a heated bus throughout the Upper Delaware River region.
- Karaoke fans: The Sullivan House Bar & Grill hosts Karaoke Night at 9:30 on February 18.

- The Sullivan County Catskills Conservation Club hosts the area's premier ice fishing contest... King of the Ice on February 19. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded for winning fishing categories: Trout, Pickerel, Perch, Crappie, and Walleye. Youth trophies are also awarded to kids in each category (no cash prizes).
- It's Comedy Night at The DeBruce on Sunday, February 19, in the Club Room from 8-10 pm featuring comedian, Rich Kiamco.
- Don't miss the 3rd Annual SnO&W Snowshoe Fun Run and Walk at the Mamakating O&W Trail. Registration and snowshoe rentals are available at the O&W Rail Trail Entrance at 2 Sullivan Street, Wurtsboro.



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Welcome to the Catskills

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

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

For Sundown Wild Forest go to: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/75346.html>

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

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

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The Scene Too

– Jane Harrison
No column this week

Olive Free Library's Exhibition

(From Pg. 6) Daniel Baxter: Daniel Baxter is an award-winning illustrator residing in Red Hook, NY. His personal work is rooted in drawing. He grew up around maps, and views them as pathways towards enlightenment. He uses cartographic images as canvases, and they become a springboard to explore a variety of themes: identity, national and local pride, history, nature, politics, etc. Each map transforms into a window of sorts, with an observation about the land it represents. danielbaxter.com

Donna David: Donna David is a New York City artist and retired graphic design professor with a life long fascination with the beauty and graphic quality of maps. Maps embody memories of place, people, and activities. They help to understand where you are, where you are going, and what lies between. Now that we can access any map we need in digital form, paper maps have become relics of the past. But for Donna David, they mean so much more. Here, she uses old maps to capture memories. The image in each collage is created with maps that reflect the location of the memory. Look closely and you might recognize a familiar place.

Robin Factor: Maps, used to locate ourselves in our environment, highlight features and distances between points. Art is also a way for us to find our place in the natural world, to call attention to its overwhelming beauty, its power, and its heartbreaking fragility in the 21st century. Robin Factor's works come out of a series exploring interior and exterior landscapes, the deconstruction of landscape, and the loss and preservation of our environment. Viewing, mapping, and internalizing landscapes form fragments of our own internal landscape. Her pieces offer an opportunity for a considered dialogue with our surroundings. robinfactorart.com

Andrea Geller: Andrea Geller lives and works in Bergen County, NJ. She studied painting at Cornell University and earned her BFA from Parsons School of Design. She received her MFA in painting from William Paterson University where she has been teaching as an Adjunct Professor since 2004. Early in her career she worked as a freelance illustrator and graphic designer. Andrea Geller is interested in the universality of humans in their environments. In her paintings, she explores gestural figures in motion on land and in water, and proximities, the space between people as they move. Maps are an important element in the Travelers and Rising Water series as they hold knowledge, history, memories, and visuals in their lines. Geller exhibits her work widely and has had solo exhibitions of her Water, Bath, Pools, and Travelers series, and is represented by Emerge Gallery in Saugerties, NY. gellerart.com

Carole Kunstadt: Carole Kunstadt's works often invoke a meta-physical quality. Her works reference antique books, music manuscripts, maps, and artifacts - deconstructing paper and text and using it in metaphorical and playful ways. Through the manipulation of the materials (geography books from the 1860's), the carefully charted topographies, geographies, boundaries and coordinates are physically sliced, sewn, woven, and layered - ultimately transformed and inviting new explorations. Boston born, with a small town New England childhood, Kunstadt received a BFA, Hartford Art School, Hartford, CT and continued with postgraduate studies at the Akademie der Bildenden Künste, Munich, Germany. carolekunstadt.com

Hedi Kyle: Hedi Kyle retired to the Catskills in 2013 after a 40 year career in book conservation and teaching book arts. Kyle worked at the NY Botanical Garden and the American Museum for Natural History in New York; and the American Philosophical Society and the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. She is known for her innovative design of book structures, and is the co-founder of the Paper and Book Intensive (PBI). She co-authored the book *The Art Of the Fold* with her daughter Ulla Warchol, published in 2018. In 2015, Kyle

joined the co-operative Longyear Gallery in Margaretville, NY. Due to the new environment, her work has taken on another direction, shifting from one of a kind artist books to three dimensional objects and drawings related to new impressions. artofthefold.com/hedi-kyle

Patrice Lorenz: Patrice Lorenz incorporates collaboration with other artists has been a thread running through her artistic career since the 1980's when Lorenz was a member of COLAB (Collaborative Projects) and the exhibitions coordinator of ABC NO RIO, both artist run organizations active in NYC. During that time, she also exhibited with Group Material at the New Museum, at Fashion Moda in the South Bronx, and at numerous East Village galleries. Her exhibition history reflects her longstanding affiliations with alternative, non-profit, and artist run arts organizations. In 2005, Lorenz co-founded the Longyear Gallery, a cooperative gallery located in Margaretville, NY and in 2017, she co-founded ADHOC Projects, an artist's collective that curates thematic pop-up exhibits online and onsite in underutilized spaces. patricelorenz.com

Amy Silberkleit: Amy Silberkleit received a B.A. from Stony Brook University where she focused on printmaking, and a Certificate in Natural Science Art and Illustration from the New York Botanical Gardens. Her lithographs have been exhibited in juried shows and museums. She has a lithography studio in Gilboa, NY. Amy is a member of The Society of American Graphic Artists and The Woodstock Artists Association and Museum. For the cArtography: alternate routes exhibition, she has superimposed drawings and prints of natural objects over old Catskills trail maps as well as drawings of portraits over 19th century maps of Europe. amysilberkleit.com

Joy Taylor: Maps, especially old maps, can be exquisite, complex drawings. They also depict the world from a bird's-eye (or God's-eye) view, transforming the three-dimensional world we walk around in, into an abstracted scheme. How do we know where we are on this earth? We look around us and see one world; we look at the map and another, larger, conceptual world is revealed. Maps offer a unique combination of artistry and information which provide fertile ground for Joy Taylor, places where she can play with the information maps present. A river is represented by a wavy line; Joy adds wavy hair that creates a river delta. A chart of the ocean, intriguing for its emptiness, allows her to create a big storm a-brewing. This subversion of information, bringing together disparate ideas, especially in beautiful ways, is the focus of her collages and drawings on maps. Red Hook, a tiny dot on the map of New York state, marks the center of Joy Taylor's world. She exhibits at Carrie Haddad Gallery in Hudson, NY; Bernay Fine Art in Great Barrington, MA; Craig Krull Gallery in Santa Monica, CA; and Zinc Contemporary in Seattle, WA. She is the recipient of a Pollock-Krasner grant, a NYFA Painting Fellowship, and several residencies, as well as large-scale public art commissions sponsored by the MTA's Arts in Transit division. joytaylorart.com

The Olive Free Library has created a platform to show and sell the art of regional artists, both established and emerging. This provides art enthusiasts a way to view, appreciate, and purchase local and regional artworks. The rural town of Olive does not have a cultural center, so the library converted its spacious, light community room into a gallery space. The response from both artists and the community has been overwhelmingly positive. olivefreelibrary.org

cARTography: alternate routes

Exhibition Dates: March 18 - May 6, 2023

Opening: Saturday, March 18, 2023, 3 - 5 pm

Olive Free Library Association

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Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

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

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

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

Town of New Windsor –Orange County



Hoist Training: On Feb. 2, 13 Forest Rangers participated in hoist training with New York State Police (NYSP) pilots Celestine and Leeder at Stewart State Forest. Working in conjunction with NYSP, Rangers and pilots train together for potential hoist rescue missions. Rangers serve as hoist operators inside the helicopter while lowering Rangers to the ground. During the training, Rangers tested out different colors to assess visibility of the Rangers on the ground so they can better help the pilots locate them during a rescue.

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 at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/108207.html> 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 at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/about/667.html>




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SCDW Audition Notice

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is excited to announce auditions for its July performances of Lionel Bart's "Oliver!"

This award-winning musical adaptation of the classic Dickens novel, "Oliver Twist," springs to life with some of the most memorable characters and songs ever to grace the stage.

The streets of Victorian England come to life as Oliver, a malnourished orphan in a workhouse becomes the neglected apprentice of an undertaker. Oliver escapes to London and finds acceptance amongst a group of petty thieves and pickpockets led by the elderly Fagin. When Oliver is captured for a theft that he did not commit, the benevolent victim, Mr. Brownlow, takes him in. Fearing the safety of his hideout, Fagin employs the sinister Bill Sikes and the sympathetic Nancy to kidnap him back, threatening Oliver's chances of discovering the true love of a family.

'*Oliver!* is a musical theatre masterpiece, perfectly showcasing the talents of a large ensemble cast as they bring these classic characters and musical scores to life.

Audition dates & time - February 18 & 19, 1-5pm

Callbacks - February 23, 6-9pm

Location - St. John's Church, St. John St, Monticello

Please be prepared to cold read and sing a song from Oliver.

Looking for males & females ages 10-60+

Performance dates are July 14, 15, 21, 22 at 8 PM and July 16 & 23 at 2PM at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg.

For more information, please contact Director Heather at HeatherSCDW@gmail.com.

"Creative Dramatics" at the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is enthusiastically presenting a program titled "Creative Dramatics" at the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School.

This program is an introduction for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students at BCES to experience and participate in the theatre arts. Students will experience the following activities: acting, memorizing, crew (backstage work for boys and girls), tech (lights and sound), building sets, props, costuming, stage presence, dance, singing, ensemble work, stage direction, projection, stage managing, theatre games and much more.

Children participating in this after school activity will commit to perform a selected play: 2 performances will be for their fellow students at BCES and 6 performances on the stage at the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop's Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg. The Rivoli Theatre show dates are May 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21. This innovative after-school program will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be taught by experienced members of the SCDW.

Key directors of this program begun on February 7 have been Sally Gladden, Eileen Kalter, Bunny Woloszczak with help from Renee Kates and Amanni Sitz.

Soon to join the program are Jenny Silverman, Ellie J. (doing a lesson on clowning), Keith Prince (improv), Harold Tighe (set design), Grace Summa (technical direction), Heather Strauss (costuming) and many more.

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide and promote

quality theatre for the community.

Everyone who lends their talents to present our shows is a volunteer! We are thrilled to be able to share our skills with our elementary school population.

Michael J. Bryant Memorial Fund Accepting Grant Applications

HONESDALE, Penn. (February 8, 2023) -- The Michael J. Bryant Memorial Fund will award \$12,000 in grants to challenged individuals or nonprofit community organization projects this spring. Established in June 2008, the Michael J. Bryant Memorial Fund has distributed more than \$61,000 to local individuals and organizations. It continues to grow with contributions from family, friends and the upcoming 11th annual Herd the Curd 5K race, Saturday, September 2. Administered by the Wayne County Community Foundation, this is the eleventh consecutive year the Fund will award community grants.

During his life, Mike overcame many obstacles caused by developmental disabilities, giving him a special sensitivity to people who had such needs. He also was devoted to his community, volunteering his time to the local fire company.

The purpose of this fund is to assist Wayne County citizens, with special needs, acquire goods and/or services desirable or necessary to maximize their potential or local nonprofit organizations improve their communities. Organizations can nominate individuals by filling out the grant application and noting the specific need and associated costs.

Examples of specific needs may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Summer camp tuition for those with physical or developmental needs
- Specific therapy needs - i.e. therapeutic horseback riding, therapy balls
- Classroom supplies for those with physical or developmental needs
- Expenses associated with Special Olympic participation
- Expenses associated with 4-H participation for those with physical or developmental needs
- Expenses associated with independent living for a person with physical or developmental needs
- Expenses associated with specific projects that will have a positive impact on local Wayne County communities and are led by nonprofit organizations

Grant applications are accepted through the Wayne County Community Foundation's website: www.waynefoundation.org. Submit completed applications by Friday, March 31. The Foundation will notify winners by Friday, April 28, with a check presentation scheduled following notification.

