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SC Sheriff's Office Searching for a Missing 36 Year Old Male



The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is searching for a missing person. Matthew Russo, age 36 has been missing since June 18, 2023. He was last seen on June 18, 2023 leaving the Garnet Health Medical Center in Harris wearing blue jeans and a white shirt. He is 5'10", 145 lbs, and has hazel eyes and blonde hair. He walked up Harris-Bushville Road and onto Lt. Brender Highway.

Please contact the office if you have information helping us to locate Matthew. 845-794-7100 (x1)

The Greatest Gift of All



The Sullivan County Alzheimer's Association committee and dedicated friends hosted a Tricky Tray at the White Lake Fire Department on June 17th. Over 100 donated prizes and gift certificates were displayed throughout the social hall in attractive gift baskets for the participants to chance their luck.

In addition to the main focus of the activity, one particular incident stood out and displayed an act of unconditional love/giving:

Tyler Kavleski and his older brother, Hunter helped out before the event and were the "Runners" delivering the baskets to the winners. Tyler was very lucky as he won a fun basket focused on young people, shortly into the calling. A few minutes later he won another beautiful basket. He immediately ran to a woman in the crowd and handed her the basket and said, "I know you really wanted this basket and I want you to have it." They had only met that day. What an amazing act of kindness.

The event raised close to \$4,000 and benefits the Alzheimer's Association: Orange/Sullivan Walk to End Alzheimer's. Money raised from it supports education, outreach and care counseling for individuals and families struggling with Alzheimer's as well as research to find a cure.

The Committee extends heartfelt thanks to the White Lake Fire Department, the many donors, volunteers and all who attended for making the fundraiser possible and so successful.

For more information on Alzheimer's disease and other events, please visit alz.org/hudsonvalley or call 800.272.3900.

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On the Front Burner: Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap what you sow. Galatians 6:7

OBITUARY

James W. Uciechowski of



Woodbourne passed away on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was 44.

He was the son of John and Joan Winfield Uciechowski, born on May 20, 1979, in

Harris, New York.

Known to many as Jim he was a loving hard-working man. He enjoyed the outdoors and gardening and would be caught golfing whenever he had the time. He also enjoyed training Soo Bahk Doo, listening to music especially anything Green Day, and collecting comics. James was all about art whether it was drawing, sketching, or painting. He loved watching movies, specifically anything *Marvel*, *Batman*, or *Star Wars* related. He had a special knack for cooking and loved creating new culinary dishes for his family to enjoy. His family meant everything to him, especially the family holiday dinners. James also spent time volunteering for Sullivan County CCE's 4-H program.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory: his loving wife Theresa S. Uciechowski, his children Alex and Charlotte Uciechowski, his parents, his cousins Rick, Donna, Mike (Jen) Lara, Amanda (Matt) O'Neill, Matt Lara, and a host of extended family. He leaves many treasured friends from the Local Union 373, Home Depot 6172, all his golfing buddies, and all his friends he met along the way. He was predeceased by his loving grandparents and Aunt Mary & Uncle Don.

Visitation was held at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home with a celebration of his life at the funeral home with Chaplain Laura McBane. A graveside service was held at Claryville Cemetery on Monday, July 3, 2023, with Father Ken officiating.

Donations in his honor can be made to Ride to Survive, PO Box 282 Youngsville, NY 12791 or Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties 800 Stoney Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12250.

The family would like to send a special thank you to Jim's hospice team, Brandy, Chris, Laura and Zee. Dr. Dinsmore and Dr. Eanelli and all of their staff for their kindness and compassion throughout his battle.

Arrangements were under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information please call 845-434-7363.

In the words of Green Day "I hope you had the time of your life, it's something unpredictable but in the end is right, I hope you had the time of your life."

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of James Uciechowski, please visit our Tree Store at

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Gail M. Farrell, 67, of Honey Hill Road, Newport., NY passed away on June 29, 2023, at Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown.

Gail was born on July 21, 1955, in Sundown, the daughter of the late Calvin and Rose (Franze) Parrow. She graduated from Tri Valley High School in Grahamsville and furthered her education at Mount St. Mary College in Newburgh, where she obtained a bachelor's degree in education.

For 20 years, Gail and Mr. L. (Donn Lewandrowski) ran the high school resource room at West Canada Valley, forming many long-term friendships along the way. Gail also coached the West Canada girls' track team, leading them to several league titles.