The Fund will reimburse organizations, rather than individuals to assure financial accountability. Previous applicants and recipients may re-apply.

Questions about the application process can be directed to the Wayne County Community Foundation at 570-251-9993 or info@waynefoundation.org.

Monti Gram - Monticello Rotary News The Understudy Shines - Meeting Highlights



Thank you to member John Keifer who stepped in when we were left without a speaker for our meeting. John shared information about the Sullivan County IDA as its CEO. John said that due to the increase of businesses creating jobs in Sullivan County there is a direct Cost Benefit for the community. He shared success stories such as a Greenhouse which grows mushrooms receiving a split loan, (part IDA funded, part SC Revolving Loan Fund). In addition, he shared about an new Rapid Charge Charging Station in Cocheton which will allow electric vehicles to change in 15-20 minutes. He encourages the use of what the IDA has to offer to grow our local economy and job opportunities. Thanks John! You are an understudy who shines!

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Lori Orestano-James, Blood Drive Chairperson reminded all who are able to sign up to donate Blood. The link to register is also below in the Blood Drive Story.

Bill Tocherman, Centennial Dinner Committee Chair announced that there were not enough members present due to unforeseen circumstances to hold a meeting as planned this evening. New date will be announces soon.

President Brad Rutledge reported that the Region meeting that was cancelled due to the weather last week has been rescheduled for March 1, 2023. The meeting will still take place at DeStafano's Old Erie, Middletown at 6pm. Please RSVP to Brad. In addition, discussion was held regarding holding a

Regional Meeting in Monticello as was originally planned. The decision was that the Region Meeting will not happen in Monticello this year but will resume next year in order to ensure Walkkill and Livingston Manor can have successful Regional Meetings since they would all be so close to each other if we did as originally planned.

The list of needs for the Hospital Comfort Closet is below. Please bring items to help us stock the Garnet Comfort Closet throughout our meeting in February. Items requested are:

Food Farmacy Food Bag Ideas Breakfast Lunch/Dinner Snacks/Miscellaneous o Instant, single serving oatmeal packets or cups o Granola bars o Protein bars o Cold cereal (honey nut cheerios, kix, cornflakes, raisin bran) o Carnation instant breakfast powder o Cereal bars o Grits o Minute rice o Single serving macaroni and cheese cups o Canned black beans o Tuna fish (canned in water) o Chicken (canned in water) o Canned chili o Canned soup (reduced sodium or heart healthy) o Canned vegetables (no salt added or reduced sodium) o Pasta o Marinara sauce o Baked beans o Corned beef o Potato flakes o Sardines o Peanut butter o Multigrain crackers o Pudding o Canned fruit (in 100% juice) o Shelf stable milk o Unsweetened applesauce o Popcorn o Dried fruit o Nuts o Beef jerky

Rotary is Red for #WearRedDay at the SC Chamber First Friday Breakfast

Members of the Monticello and Liberty Rotary donned their red in support of #WearRedDay during the Sullivan County Chamber First Friday Breakfast on February 3, 2023 at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre. In addition, Monticello Rotary Club Members present (Brad, Shayna, Les, and Lori) handed out flyers with the club's link and QR codes to sign up for the Blood Drive and Heart-a-thon donations.



#RotaryProud was well represented!

SAVE A LIFE - GIVE BLOOD

Blood donations are needed now more than ever. The Rotary Clubs of Monticello, Liberty, and Livingston Manor will be holding a Blood Drive in conjunction with NYBC (New York Blood Center) as part of the 45th Annual WSUL Heart-a-thon on Friday, February 17, 2023 from Noon until 6pm at the Epicenter at Resorts World in Monticello who has graciously sponsored this event. According to Monticello Rotary VP and Blood Drive Chair, "Donating blood is so simple to do and all it costs you is about 25 minutes of your time from paperwork at check-in to snacks post donation. Where inflation has brought costs up across our country, this is the one cost that has not increased. The cost to save a life is still the same. If everyone who can give was to give, the shortage of blood would disappear." To schedule a time, please register by clicking on this link

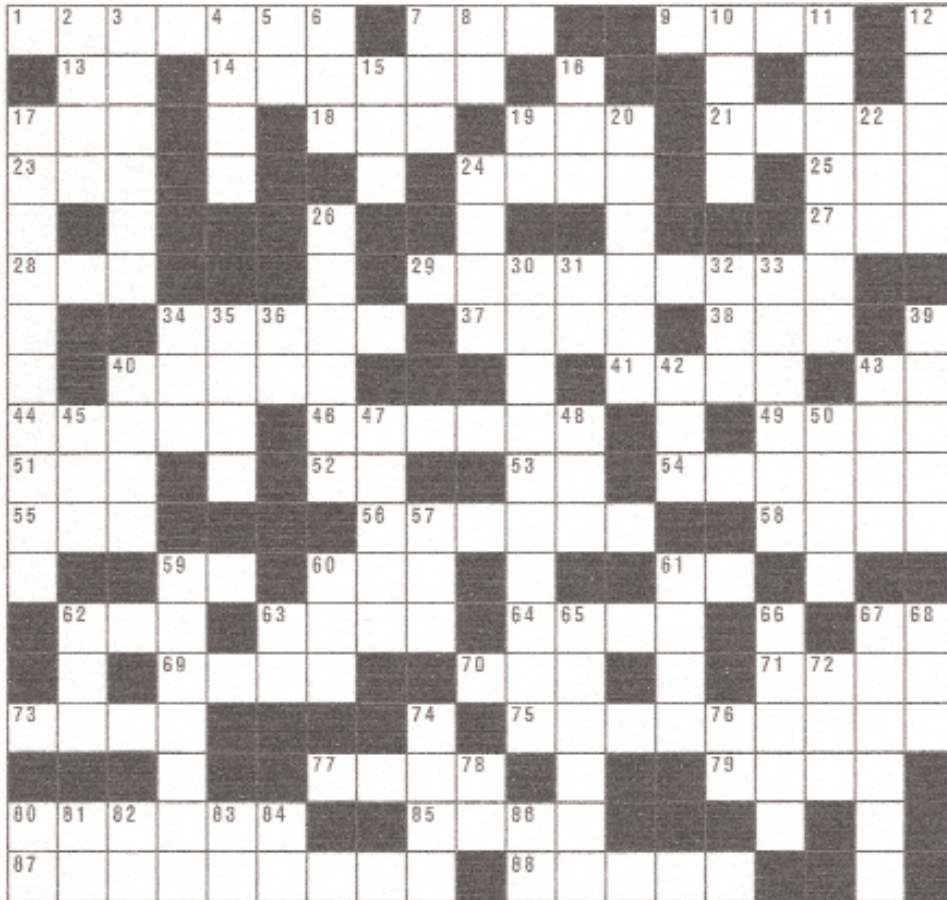
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: <https://www.givegab.com/p2p/45th-annual-98-3-wsul-heart-a-thon/lori-orestano-james>. Additional information links are on page 17.

To All Our Presidents- L. Comando



- ACROSS**
- 1 Honest Abe
 - 7 Chart
 - 9 During his administration Texas was admitted to the Union
 - 13 Common Era
 - 14 Fast pace of a horse
 - 17 Misery
 - 18 Small number
 - 19 Head covering made of hair
 - 21 A member of the Continental Congress who stated, "Give me Liberty or give me death."
 - 23 Conjunction
 - 24 Don
 - 25 Originally called
 - 27 Emergency Medical Service
 - 28 Possessed
 - 29 22nd & 24th US President
 - 34 Something with an invigorating effect
 - 37 Edict
 - 38 Beam
 - 40 First US President to resign from office
 - 41 Sullivan County Community College
 - 43 Belonging to the speaker
 - 44 Main berry used for wine-making
 - 46 Hosted talks that led to the Camp David agreement in 1978
 - 49 Glorify
 - 51 President who was also noted for his implementation of drafting the Declaration of Independence (abbrev)
 - 52 Yard
 - 53 New York
 - 54 14th President of the US
 - 55 Individual thing
 - 56 Became President in 1881 after Garfield's assassination
 - 58 Blemish
 - 59 Gutzon Borglum's masterpiece at ___ Rushmore
 - 60 German grandmother
 - 61 Chem element silver
 - 62 Golden ratio
 - 63 New Millennium President
 - 64 17th Century Scottish Presbyterian
 - 67 ___-40, product ideal for rust prevention
 - 69 A type of court record that lords of certain manors held
 - 70 August sun sign
 - 71 Song for a solo voice
 - 73 By word of mouth
 - 75 His program was the New Deal
 - 77 Magnificent
 - 79 Medications
 - 80 Seventh president -'Old Hickory'
 - 85 Unspecified amount
 - 87 Belonging to the youngest US President
 - 88 18th President; during his administration the 15th amendment was ratified
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- 2 Symbol
 - 3 Required
 - 4 Giant
 - 5 Los Angeles
 - 6 National Football League
 - 7 Trim
 - 8 Associated Press
 - 10 US publisher who acquired the NY Times in 1896
 - 11 Youngest US
 - 12 19th President; during his term Reconstruction in the South ended
 - 15 Lunar excursion module
 - 15 By way of
 - 17 This US President was born on Feb. 22
 - 19 You and I
 - 20 Welcomes
 - 22 Rapid Eye Movement
 - 24 Carnivorous mammal that is a member of the dog family
 - 26 Middle name of the second Adams US President
 - 30 'Ike'
 - 31 Commonwealth adjacent to Washington DC
 - 32 Curve
 - 33 Congratulations

- 34 47th Speaker of the House
- 35 Domesticated bovine
- 36 Negative
- 39 Secured the annexation of Texas
- 40 Moniker
- 42 Hat
- 43 Eisenglass
- 45 40th US President
- 47 Second US President
- 48 Japanese
- 50 Dome
- 57 A cheer
- 59 Workshop
- 60 Not in
- 61 Eon
- 62 For each
- 63 Exist
- 65 Depression
- 66 People with plenty the money
- 67 28th President and leader of the League of Nations
- 72 Warm color
- 74 Small flowerless green plant that reproduces by spores
- 76 Printer's measure
- 78 Perform
- 80 Near
- 81 New Hampshire
- 82 Delaware
- 83 Recto
- 84 Election District
- 85 Warrant Officer
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**George Washington Recipe
Cherry Thumbprint Cookies
to Make with the Children**

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 sticks butter or margarine
- 2 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Maraschino cherries

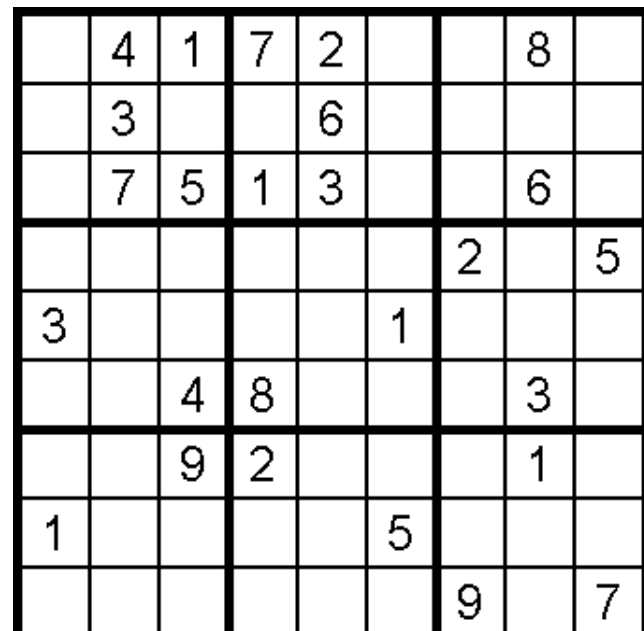
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, mix together the vanilla, butter, egg yolks and brown sugar until creamy. Add the flour and salt and mix well.

Have the children roll the dough into 1" balls and place them on greased cookie sheets.

Have the children make a thumbprint in each ball and then place a maraschino cherry in each thumbprint.

Bake for 8 to 10 minutes. (Makes about 3 dozen cookies)

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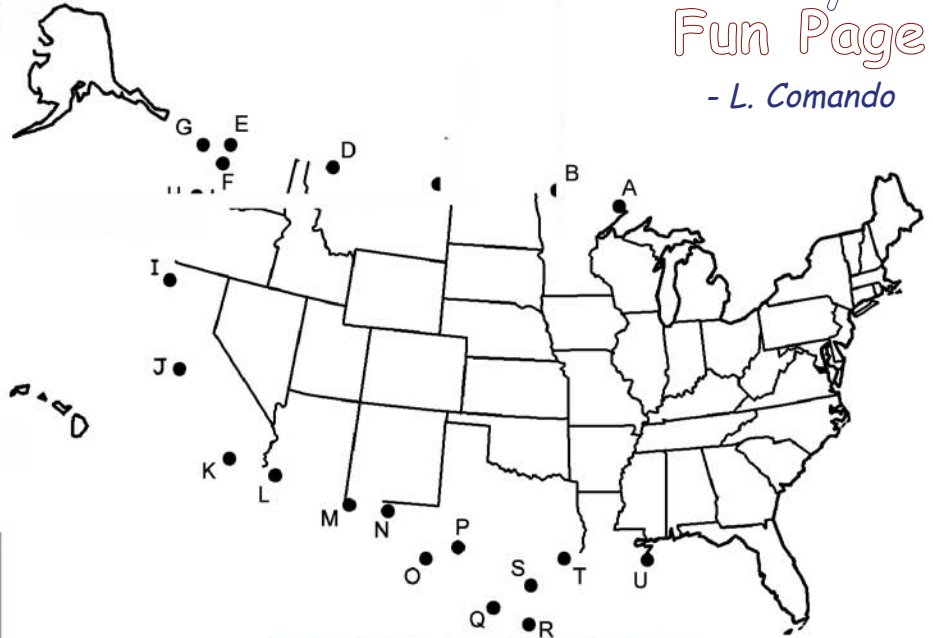
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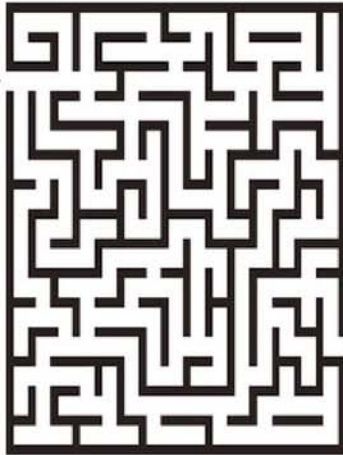
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Kids' President's Day Fun Page
- L. Comando



Celebrate President's Day and go through the maze



President's Day Wordsearch

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Find 8 differences



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Monti Gram - Monticello Rotary News The Understudy Shines - Meeting Highlights

(From Pg. 14) Please help us to help others and sign up today! All COVID protocols will be in place.

Direct sign up link - https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/303543

NYBC Phone number to call for appointments - 800-933-2566

NYBC phone number to call for donor eligibility questions- 800-688-0900

Link for eligibility questions - www.nybc.org/eligibility

Donation Facts - <https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood/become-donor/donation-faqs/>

Additional questions - Call 845 798-1770

Dos Gados and Hearts - An Fun Heart Friendly Evening

A fun (and successful) night was had by all attending the Dos-Gados Heart Happy Hour on Friday, February 3, 2023. Monticello and Liberty Rotarians braved the brutally cold temps to collect over \$600 toward the 45th Annual 98.3 Heart-a-thon. Working together can bring great success (and tons of fun and friendship!) (Sorry - we didn't get a pic of Monticello Rotarian Janet Kaplan who was there to help and join in the fun - And yes; Irving was there, too!) And Congratulations Shayna who one a raffle prize!imageimageimage
You Gotta Have Heart



Monticello Rotary is showing heart in participating in The 45th Annual 98.3 WSUL Heart-a-thon to be held on Friday, February 17, 2023 from 6am - 5pm at the Epicenter at Resorts World Catskills in Monticello. Heart Disease is the number one cause of death in the United States. Sullivan County is ranked 61 out of 62 in NYS for poor health with Heart Disease following the national trend.

This year's Heart-a-thon has shifted focus to ensure those concerns are being addressed for our community. This year, the Heart-a-thon will be expanding the beneficiaries to focus on: Prevention, Education, and Treatment of Heart Disease in Sullivan County. This year proceeds will benefit a Treadmill for the Cardiac Rehab and some portable Cardiac Monitors, both for the Garnet Medical Center Catskills Campus; The Warrior Teens Program and an Outdoor Fitness Pad in Monticello with Sullivan 180, A Singe Bite's Real Food School Education Program, and Building Sullivan's Healthcare Workforce Scholarships with Suny Sullivan.

To help us, help others, please consider donating today. Donations can be made online at: <https://www.givegab.com/p2p/45th-annual-98-3-wsul-heart-a-thon/lori-orestano-james> or you can pledge by calling 845 798-1770.

The Rotary Clubs of Sullivan County (Monticello, Liberty, and Livingston Manor) will be holding a Blood Drive during this event during the hours of Noon - 6pm. Please use the following link to sign register and set an appointment time. https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/303543 Any questions, call 845 798-1770

Collaboration between Chambers of Commerce Creates A Valuable Resource to Increase Business Opportunities, Attract and Retain Talent...

Monticello, NY - February 10, 2023 - Strengthening a local workforce and attracting top talent to the region are the goals of a collaborative effort by the Sullivan and Delaware counties chambers of commerce. The chambers' new diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging toolkit offers businesses, nonprofits, and government units practical steps, best practices, and resources needed to devise and implement a plan to improve workplace environments that will result in increased employee retention and recruitment.

"This toolkit is a valuable resource for all employers who are looking to incorporate these practices into their organizations, attract and retain talent, as well as increase business opportunities," said Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce President Jaime Schmeiser.

Each toolkit component contains a standardized, easy to follow format for defining the idea (the WHAT?), explaining the rationale behind its importance (the WHY?), how to implement the principles (the HOW?), and ways to measure the outcomes.

The ideas presented in the publication provide a starting point to help employers' efforts toward welcoming diversity in people and perspectives, equity in policy, practice, and position, inclusion through voice and organization structure, and belonging that center around employees feeling accepted in the workplace.

"Studies show DEIB efforts can increase sales revenue, increase customer base and ultimately increase profits. DEIB is not only the right thing to do, it also makes good business sense," said Delaware County Chamber President Ray Pucci. "We hope employers in Delaware and Sullivan counties will use this resource to improve every facet of their operations."

The chambers' Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Toolkit for Businesses is available as a download document through their websites at www.catskills.com or www.delawarecounty.org.

Beat the Winter Blues at Fly Fest!

Returning tyers, enthusiasts and those new to fly tying are welcome. You can watch, learn, and join in on the fun - event takes place at the Rockland House in Roscoe, NY. If you wish to attend as a fly tyer please register online or contact office@cffcm.com. Bamboo Rod Building Intensive Courses

Join Catskill Legend & Master Rod Maker Mike Canazon this spring to learn the magical and exquisite craft of bamboo rod creation!

Immerse yourself in the meditative process of transforming a raw culm of bamboo from the hills of China into your very own beautiful fishing rod. Courses take place in the CFFCM heritage rod shop & craft center, under the guidance of a master rod maker with the use of historic rod-building equipment.

Two offerings & classes are intentionally small, so space is limited! March 24 thru 28, 9am - 6pm OR April 14 thru 18, 9am - 6pm

Course Fee includes all materials, tools and equipment needed to build a quality bamboo rod blank with 2 tips fitted with ferrules, grip and reel seat, as well as personalized instruction and lunch each day.

\$1600 for 2023 Members

\$1800 for non-Members

NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND
VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing on the proposed adoption of a resolution granting a partial real property tax exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §466-a for the primary residence of volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers will be held in and for the Neversink Fire District on February 23, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Neversink Firehouse located at 7486 State Rt. 55 Neversink, NY 12765.

The proposed Resolution for consideration is abstracted as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of Neversink District, hereby authorizes the Fire District to adopt RPTL §466-a volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance worker partial tax exemption for enrolled members of an incorporated fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as determined by the authority having jurisdiction in the amount of 10% of the assessed value of a primary residence and upon a minimum service requirement of two years based upon the Fire District's determination as the governing body, subject to all other statutory requirements.

The Resolution setting the Public Hearing may be viewed in its entirety and the Fire District's office during normal business hours.

Dated February 6, 2023

Nicole Congelosi, Commissioner

2/9; 2/16; 2/23

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE: PARKS & REC VACANCY**

The Town of Neversink announces one (1) vacancy on the Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department Advisory Board. The vacancy is for an alternate position that has a term length of 3 years.

Please send a letter of interest to Chris Mathews, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Letters of interest should be received by March 7, 2023. Please address any questions to Chris Mathews, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301.

2/16

Please Take Notice:

The Town of Denning is seeking to fill a vacant position in the Town of Denning Highway Department. Applications for the position of MEO are available from the Highway Superintendent at 845-985-2543 or the Town Clerk's office at 845-985-2411. A valid and clean driver's license with CDL endorsement is required.

By Order of the Denning Town Board

Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk
February 13, 2023

2/16; 2/23 +

Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Meeting will be advertised, conducted,
streamed live on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>

Administrative Opening Tri-Valley Central School

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

This individual will provide strategic leadership and vision in ongoing planning, implementation, development, direction, review, and evaluation of the district's curriculum and instructional services. The district's goal is to establish a culture of high expectations and shared responsibility for equitable access to high-quality and relevant instruction. Ensure rigorous and standards-aligned instruction and instructional supports in every classroom and for every Tri-Valley scholar, dual language, ENL, gifted and talented, and nontraditional student.

Salary commensurate with experience

NYS SDA or SDL certification with a minimum of five (5) yrs. teaching exp. Knowledge of the NYS Regents Reform Initiatives, research on effective instruction, curricula adoption, student assessments, and professional learning. Along with a clear track record of improving academic outcomes for students and eliminating disparities in achievement.

Please forward resumes & Tri-Valley's application
(located at www.trivalleycsd.org) by **Mar 10th**
To: tri-valley-recruitment@scbores.org
Attn: Asst. Sup for Instruction Search EOE

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

Farm or Food Business Entrepreneurs are invited to apply for CCE Sullivan's Business Planning Series this spring!

LIBERTY, NY-A business and marketing plan is the story of your business and is essential to the success of every new or existing business. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) is offering two specialized training series consisting of six sessions for farm and food businesses this spring. Participants will work with consultants, business owners, and Extension Educators to develop and write a business plan.

Workshops will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Extension Education Center at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, and virtually through Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each series is only \$50 per person for all six sessions. A brief application is required to register for the training series. These series are tailored to business audiences within the Food System Industry. Your application information will assist in ensuring the workshop is designed to meet your unique business needs. Registration can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivanccce.org. Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit card.

Farm Business Training Series

February 28th - Planning Your Farm
 March 2nd - Production Practices
 March 7th - Business Plan Development
 March 9th - Enterprise Budget & Funding
 March 14th - Labor & Operations
 March 16th - Marketing & Agrotourism

Food Business Training Series

April 4 - Planning Your Food Business
 April 6th - Business Plan Development
 April 11th - Operating & Logistics
 April 13th - Financial Planning & Funding
 April 18th - Local and Regional Markets
 April 20th - Marketing & Consumer Insights

The workshop series are part of CCE Sullivan's Farm and Food Business Training Program. The program offers a step-by-step, hands-on approach to developing business and marketing plans for your farm or food business, along with providing technical assistance on licensing, permitting, value-added production, and more. In addition, the Farm and Food Business Training Program offers participants pathways to funding and other support services to help new businesses get off the ground, and existing businesses to improve and expand their operations. Participants who complete the workshop series will be eligible for low-interest loans through the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development.

These series are co-sponsored by Hudson Valley Agribusiness Development Corporation (HVADC), with support from the USDA Rural Business Development Grant #RO104160 70426, and Local Food Promotion Project Grant #21LFPPNY1056-00.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. The public can contact the office to request accommodations.

Notaries Must Log Every Time They Sign, According to New State Regulations

Monticello, NY - A new State law requires notaries to now keep track of every instance in which they provide their services.