Perhaps Gail's greatest source of pride was establishing Too Rock Stable on Honey Hill Road in Newport. Mr. L and Gail purchased their first horse in 2007, and in the past 15 years, Too Rock Stable has grown to include 14 horses, winning races across the eastern United States and Canada. Gail's idea of a perfect day always involved spending time grooming the horses and then heading to the track at night to watch them race. Gail played an instrumental role in establishing the Too Rock Stable Scholarship at West Canada. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Days of Yore... Today's History

July 1, 1953 - Ed Lewis, veteran fire observer for the Conservation Department, situated at the Red Hill Fire Tower, has reported only eight forest fires this year. This makes it one of the lightest seasons that he can recall in his twenty-three years of duty at his lonely post on Moon Hill.

Camp Laughton on South Hill started its third year of operation today as a camp for deaf and hard of hearing children. Under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Nadoolman, the camp will care for thirty children ranging in age from four to twelve years for a two-month period. Eight trained counselors are employed and teaching by direct voice is a rule here.

June 26, 1963 - Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Houghtaling of Claryville are the parents of a son, Dale Keith, born on June 18th at Maimonides Hospital, Liberty.

Catharine M. Probst, 68, died suddenly at Liberty-Loomis Hospital on Sunday, June 23, 1963. Mrs. Probst, a housewife, had resided in Grahamsville for the past three years. She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on February 6, 1895 to Henry and Catharine Schneider. She was married to Herman H. Probst on June 26, 1926, who survives. Other surviving include 2 sons: William H. Probst of Oceanside, L.I. and Herman W. Probst of Grahamsville.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hornbeck was christened at the Sundown Methodist Church on Sunday morning. Miss Linda Greenrose was godmother. Both maternal and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenrose of Nyack and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hornbeck of Rocky Hill were present.

July 11, 1973 - Belated congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward VanDover who celebrated 23 years of marriage last week. Saturday evening an outdoor picnic was held at the home of Emma Hamilton to celebrate the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McNamara attended their 20 year high school reunion on Saturday evening at Wenigs. All classmates enjoyed seeing each other once again to talk of old times.

June 30, 1983 - Peter McGinn graduated this week from the Connecticut Police Academy on June 21st. He is a graduate of the University of New Haven with a BS in Criminal Justice. He is now a Park Ranger for the state of Connecticut. Peter is the son of Eileen McGinn and the late Edward McGinn of Moore Hill Road.

Fred, Susan and Katie Booker would like to announce the latest addition to our family: Frederick Jamie Booker was born on June 14, 1983 at Horton Memorial Hospital, Middletown. Mother and son are now home and are doing very well.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

June 27, 1997

Before telephones were invented, there was a very special glue which held families and friends together - "Letter Writing". We wrote about the things that mattered most to us. Are we faced with future generations that will never know the joy of writing or receiving letters from family and friends? When I was a child in the early 1900's, my parents gift to the graduate was a nice box of stationery and book of postage stamps. This was considered a nice gift in the good old days and very much appreciated.

I have a box of letters which are yellow from age and to me are very precious, written to me by friends of long ago. When I am lonely, I take them out and read them. Had I received my messages by telephone I would have forgotten them a long time ago. Am I considered old fashioned? I still write letters.

Household Hint:

Soak those Beans in Water and Baking Powder

Add baking soda to water to soak dried beans to make them more digestible.

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.*

Who Was Black-Eyed Susan?

The bright yellow Black-eyed Susans are beginning blossom all over the Catskill countryside. They are native to North America and one of the most popular wildflowers grown. They are easily recognized by their yellow flowers with a brownish-purple center that are two to three inches across. The plants can grow to over 3 feet tall, with leaves of 6 inches on stalks over 8 inches long.



Black-eyed Susans are biennial, which means they live for two years. In the first year, the plant grows a rosette, which is a group of leaves growing from the center, low to the ground. In the second year, the plant sends up flower stalks. At the end of the second year, the plant dies.

Butterflies, bees and a variety of insects move the pollen from one plant to another as they drink the flower's nectar. The mature seeds are very light and move about easily with the wind.

Black-eyed Susans are a pioneer plant, that means they are one of the first plants to grow in a new field. In a garden, they can crowd out other plants and need to be controlled.

The genus name for all Black-Eyed Susans is *Rudbeckia*. Named for the Rudbecks, a very famous Swedish father and son from Upsala, Sweden. Olof the Elder (1630-1702) was a famous scientist known for his accomplishments in medicine (anatomy) and linguistics. He was also known for studies in botany and established the first botanical garden in Sweden, which was originally called Rudbeck's Garden.