Section 182.9 of the Notary Public License Law states that notaries public must make a record at the time of the performance of the notarial act, to include:

- The date, approximate time, and type of notarial acts performed
- The name and address of any individuals for whom a notarial act was performed
- The number and type of notarial services provided
- The type of credential used to identify the principal, including the names of the witnesses and, if applicable, the type of credential used
- The verification procedures used for any personal appearance before the notary public
- For electronic notarial acts, identification of the communication technology and, if not included as part of the communication technology used by the electronic notary, the certification authority and verification providers used

"These records must be kept by the notary for at least 10 years, to be produced upon demand of the NYS Secretary of State or other authority," notes Sullivan County Clerk Russell Reeves, whose office handles notary license renewals.



STATE OF THE TOWN OF OLIVE

with Supervisor Jim Sofranko &
 Deputy Supervisor Drew Boggess

Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Olive Free Library

The Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor will
 offer an update on current projects
 happening in the Town of Olive.
 All are welcome! Refreshments to follow!

Talk by author Chris Olney

The Catskill Park: 118 Years Old and Still Evolving

Sunday, February 26th 2 p.m. (Virtual Only)

Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Join author Chris Olney for a virtual illustrated talk on his 2004 book, *The Catskill Park - Inside the Blue Line* (co-authored with Norman J. Van Valkenburgh), Sunday, February 26, 2 p.m. sponsored by the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville.

Established in 1904, landscape diversity is the hallmark of the Catskill Park, changing in relative proportions over time, but always with the mix being more valuable than any one component. Public and private, wilderness areas, intensive use areas, wildlife habitat, working lands, nature and people, all point to the Catskill Park's role as a living laboratory. The park is a grand experiment in how human communities can coexist with wilderness, geographically intermingled and historically entwined. **The Book, *Catskill Park Inside the Blue Line* is available for sale on the Museum's website:**

<http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/shop>

Admission to this VIRTUAL ONLY program is FREE for Museum Members and \$5 for non-members. To join the program, please register by email at info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org and put Catskill Park Talk Link in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700. A link will be sent to you. Non-members will be asked to please first make a donation on the Museum's website: www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. For more information on the program, email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is currently open by appointment only. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

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

o *Water and the Valleys*, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

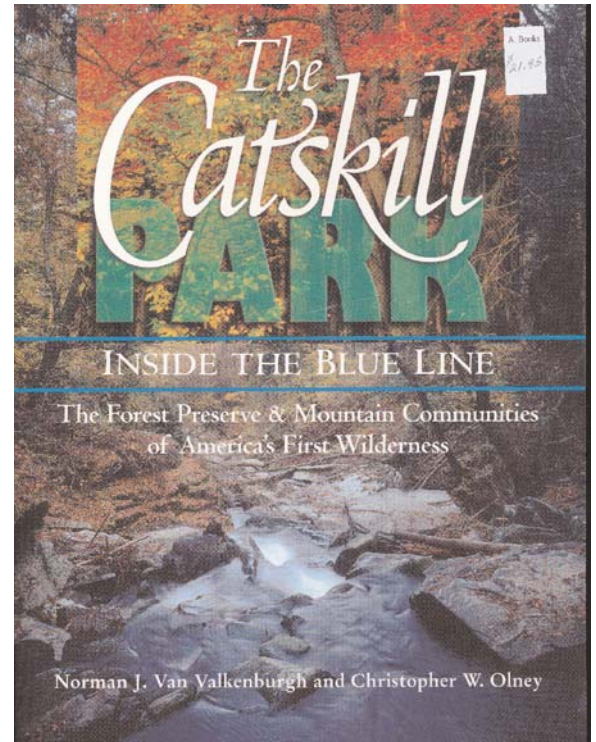
o *Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story*, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

o *1930s Lost Catskill Farm*, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

o *New Exhibition opening June 4th:* Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds!

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America **to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members.** This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information or to schedule a school field trip or group tour call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit <http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org>



In Loving Memory of Joseph (Joe) Inghrim



4/12/1940 - 2/16/2020

You left us beautiful memories;
your love is still our guide,
and though we cannot see you,
you're always at our side.

Gone yet not forgotten!

With love,
Mary
Ginny & Rich and Sue
Jess & Jacob, Josh & Rachel, Faith and Brittany
Levi, Ben, Tessa, Cayden, Isaiah and Realynn

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Sundown United Methodist Church

Covered Dish Supper
5:30 pm

March 4, 2023
Tables with Yard Sale items will be available during the supper

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



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The Little Church with the Big Heart
ALL ARE WELCOME!
Sunday, 8:00am Service of Holy Communion
Music by Fred VanWagner

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

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team looks forward to returning in the Spring of 2023

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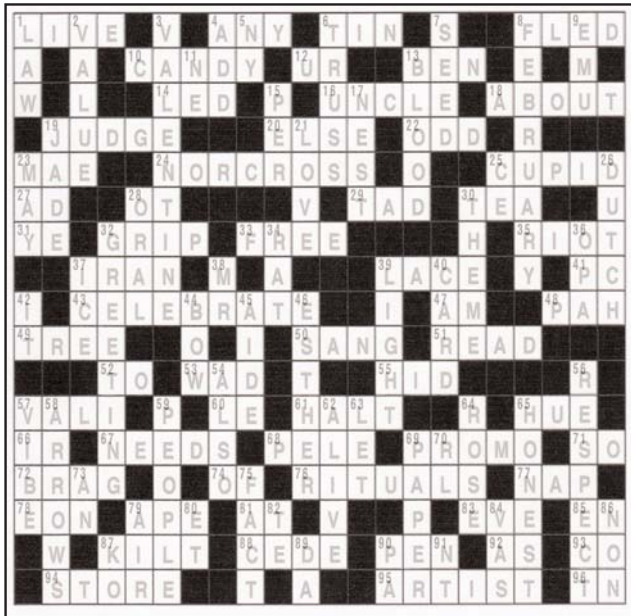
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



**GRAHAMSVILLE
UMC THRIFT MINISTRY**

We are no longer accepting donations for the Thrift Ministry as of November 1, 2022. Thanks to all for your generosity which has helped to make a successful season. We look forward to returning in the Spring of 2023.

The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team

**Sundown
United Methodist Church
Covered Dish Supper
Saturday, March 4, 2023 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall**

Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale

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

**Bingo at the
Monticello Elks Lodge
Every Tuesday at 7 PM
46 North Street in Monticello.**

The Monticello Lodge supports local veterans, scouts, Little League and the Homeless Federation, as well as providing coats and gloves to elementary school children.

For information, contact Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell at (845) 701-0695.

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

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\$17.5 BILLION in Lost Money

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<https://osc.state.ny.us/ouf>

or

<https://ouf.osc.state.ny.us/ouf>

Many have checked, and sure enough after following the directions and filing a claim, have received a check from the NYS Comptroller's Office. It only takes a few minutes to find

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

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/14/23	Denning Town Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
2/16/23	Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
2/16/23	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
2/19/23	Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon
2/21/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
3/1/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
3/4/23	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
3/7/23	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
3/8/23	Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm

Save the Date!

May 6, 2023 **Tri-Valley Lions' Journey For Sight Walk** at 8:30 am at Grahamsville First Aid Squad Bldg and Fairgrounds. Call Lion Esta Jacob for more information at 845-866-1579.

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week of February 13 - February 17, 2023

Monday, February 13

o **5:00 PM - Community Services Board**, at 239 Golden Hill Ln, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Kingston

Tuesday, February 14

o **3:45 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Sole Member Meeting**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o **4:00 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Audit Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 9025 Sonoma Way, Sacramento, CA, 20 Esther Pl., Lake Katrine, NY and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 890 3459 8008

o **4:15 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board Meeting**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 9025 Sonoma Way, Sacramento, CA, 16 Mercer, New York, NY, 20 Esther Pl., Lake Katrine, NY and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 859 6793 4050

o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Health**, at 239 Golden Hill Ln, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Kingston

o **5:15 PM - Ways & Means Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o **6:00 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means) - Caucuses: Democrats**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, Republicans, in KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o **7:05 PM - Public Hearing Pursuant To Section 1411 (D) Of The Not-For-Profit Law Of The State Of New York Regarding The Sale Or Transfer Of County Owned Property**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

o **7:10 PM - Public Hearing In Accordance With Article 2, Section 202 Of The New York State Eminent Domain Procedure Law ("EDPL")**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

o **Immediately following the Public Hearings - Legislative Session, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, and 6656 Ramoth Ave., Jacksonville, FL**

Please Note: The Public Hearings and Legislative Session will be Livestreamed and available via vimeo at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>.

Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk via email to vfab@co.ulster.ny.us

Wednesday, February 15

o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o **10:00 AM (or immediately following UC IDA) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, February 16

o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Ethics**, Ulster County Human Services Complex, Building #2 - Veterans Agency Entrance, Purchasing Conference Room, 100 Development Court, Kingston

o **5:30 PM - Youth Board**, at Youth Bureau Office, 100 Development Court, Kingston

Friday, February 17

o **12 Noon - Resolution Deadline**

Rep. Molinaro Announces Eleven-county Town Hall Tour

U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced he will host an eleven county town hall tour, with one town hall in each county in New York's 19th Congressional District. These town halls will be open to the public and provide residents in New York's 19th the opportunity to have a conversation with their new Congressman.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I am excited to host our eleven county town hall tour. My job is to be Upstate New York's voice in Congress. With a district as vast as New York's 19th Congressional District, I felt it was important to hear from communities in every corner of our district. I can't wait to get this tour rolling and continue my conversation with the people I'm representing."

Sullivan County Town Hall

Date: Wednesday, February 15

Time: 11:00am

Location:

Cornelius Duggan School

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Congressman Pat Ryan's Statement on Central Hudson CEO's Resignation

Ryan called on CEO to resign less than two weeks ago, following company's inadequate response to scathing New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) report

KINGSTON, NY - On February 1st, Congressman Pat Ryan called on Central Hudson CEO and President Charles Freni to resign in a speech on the House Floor. Today, Freni stepped down, with Christopher M. Capone named the company's new President and Chief Executive Officer.

"I am encouraged that Central Hudson took this first step toward rebuilding public trust - now they must take urgent action to fix their broken systems and repay customers who were wronged," said Representative Pat Ryan. "I have already been in touch with Mr. Capone and made it clear that I will continue to fight on behalf of Hudson Valley families and businesses until customer complaints have been fully resolved and those who have been harmed are made whole."

"A transparent process that prioritizes customer input is the only way Central Hudson can resolve these issues once and for all," continued Ryan. "Open forums must be held to assist customers directly, all ratepayers who were illegally back billed must be reimbursed, and all investigations must be fully cooperated with. In the meantime, I urge the Public Service Commission to proceed rapidly with a prudence review and civil penalty assessment."

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has released the following statement:

"The resignation of Fortis/Central Hudson CEO Charles Freni is a welcome first step in changing the management culture that is responsible for the company's customer billing fiasco, but much more action is needed to unwind the damage done by the utility to Ulster County residents and small businesses. Fortis/Central Hudson must take full responsibility for its failures, fix all customer billing errors, end the practice of estimated billing, and return every penny spent on the new customer billing system to ratepayers. I continue to urge the Public Service Commission to move forward with a prudence review and civil penalty assessment to prevent anything like this from happening again."

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Maude marched against segregation with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as a teenager in Georgia. An Ellenville resident since 1967, she has led the village's chapter of the NAACP for close to 40 years - a cornerstone of the community and a voice for social, racial and economic justice. At the ceremony Ulster County officials honored her advocacy and Maude expressed her pride:

"John Lewis said: We started with one week in 1926. In 1976 we went to a month. But I tell you - we celebrate Black History every day of the year. I'll celebrate Black History every day of my life."

Join the full schedule of February events with Black History Kingston at

<http://blackhistorymonthkingston.org/events/today/>

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger to Deliver 2023 State of the County Address at Ellenville High School

ELLENVILLE, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger will deliver the 2023 State of the County Address on Wednesday, February 15, at 6:00pm at the Ellenville High School, located at 28 Maple Ave, Ellenville, NY 12428. The event will also include performances by students from Ellenville High School and the Center For Creative Education in Kingston. The annual speech will highlight the work Ulster County has accomplished over the past year and the initiatives that County Executive Metzger is planning for 2023.

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For further information please contact us at: 845-794-3872

Dr. Ellen Galligan Appointed To SUNY Sullivan Board Of Trustees

Loch Sheldrake, NY -SUNY Sullivan announces that Dr. Ellen Galligan has been appointed, effective immediately, to the College's Board of Trustees. A Forestburgh resident, Galligan is vice president emeritus at Sullivan County Community College, where she worked from 1989-2010 in a variety of positions, including vice president for academic affairs and student services and dean of workforce development. She will be sworn in at the College's Board of Trustees meeting on February 16. Galligan was appointed to the board by Governor Kathy Hochul, and her term expires in 2027. She succeeds longtime Trustee Phyllis "Penny" Coombe.

Dr. Ellen Galligan, "I am honored to be appointed to the SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees," said Dr. Galligan. "I began my studies at a community college and believe in its mission to provide opportunity for students to achieve their educational goals. I thoroughly enjoyed working with the students, faculty, and staff at SUNY Sullivan, and I look forward to serving the College in this role."

"I welcome Dr. Galligan back to an active role in the SUNY Sullivan community!" said SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance. "We are fortunate that Governor Hochul has chosen a new trustee who brings a great deal of history and experience to the table. Ellen was a great asset here in the past and I look forward to working with her as she brings her experience to bear in a new role!"

Dean of Liberal Arts, Sciences and Health Sciences Rose Hanofee said she worked with Dr. Galligan for several years and was excited to learn of her appointment.

"Her years of experience at SUNY Sullivan in workforce development and in administration will be an asset to the College," said Hanofee. "I remember her as a down-to-earth leader who offered me good advice and in a way where she genuinely wanted me to learn. I'm looking forward to working with her again."

Appointed to the Board of Trustees on September 9, 1997 by Governor George Pataki, Coombe's 25 years on the board included working to raise matching funds to build a new dorm, develop a new strategic plan for the College, and establish new academic programs. She served on numerous committees and chaired the presidential search and the Middle States accreditation committees. Her awards include a Marvin A. Rapp Award for Distinguished Trustee Service from New York Community College Trustees, in 2005, and a "2012 Women Who Make a Difference" award for Higher Education.

"I believe that my professional career in secondary education enhanced my Board service," said Coombe. "I also believe in the power of education to change lives and in the importance of our community college to provide relevant opportunities for all ages. My 25 years of service has been an honor and a privilege and mostly a pleasure! There have been significant challenges, but SUNY Sullivan is positioned for further success."

"I want to thank Trustee Coombe for going above and beyond in her service to the College," Quaintance said. "Her 25-year tenure on the board has been marked by many changes, and the board has long relied on her wisdom and experience. To say Penny will be missed is an understatement. She has made a lasting impact on the college and the

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county and will be missed. I just hope she will still take my calls when I need guidance!"

About Dr. Ellen Galligan:

Dr. Ellen Galligan is the former owner and operator of Galligan's Forestburgh Store and is vice president emeritus and former vice president for academic affairs and student services at Sullivan County Community College, where she worked from 1989-2010. During her tenure at the College Galligan also worked as technical assistant, Developmental Studies; director, the Learning Center: tutoring, services to students with disabilities, developmental education, and Freshman Seminar; assistant dean of student services; assistant to the vice president for academic affairs and student services; and dean of workforce development, continuing education, and lifelong learning. A Forestburgh resident, Galligan is the board president of Friends of Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, board member of Paradise Island Towers Condominium Association, a tutor for Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County, former Forestburgh chairperson of the Sullivan County Democratic Committee, and former board member of the Delaware Valley Arts Association.

About SUNY Sullivan

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



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SUNY Sullivan Theater Program Presents Performance of V-Day One Billion Rising 2023

The Theater Program is proud to announce a new performance of V-Day One Billion Rising 2023 (formerly known as The Vagina Monologues), created by V (formerly known as Eve Ensler) campaign performances. This play and campaign are a yearly event the Theater Program holds on campus to empower women and raise awareness about violence against women.

V-Day One Billion Rising will be performed on Tues., February 14 at 8 p.m. in the Seelig Theater. The performance will be ensemble-directed and acted with head direction by Jessica López-Barkl. All proceeds for this event will go to Fearless Hudson Valley, supporting their work in Orange and Sullivan counties to build an informed, just, and accountable society so all people can experience supportive and safe relationships free from abuse, exploitation, and oppression.

For more information, please contact López-Barkl at jbarkl@sunysullivan.edu.



Join the Neversink General Store community for **Pilates Mat Classes**, taught by **Audra Lang**.

Sundays @ 10AM

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DEC Announces Annual 'Buffer in a Bag' Program Free Seedlings Available to Qualified Landowners for Streamside Plantings

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that the application period for the Trees for Tribes' "Buffer in a Bag" program is now open. Qualifying private and public landowners may apply for a free bag of 25 tree and shrub seedlings for planting near streams, rivers, or lakes to help stabilize banks, protect water quality, combat climate change, and improve wildlife habitat.

"Small-scale streamside plantings help decrease erosion, slow floodwaters, sequester carbon, and protect fish and wildlife habitat," said Commissioner Seggos. "I encourage New York landowners with waterside properties to participate in DEC's 'Buffer in a Bag' program to bolster the State's efforts to protect water quality and help safeguard communities from flooding." To qualify, landowners must have property in New York State with at least 50 feet bordering a stream, river, or lake, and provide photos or a map of the planting location. Previous recipients are encouraged to reapply to continue to build riparian buffers. Applicants are eligible for one bag of 25 seedlings and recipients are chosen on a first-come, first-served basis. A total of 350 bags will be available statewide for this round of applications.

Landowners in the Hudson River Estuary watershed (PDF) may be eligible for additional assistance with streamside planting projects. For details, visit the Hudson River Estuary Program's webpage.

Seedlings are provided by DEC's Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery. The Trees for Tribes program is managed by DEC's Division of Lands and Forests and supported by the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). Governor Hochul's 2023-24 Executive Budget sustains the EPF at a historic \$400 million. The EPF provides funding for critical environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, enhanced recreational access, water quality improvement, and an aggressive environmental justice agenda.

Visit DEC's website for more information about the Buffer in a Bag application process and requirements. Applications are due by 3 p.m. on April 7, 2023. Contact treesfortribs@dec.ny.gov with questions and visit DEC's Trees for Tribes webpage to learn more.

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SC Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Spring Tree & Shrub Program

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce their annual spring Tree & Shrub Program. Landowners can choose from a wide variety of deciduous and conifer trees and shrubs and specialized packets such as Nut Tree, Flowering Tree & Shrub, Wildflower, Butterfly, and perennials. Seedling varieties allow for you, the purchaser, to select what's right for your needs. We offer a range of quantities at reduced costs to promote conservation plantings.

Other items available through the program are fruit trees and wildlife habitat housing.

Trees and shrubs offered through the District program can be planted for a number of purposes such as wildlife habitat, windbreaks, hedges, screens and streambank and road bank stabilization.

To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 and request the brochure and order form or go online at sullivanswcd.org. The order deadline is April 10, 2023.

Rep. Molinaro Blasts Gov. Hochul's Budget on House Floor for Stealing Federal Funds From Programs Vulnerable New Yorkers

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today blasted New York State Governor Kathy Hochul's budget on the Floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. The budget steals a billion dollars in Congressionally-appropriated Medicaid funds from local programs that vulnerable New Yorkers rely on. Rep. Molinaro's remarks, as prepared for delivery, can be found below, and viewed here.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong opposition to Governor Hochul's budget proposal.

Each year, Congress directs billions of Medicaid dollars to state and local government to administer programs that help our most vulnerable neighbors.

Governor Hochul's budget puts these programs and the people served at risk. Her budget steals one billion in Federal Medicaid dollars from the most vulnerable to subsidize a bloated and broken state bureaucracy. It puts programs that are meant to serve hungry children, impoverished seniors, and working mothers on the chopping block.

That's what's at risk. Things like: food assistance, senior nursing care, and addiction treatment services.

Gov. Hochul is stealing from programs that help children, seniors, and those living in poverty - and putting Albany bureaucracy in control of another billion in taxpayer dollars. Oppose this budget and protect the most vulnerable of our neighbors across New York.

Thank you Mr. Speaker and I yield back.

Disability Advocate Anna Bruce To Join Rep. Marc Molinaro For His First State of the Union Address

Molinaro & Bruce to Highlight Efforts to Break Down Barriers for Individuals with Disabilities

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced he will be joined for the President's State of the Union Address by Anna Bruce, Vice President & Programs Coordinator at GiGi's Playhouse Southern Tier. Members of Congress are allowed to bring one guest to the State of the Union.

Anna Bruce, whose son Camden has Down syndrome, helped launch GiGi's Playhouse Southern Tier in 2019. GiGi's Southern Tier is a part of a nationwide organization dedicated to providing free educational, therapeutic, and career development programs for individuals with Down syndrome and other intellectual,

physical, and developmental disabilities. As Vice President & Programs Coordinator, Anna works to develop and implement programs that provide opportunities and support for individuals with disabilities and families in the Southern Tier region.

Rep. Molinaro said, "For my first State of the Union address, I am honored to be joined by Anna Bruce, Vice President & Programs Coordinator at GiGi's Playhouse Southern Tier. Anna is a champion for the disability community and has helped individuals and families across the Southern Tier reach their full potential. By bringing Anna as my one guest to the State of the Union, I hope to shine a light on the incredible work local advocates like her are doing - while reminding people of the challenges we must still overcome to break down barriers and create opportunities for every one of every ability."

Anna Bruce said, "I am grateful to join Congressman Marc Molinaro for the State of the Union address. My son Camden is my inspiration for my work. When Camden was diagnosed with Down syndrome, I made it my mission to provide him with the tools he needed to succeed. However, on this journey, I quickly realized there was a lack of programming in our community for kids like Camden. This led me to help establish GiGi's Playhouse Southern Tier, where we provide families like mine with oppourtites and support. I am honored to join Congressman Molinaro tonight and intend to highlight our shared commitment to breaking down barriers for individuals with disabilities."

Rep. Molinaro has made expanding federal support for individuals with disabilities a top priority in Congress. Last week, Rep. Molinaro introduced his first bill, the Think DIFFERENTLY Database Act. This bipartisan measure creates a comprehensive website with resources available to individuals disabilities and was inspired by Rep. Molinaro's successful 'ThinkDIFFERENTLY' initiative.

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Governor Hochul Announces More than \$8.6 Million for Innovative Programs to Treat Opioid Addiction

*Funding will Support Up to 18 Comprehensive
Integrated Outpatient Treatment Programs
Designed to Increase Access to Medication to
Address Opioid Use Disorder
Grants Awarded Through New York State's
Opioid Settlement Fund*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the availability of more than \$8.6 million to develop comprehensive integrated outpatient treatment programs to address opioid use disorder across New York State. Administered by the State Office of Addiction Services and Supports, the funding will support up to 18 providers in their efforts to establish these innovative programs and is the latest award through the New York State Opioid Settlement Fund.

"Like too many New Yorkers, I know what it's like to lose a family member to the disease of opioid addiction," Governor Hochul said. "These innovative outpatient treatment programs tap Opioid Settlement Fund money in order to greatly expand and enhance our services and address the harm that this epidemic has caused countless New Yorkers."

Comprehensive integrated outpatient treatment programs provide more opportunities to access person-centered comprehensive services - including medication treatment for opioid use disorder - and are a new initiative to address the ongoing need for integrated treatment in New York State. These programs are designed to make it easier for New Yorkers seeking treatment for a substance use disorder to access multiple services in one location.

Office of Addiction Services and Supports Commissioner Chinazo Cunningham said, "Medication treatment for opioid use disorder is safe and effective and is proven to help support overall health and well-being among people with addiction. Establishing these comprehensive integrated programs is an important priority and will help more people access critical help to benefit their short and long-term recovery."

Acting State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "The opioid epidemic has taken the lives of far too many. All New Yorkers deserve compassionate care and access to treatment and these programs will save lives. I thank Governor Hochul for her continued commitment to ensuring those who struggle with opioid addiction have the resources they need to start a path of recovery."

Providers can apply for funding to support existing integrated programs, combine existing opioid treatment and outpatient programs, or develop new integrated programs. Funding will be awarded through a request for applications process.

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

The same legislation that established the dedicated fund

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

New York continued to grapple with opioid-related deaths in 2021, with fentanyl now involved in most overdose deaths statewide, according to a report released by the state Department of Health. Other key findings include:

- o 4,766 overdose deaths involving opioids, a 14 percent increase over the prior year.
- o 10,430 outpatient emergency department visits due to opioid overdoses, a 12.6 percent increase over the prior year.
- o 19,139 instances of naloxone being administered by Emergency Medical Services, an 11.8 percent increase over the prior year.

New York State has instituted an aggressive, multi-pronged approach to address the overdose epidemic, and created a nation-leading continuum of addiction care with full prevention, treatment, harm reduction, 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, mobile treatment, and transportation services. (Contd. Pg. 34)

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Governor Hochul Announces More than \$8.6 Million for Innovative Programs to Treat Opioid Addiction

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

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-HOPE-NY (1-877-846-7369) or by texting HOPENY (Short Code 467369).

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

Governor Hochul Announces \$7.6 Million Available to Support Improvements to Animal Shelters

Nearly \$30 Million Has Been Dedicated to the Program to Date

Round Five of the Companion Animal Capital Projects Fund Continues Support of Construction, Renovation, and Expansion Projects at Animal Shelters

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced \$7.6 million is available to support animal shelters and humane societies in making critical upgrades at New York's animal shelters. This is the fifth round of funding for New York State's Companion Animal Capital Fund, the first state-funded program in the nation to provide for shelter improvement projects. Funded projects will enhance animal care and help to ensure adoptions for New York's dogs and cats.

"Our Companion Animal Capital Fund has made a real difference to shelters across New York State, and the animals in their care," Governor Hochul said. "I'm proud to announce this latest round of funding, which will continue to build on the great work of this program, and most importantly help our animals stay happy and healthy as they await their forever homes."

Today's announcement brings the total dedicated to the program to more than \$27.5 million since 2017. To date under the program, 58 projects have been awarded across the state and 26 projects have been fully completed. In 2022, Governor Hochul included the Companion Animal Capital Fund in her proposed Executive Budget, a first for the program and a demonstration of her continued commitment to New York's companion animals. In the final, Enacted FY 2023 New York State Budget, the program received a historic \$8 million for its next round.

Administered by the Department of Agriculture and Markets, the Companion Animal Capital Fund provides matching grants to shelters and humane societies to offset the costs associated with capital projects, such as renovating dog kennels, improving medical facilities, or building more efficient shelters to reduce overall operational costs. Funds are also used to construct, renovate, rehabilitate, or acquire buildings or equipment needed to house, treat, and care for sheltered dogs and cats. The Department selects grant recipients based on a need assessment, detailed project description, and reasonableness of cost.

Two Requests for Proposals (RFPs) have been released through Round 5 of this program:

- o RFP 0289:
 - o \$6.6 million is available to award grants between \$50,000 and \$500,000 to municipal and incorporated not-for-profit pounds, shelters, and humane societies.
 - o Entities that have been awarded funds during previous Companion Animal Capital Fund opportunities are eligible to apply for an award under this RFP. Previously funded projects must be complete before an entity can apply for an award.
- o RFP 0290:
 - o \$1 million is available to award grants between \$50,000 and \$200,000 to pounds, shelters or humane societies that are not operated by or under contract with a municipality but that are registered with the Department.

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "The Department has celebrated the completion of projects at animal shelters across New York and seen the impact of our Companion Animal Capital Fund program. Through the previous four rounds, we have helped our dogs and cats have safer, happier stays in shelters as they await their forever homes. I am proud to see this program continue to make a difference for New York's shelters and humane societies, and look forward to visiting more of the exciting, completed projects in the future."

State Senator Michelle Hinchey, said, "Our local animal shelters are safe havens for defenseless animals, and the Companion Animal Capital Fund has been instrumental in helping New York's shelters implement critical improvement projects so that more animals can be rescued. As Senate Agriculture Chair and a new rescue cat mom, I'm incredibly supportive of our local animal shelters and thrilled that this latest round of grant funding is now available to help keep animals safe as they await their forever homes."

Assemblymember Donna Lupardo, Chair, Assembly Agriculture Committee said, "The Companion Animal Capital Fund is critical in helping shelters make much-needed improvements. New, expanded or renovated facilities will allow these organizations to continue providing homeless animals with the highest quality care while they await adoption to their forever homes. I'd like to thank the Governor and my colleagues for continuing to support this important fund, which serves as a lifeline for these hard-working organizations and the animals in their care."

Libby Post, Executive Director of the New York State Animal Protection Federation, said, "When the Companion Animal Capital Fund began, we knew it would make a real difference at animal shelters throughout the state. With the awards from this RFP, New York will have invested \$28 million to improve the lives of homeless companion animals who are cared for in a shelter. Governor Hochul recognized the importance of these funds when she included \$5 million in her first Executive Budget. Our legislative champions, Assemblymember Deborah Glick and State Senator Joe Addabbo, shepherded an additional \$3 million through the budget processes in their respective houses. This round will add to the 51 shelters and countless animals that have already benefited from this crucial funding and will go a long way to enriching the lives of those we care for each and every day."

Senator Gillibrand, Representative Meng Lead their Colleagues in Urging FCC to Examine Expansion of Languages Supported for Wireless Emergency Alerts

In New York City, the Majority of the Victims Who Lost Their Lives from Hurricane Ida's Floodwaters Were Those of Asian Descent Not Proficient in English

Washington D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and U.S. Representative Grace Meng (D-NY) led 45 of their colleagues in writing a bicameral letter to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chair Jessica Rosenworcel urging her to examine an expansion of the languages that wireless carriers must support for Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs), in order to help close gaps in critical information delivery for non-English and non-Spanish speaking communities.

WEAs are issued by federal, state, tribal, territorial, and local public alerting authorities to notify the public about severe weather events, AMBER Alerts and other emergencies. In 2016, the FCC published a rule requiring wireless carriers who participate in transmitting WEAs to support Spanish-language alert messages but fell short of mandating other languages. During extreme weather, the ability to receive warnings can save lives. However, for many non-English or non-Spanish speakers, the lack of access to alerts in a language they can understand may lead to missed evacuations, injuries, or even loss of life.

"Language barriers should not be the difference between life and death during an emergency," said Senator Gillibrand. "Lives are put on the line when you're not able to communicate crucial information about impending inclement weather events, stay-at-home orders, AMBER alerts, and other emergencies, and I look forward to working with the FCC on this important matter."

"In times of emergencies, people need to be able to receive alerts in the language that is most accessible to them," said Congresswoman Meng. "Currently, the Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs) system does not support alerts in languages other than English or Spanish. That is why I am leading an effort, alongside Senator Gillibrand, to expand the number of languages for WEAs. Queens is the world's borough with many different languages spoken here. In many homes, English is not the primary language, and having WEAs accessible in more languages would help keep people better protected and informed of severe weather warnings, missing persons alerts, shelter in place orders and other emergency announcements."

"The Asian American community has always been an integral part of this country, and the 2020 census confirms that we are a community that will only continue to grow. It is imperative for our government to take action now to reduce the barriers of access our community has historically faced," said Jo-Ann Yoo, Executive Director of the Asian American Federation. "I am grateful to Governor Hochul, who met with the victims of Hurricane Ida who first raised this issue, and to Attorney General James who amplified the language gap problems, and to Senator Gillibrand and Congresswoman Meng who are leading the charge in Washington, D.C. for this critical change. On behalf of our community, we thank all the members of Congress who have signed onto this letter recognizing the need for language accessibility, especially in lifesaving services such as Wireless Emergency Alerts. This is not just a much-needed matter of representation, but vital one that will save the lives of Asian Americans."

The lawmakers also wrote that as the United States becomes more diverse and cities and regions such as New York City experience growing populations of Asian immigrants, "linguistic barriers faced by this community demonstrate a need for accessible emergency notifications so that non-English and non-Spanish speaking communities can be prepared for extreme weather events."

In New York City, most all of the 13 victims who lost their lives from Hurricane Ida's 2021 floodwaters were immigrants from Asia. Census data indicates that between 26% and 78% of households in the communities where these people perished speak languages other than English or Spanish at home. There are an estimated 1.3 million New Yorkers who have limited English proficiency and are not Spanish-language speakers.

In addition to Senator Gillibrand and Representative Meng, the bicameral letter was also signed by Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Bob Casey (D-PA), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Alex Padilla (D-CA), Bob Menendez (D-NJ), and Jon Ossoff (D-GA), and Representatives Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ-7th), Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24th), Gregory Meeks (D-NY-5th), Jasmine Crockett (D-TX-30th), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Yvette Clarke (D-NY-9th), Nydia Velázquez (D-NY-7th), Jerrold Nadler (D-NY-12th), Katie Porter (D-CA-47th), Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1st), Adriano Espaillat (D-NY-13th), Pramila Jayapal (D-WA-7th), Josh Harder (D-CA-9th), Juan Vargas (D-CA-52nd), Doris Matsui (D-CA-7th), Ed Case (D-HI-1st), Jamaal Bowman, Ed.D. (D-NY-16th), Nanette Diaz Barragán (D-CA-44th), Marilyn Strickland (D-WA-10th), Jill Tokuda (D-HI-2nd), Suzan DelBene (D-WA-1st), Dan Goldman (D-NY-10th), Sara Jacobs (D-CA-51st), Jim Costa (D-CA-21st), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL-9th), Marc Veasey (D-TX-33rd), Mark Takano (D-CA-39th), Kevin Mullin (D-CA-15th), Grace Napolitano (D-CA-31st), Jesús "Chuy" García (D-IL-4th), Jimmy Gomez (D-CA-34th), Susie Lee (D-NV-3rd), Andy Kim (D-NJ-3rd), Judy Chu (D-CA-28th), Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX-7th), Gerry Connolly (D-VA-11th), and Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA-5th).

Read the full letter [HERE](https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Gillibrand-Meng-Letter-to-FCC-re-WEAs-and-Expanding-Language-Access.pdf): <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Gillibrand-Meng-Letter-to-FCC-re-WEAs-and-Expanding-Language-Access.pdf>

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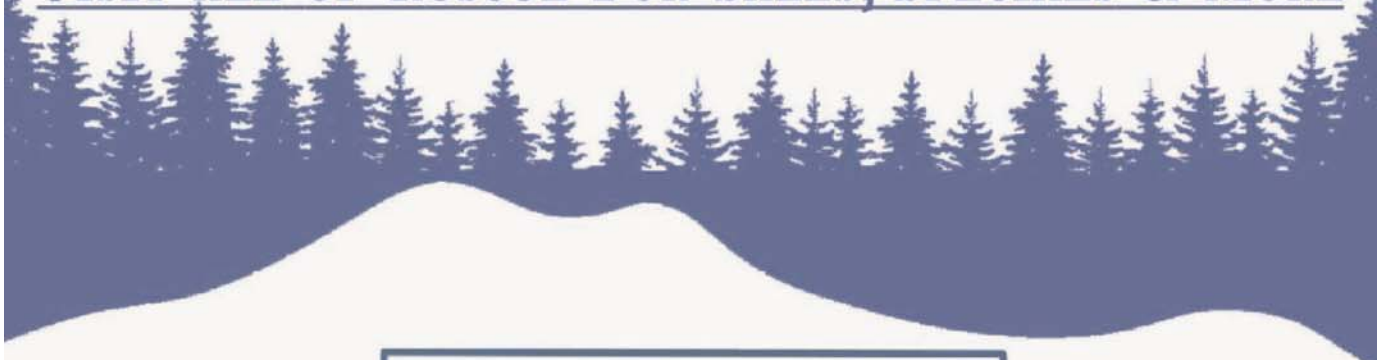
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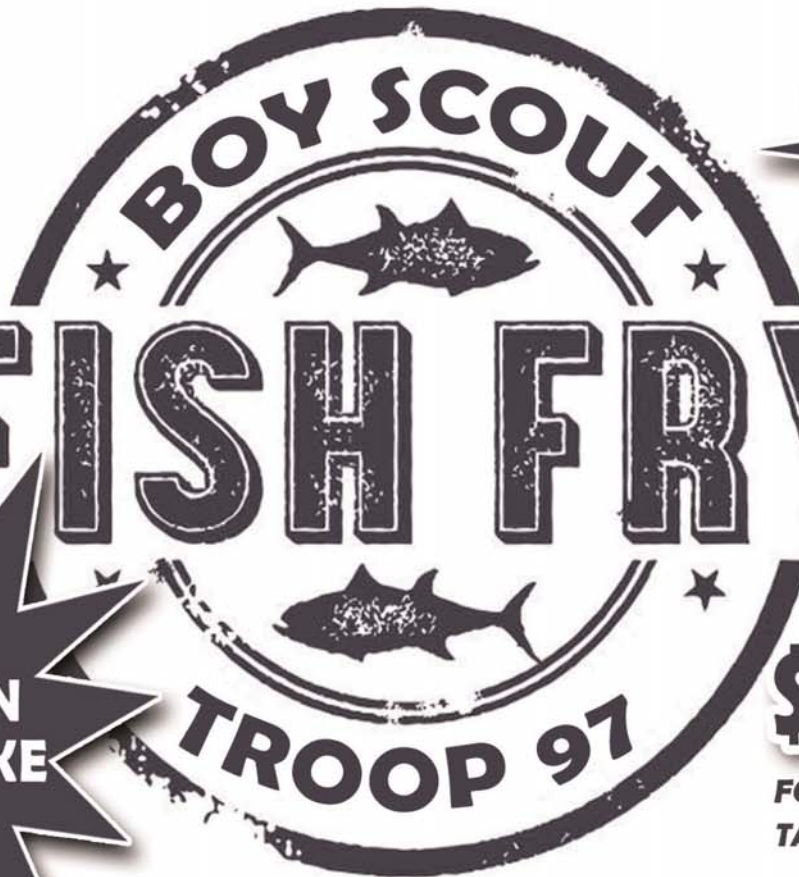
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Senator Oberacker Calls for Affordability in the State Budget

ALBANY, 02/13/23 -- State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C - Schenevus) today joined members of the Senate Republican Conference to unveil several proposals to improve affordability and push back against out of control state spending. The initiative is part of the conference's Rescue New York Agenda. While Governor Hochul and her Democratic allies in the legislature continue ignoring everyday New Yorkers with the same old tax and spend routine, the Senate Republican Conference is putting forward real solutions to help the middle class and build a stronger economy statewide.



“We are losing people at a record pace, inflation is wreaking havoc on household budgets, and going-out-of-business signs are rampant,” said Senator Peter Oberacker. “The only way to turn these trends around is to get a grip on skyrocketing state spending, cut out of control taxes, and return affordability to our state. The governor's reckless budget scheme burns through more cash than Florida and Texas combined and leaves hard working New Yorkers with the bill. We need fundamental change and our Senate Republican initiatives will set us on the right course.”

The Republican Conference specifically called out several Executive Budget proposals that would exacerbate New York State's lack of affordability, including:

- o Eliminating enhanced Medicaid payments to local governments, which would create enormous pressure to increase local property taxes;
- o Increasing unemployment insurance taxes on already struggling small businesses and farms;
- o Further increasing payroll taxes in the MTA region; and
- o Siphoning hundreds of millions of dollars in state money into New York City to pay for the settlement of illegal immigrants.

In contrast, the Senate Republicans' “A More Affordable New York” initiative will put money back into the pockets of taxpayers and make our state affordable once again as families continue to struggle with rising costs due to record high inflation, including:

- o Eliminating costly unfunded mandates that drive up local property taxes;
- o Protecting businesses from unemployment insurance tax hikes by creating an Unemployment Insurance Solvency Reserve Fund and repealing the interest assessment surcharge, which is the assessment on businesses to pay back the UI Trust Fund's deficit;
- o Repealing Congestion Pricing; and
- o Providing relief from heating costs geared toward the middle class.

“As the legislative budget hearings continue, I am pressing state commissioners and other officials for answers regarding the governor's budget proposal. My goal is to finalize a budget by the April 1 deadline, however, we cannot push through a plan that overspends, hikes taxes, and forces more people out of New York. Affordability must be a leading priority,” Senator Oberacker concluded.

Rep. Molinaro Announces Over \$200K in Federal Funds for Cancer Research at Cornell University

- U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced Cornell University has received \$233,883 in federal funding for cancer research.

This funding is available through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services's (HHS) National Cancer Institute. It will be used to support the development of therapies to treat lymphatic cancers.

Rep. Molinaro said, “Cornell University is on the cutting edge of cancer research. I am glad to announce they will be receiving over \$200,000 in federal funds to advance this critical work. With Cornell leading the way, we can and will discover therapies that help people in our community and around the world beat cancer.”

“We have developed unique imaging tools to visualize the cellular dynamics of living tissues and organs. With this new funding, we will team with clinical researchers at Weill Cornell Medicine to use these tools to observe the interactions between cells in lymphomas. Our goal is to understand why certain lymphoma patients respond to state-of-the-art immune therapies while others are resistant,” said Dr. Chris Xu, IBM Professor and Director of the School of Applied and Engineering Physics and the Mong Family Foundation Director of Cornell Neurotech at Cornell University. “We thank Congressman Molinaro for his strong support for biomedical research, which will push our technology forward and improve the effectiveness of immunotherapies.”

Rep. Molinaro Blasts Gov. Hochul's Budget on House Floor for Stealing Federal Funds From Programs Vulnerable New Yorkers Rely On

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today blasted New York State Governor Kathy Hochul's budget on the Floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. The budget steals a billion dollars in Congressionally-appropriated Medicaid funds from local programs that vulnerable New Yorkers rely on.

Rep. Molinaro's remarks, as prepared for delivery, can be found below.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong opposition to Governor Hochul's budget proposal.

Each year, Congress directs billions of Medicaid dollars to state and local government to administer programs that help our most vulnerable neighbors.

Governor Hochul's budget puts these programs and the people served at risk. Her budget steals one billion in Federal Medicaid dollars from the most vulnerable to subsidize a bloated and broken state bureaucracy. It puts programs that are meant to serve hungry children, impoverished seniors, and working mothers on the chopping block.

That's what's at risk. Things like: food assistance, senior nursing care, and addiction treatment services.

Gov. Hochul is stealing from programs that help children, seniors, and those living in poverty - and putting Albany bureaucracy in control of another billion in taxpayer dollars. Oppose this budget and protect the most vulnerable of our neighbors across New York.

Thank you Mr. Speaker and I yield back.

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NY Governor's Budget Proposal Increases Catskills Visitor Center Funding

The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development applauds Governor Kathy Hochul for increasing funding for the Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center in her Executive Budget proposal unveiled February 1. We're thrilled to see support grow to \$200,000 following our advocacy efforts.

"The Catskills Visitor Center is a critical piece of the plan for managing the increasing number of visitors to the Catskill Park," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. "We applaud the Governor for recognizing the importance of the CVC, and the value of the partnership between the Catskill Center and New York State. This partnership allows us to do more together than we could separately to educate and interpret the Catskill Park for visitors and residents alike." The Catskill Center will work with our Senate and Assembly representatives to ensure that the funding remains in their budget proposals and, ultimately, the final budget.

The funding represents a \$50,000 increase over the prior year's budget, and remains in the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). The Catskill Center's Executive Director first wrote a letter to Governor Hochul in November requesting the increase, citing the critical Catskill Park visitor services provided at the Catskills Visitor Center - the Catskill Park's only official visitor center. In December, the Catskill Park Coalition, which the Catskill Center co-chairs, wrote to Governor Hochul advocating for Catskill Park priorities, including \$200,000 to support the Catskills Visitor Center in its education and stewardship of the region's natural and recreational resources.

Finally, in January, Senterman again sent a letter to the governor, urging her to not only increase Catskills Visitor Center funding to \$200,000, but to have the funding remain a line item in the EPF directed to the Catskill Center in continu-

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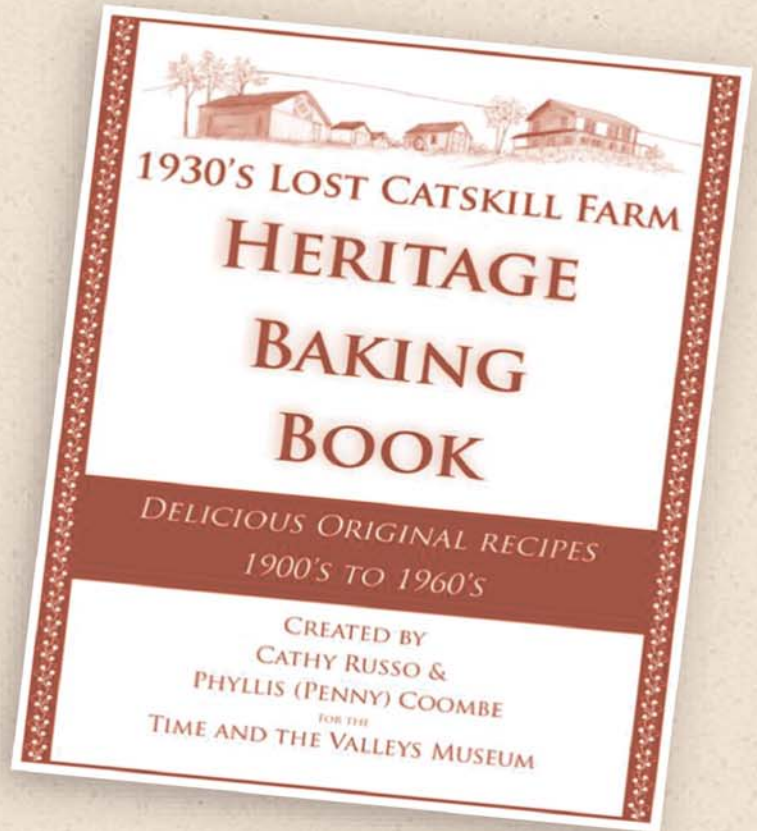
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My Reaction to President Biden's State of the Union

At the State of the Union, President Biden once again tried to take a victory lap despite the endless crises caused by his administration. From the economy to national security, the President has continued to fail this country. The list is endless, but to start, inflation has risen over 13%, 4.5 million illegal aliens have flooded across our Southern Border with more coming every day, and homicides are up 13%, all of this since Joe Biden took office.

Our Republican House Majority is committed to delivering real results for the American people. In the first month that Republicans have been in the Majority, we have fully reopened the Capitol to the American People, voted to defund Biden's 87,000 new IRS Agents, established a bipartisan Select Committee to hold the Chinese Communist Party Accountable, stood up for the right to life and voted to end unconstitutional and overreaching vaccine mandates.

Republicans will continue fighting to preserve our self-governing Constitutional Republic and defend our individual rights and fundamental freedoms. We will keep our communities safe, work to make life more affordable, and ensure the government is more transparent. And we will always hold Joe Biden and the federal bureaucracy accountable to you, the American people. See video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1BZ7TvDKI>

READ MORE: Congresswoman Tenney Gives Her Opinion on President Biden's State of the Union Address at: <https://www.fingerlakesdailynews.com/2023/02/08/congresswoman-tenney-gives-her-opinion-on-president-bidens-state-of-the-union-address/>

Holding New York Accountable for Historic Unemployment Fraud

In this week's first Ways and Means hearing in Washington, DC, we examined the unchecked Unemployment Fraud that occurred throughout the pandemic, costing taxpayers billions to fraud, waste, and abuse. I have been leading the charge in New York to hold the state accountable after a report by the New York Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli found rampant Unemployment Insurance fraud in our state totaling \$11 billion! Watch my full remarks below or click at: <https://twitter.com/RepTenney/status/1623766935510069253>

Republicans Will Always Preserve and Protect Social Security

In his State of the Union address, President Biden once again spewed lies and a false narrative surrounding House Republicans' plans to strengthen Social Security and Medicare. In response, I introduced a resolution that reaffirms House Republicans' longstanding commitment to protecting Social

Security for current beneficiaries and future generations to come.

Programs like Social Security and Medicare were lifelines for my parents when they were older, and I will always fight to preserve and strengthen them for seniors, retirees, and future beneficiaries. Joe Biden's shameful and deliberate deception demonstrates once again how unserious he is about working with Republicans to address the crises facing our nation under his leadership. Click here to learn more about this resolution <https://twitter.com/RepTenney/status/1623719273704177667>

Introduced New Legislation Protecting Second Amendment Rights

This week, I introduced the Protecting Gun Owners in Bankruptcy Act. This bill would exempt \$3,000 worth of firearms from bankruptcy proceedings, allowing Americans to maintain their Second Amendment rights through tough financial times. No American should ever have to sacrifice their constitutional rights because of a difficult financial situation.

READ MORE: Tenney introduces bill to exempt firearms from bankruptcy proceedings go to: <https://www.thebatavian.com/press-release/tenney-introduces-bill-to-exempt-firearms-from-bankruptcy-proceedings/627242>


My Votes Explained

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

I voted "Yes" on H.J. Res. 24, Disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act. This resolution would nullify DC's recently passed Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022 allowing non-citizens, including illegal immigrants and foreign nationals, to vote in local elections. The DC law would even pave the way for foreign nationals and ambassadors to vote in DC elections, giving agents of the Communist Chinese and Russian governments a say in the governance of our national capital. This law is so extreme that even DC Mayor Muriel Bowser refused to provide her signature to the bill. It is a desperate move by the far-left DC Council, which is so desperate to distract from its mismanagement of our nation's capital that they are willing to undermine the rights of American citizenship. Voting is one of the most fundamental rights that we enjoy as American citizens, and this right should be exclusively reserved for American citizens. As co-chair of the Election Integrity Caucus, I am working tirelessly to protect the sanctity of our ballot box and the rights of citizenship. This resolution passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 260-162.

I vote "Yes" on H.R. 185, which terminates the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention rule that requires international air travelers to show proof of COVID-19 vaccine before entering the United States. For years our country has been forced to deal with onerous COVID-19 mandates. Even as almost every country around the world has lifted their COVID-19 vaccination requirement for travelers, our leaders have decided to keep this unscientific restriction in place. Multiple studies have confirmed that COVID-19 vaccination status has negligible to nonexistent impact on an individual's capacity to get sick with or spread the virus. It is time we finally eliminate this executive overreach and acknowledge this virus is now manageable and endemic. This legislation is just a starting point, and I will continue fighting to finally end the COVID-19 vaccination requirement at land ports of entry and ferry crossings on the Canadian border. We need our supply chains and tourism industry to finally return to normal. This bill passed the House by a vote of 227-201.

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Gillibrand Urges Drug Manufacturer to Update Medication Label to Protect Women Experiencing Miscarriage

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand joined 7 of her Senate colleagues in sending a letter to Danco Laboratories, a manufacturer of mifepristone, urging them to submit an application to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to add miscarriage management to the medication's label. Following the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, a number of states have restricted or banned medication abortion, which requires the use of mifepristone. However, mifepristone is also used as a safe and effective treatment for women experiencing early-pregnancy miscarriage. Because miscarriage management is not listed as an indication on the label, health care providers' ability to prescribe it for miscarriage management is limited. Gillibrand and her colleagues are urging Danco Laboratories to update mifepristone's label to help ensure that women experiencing a miscarriage have access to this treatment.

"Health care providers need to be able to prescribe the best course of treatment for their patients without fear of prosecution," said Senator Gillibrand. "Mifepristone is shown to be a safe and effective way to treat the hundreds of thousands American women who suffer miscarriages every year, and highly restrictive laws should not impede its use. I urge Danco Laboratories to quickly seek approval from the FDA to add miscarriage management to the mifepristone label."

The letter was also signed by Senators Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Ron Wyden (D-OR), and Alex Padilla (D-CA).

The full text of the letter is below:

To the Senior Leadership and Board of Directors of Danco Laboratories, LLC:

Following the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the reproductive rights of all Americans are under attack. Currently, access to abortion has been restricted, or will likely be restricted, in twenty-four states. Not only do these laws take away the reproductive rights of women, but they also endanger the lives of people experiencing early-pregnancy miscarriage. Women in need of mifepristone for early-pregnancy miscarriages are experiencing barriers to effective and safe treatment because this drug is commonly used in medical abortions. To open up access to this treatment option, we urge you to submit a supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to add miscarriage management as an indication to the mifepristone label.

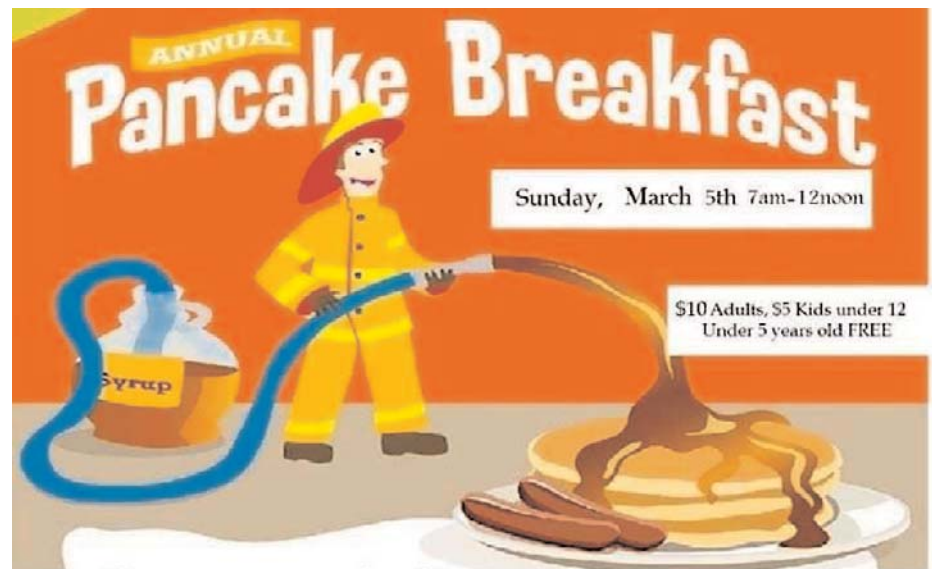
Following the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, several states have restricted-and sometimes fully banned-medication abortion, which requires the use of mifepristone and misoprostol. However, these drugs are also used for miscarriage man-

agement. Because miscarriage management is not included as an indication to the mifepristone label, health care providers are left without clear legal guidance. As a result, patients experiencing early pregnancy loss who need mifepristone cannot easily access this critical treatment, placing them at risk of serious injury and death.

Updating mifepristone's label will make this drug accessible for miscarriage management without fear of criminal action against health care providers. Currently, some health care providers have instead prescribed a misoprostol-only regimen for miscarriage management to avoid the issue entirely. This treatment option requires patients take high doses of misoprostol to ensure effectiveness while creating serious side effects like severe cramping as a result-making it a longer, more dangerous, and psychologically taxing process. As a holder of the approved mifepristone NDA, it is your company's authority-and responsibility-to submit an sNDA to the FDA to formally consider adding miscarriage management as an indication to the mifepristone label. The FDA has stated that it would review such an application and meet to discuss the potential submission.

Studies estimate that as many as 26% of all pregnancies end in miscarriage, with 80% of miscarriages occurring in the first trimester. Miscarriage is also more common among pregnant Black people, people who earn low-incomes, and people who are exposed to environmental pollutants. Over a million women in America experience a miscarriage every year. People experiencing miscarriage deserve access to safe and effective treatment, without added and unnecessary pain.

Despite its well-recognized safety and efficacy, physicians are not prescribing mifepristone in cases where it would be the best treatment option for people experiencing miscarriage. We urge you to take action and submit an sNDA to add miscarriage management to the mifepristone label, ensuring that patients experience miscarriage will not be denied access to appropriate early pregnancy loss medication.



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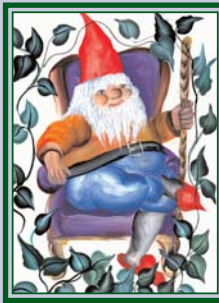
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PG-13 - 2h 21min - Biography - Crime - Drama
December 25, 2002 (USA)

Based on a true story, DiCaprio plays Frank Abagnale Jr., who became a professional impersonation expert by the age of 19, earning millions of dollars while trotting around the globe.

But at heart, *Catch Me If You Can* is the story of a father, a son, and is actually one of Spielberg’s most personal films. It was directly influenced by Spielberg learning new information about his father’s divorce. This movie is also an absolute blast.



Written by Jeff Nathanson Directed by Steven Spielberg, and starring

Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hanks, Christopher Walken, Martin Sheen, and Amy Adams, *Catch Me If You Can* is one of Steven Spielberg’s best films that also boasts of being one of DiCaprio’s best performances, and to top it off, with John Williams hitting the best scores plateau. All are something else to be experienced.
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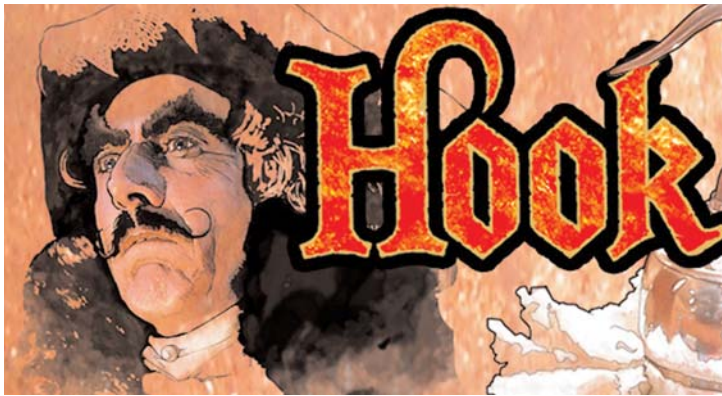
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**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE #1
NETFLIX & AMAZON PRIME**

Hook

(PG · 1991 · 2hr 22min · Fantasy)

Written by Jim V. Hart and Malia Scotch Marmo. **Directed by Steven Spielberg. Starring. Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman, Julia Roberts, Bob Hoskins, Maggie Smith, and Charlie Korsmo.** While Hook was critically derided when it hit theaters in 1991, Spielberg found something special here in his retelling of "Peter Pan". Many still maintain it's one of Spielberg's great movies for kids of all ages. The affect it had on an entire generation of children is undeniable.



Robin Williams plays a grown-up Peter Pan who's forgotten all about his time in Neverland, until Captain Hook (Dustin Hoffman) steals his children and forces Peter to go back. It's a struggle, as Peter keeps trying to deny any semblance of magic. Indeed at heart this is a story about re-connecting with your inner child. Perhaps that's why it works so well for kids. Well that and the tremendous production design that brings Neverland to life in vivid fashion. Watch this one with your children and they won't be disappointed. It's also one of John Williams' best scores.

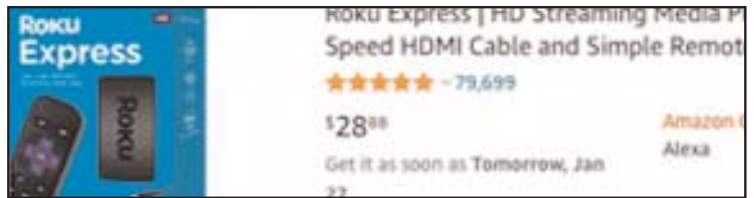


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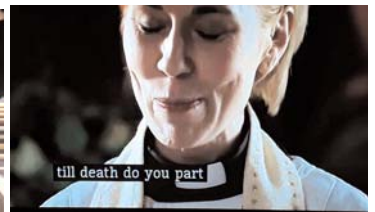
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