His son, Olof the Younger, (1660-1740) a scientist and professor, continued many of the father's studies. One of his best-known students was another Swedish scientist, Carolus Linnaeus, who devised our system of plant nomenclature.

But who was Black-eyed Susan?

Her story is one of the grand romantic tales of the wildflowers. No one's sure, but the legend says it all comes from an Old English poem of the post-Elizabethan era entitled simply, "Black-Eyed Susan," written by a very famous poet of the day named John Gay, 1685-1732. All in the downs, the fleet was moored,

Banners waving in the wind.

When Black-Eyed Susan came aboard,
and eyed the burly men.

"Tell me ye sailors, tell me true

Does my Sweet William sail with you?"

This charming poem tells one of the great "Legends of Love" in our wildflowers, and every summer it plays out just as the poem describes. Even though it's not a native, if you seed wild Sweet William with common Black-Eyed Susan, they'll bloom beautifully for you at exactly the same time. The Black-Eyed Susan's golden petals and Sweet William's majestic reds and purples blooming together is a pretty sight and will warm any gardener's heart!



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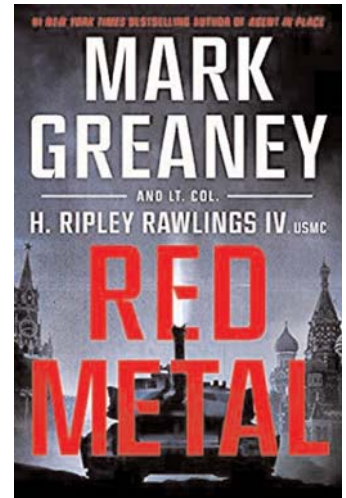
by John Dwaine McKenna

Europe has lived in the shadow, first of the Soviet Union, and more recently, of the *Rodina* . . . Mother Russia herself . . . since the end of World War II. It's the reason the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, or NATO, was formed by the US, Canada and several European nations for the purpose of joint security. An attack on one would be considered an attack on all. It has been an effective deterrent to another war for more than seventy years. But, what if . . . what if it stopped working?

That's the premise underlying a page-turning and electrifying new thriller that's perfect for your summer reading program. And, hey! Fair warning—don't worry about cutting the grass or washing the car once you begin reading this one, because it's too compelling to let you worry about the mundane.

Red Metal, (Berkley/ Penguin/Random House, \$27.00, 656 pages, ISBN 978-0-451-49041-4) by Mark Greaney and H. Ripley Rawlings IV, have combined their immense talents to produce the best military action adventure since Tom Clancy wrote *The Hunt for Red October* nearly forty years ago.

Red Metal opens in Kenya, where the Russians are mining a mountain of precious, rare earth minerals; a necessity in manufacturing everything high-tech, from satellites to cell phones, under an agreement with the government. It's a treaty signed in greed and ignorance, that hugely favors the Russians, and the Kenyans, with assistance from the United States, kick the Russians out by force . . . humiliating a Spetsnaz (Special Forces) Colonel named Yuri Borbikov in the process. He gets his revenge a few years later, when threats of war between China and US ally Taiwan cause the President to order nearly all US military assets to the Far East, leaving a lethargic, loosely defended Europe inadequately protected. Colonel Borbikov presents a war plan that he's drawn up called *Operation Red Metal*, in which Russia tank forces and armored divisions will launch a lightning strike into Germany, and at the same time, commence an attack in Africa to retake the mine. To every senior Russian General's surprise, the Russian President approves the audacious plan and war—unthinkable only days earlier—is set in motion on land, air and sea . . . and in cyberspace. Once the war machine wheels start to turn, bullets fly, the computer hacking begins, and the action never stops as the authors tell the story from multiple points of view and all sides of each conflict, from the lowest NCO to the highest general. Whether you're a student of geopolitics, battle tactics, or just enjoy a good action adventure yarn, this one will keep you nailed to the page from start to finish, for hours at a time. Tell your friends—you saw it here first—the MBR predicts *Red Metal* is going to be a blockbuster hit!



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OBITUARY (From Pg. 2) Gail M. Farrell

Survivors include three sons: Anthony (Denise) Parrow of Virginia Beach, VA; Erik (Leslie) Goodman of Mechanicsville, VA; and Jason (Ashley) Goodman of Gates, NC. She is also survived by three brothers: Greg (Donna) Parrow of Sacramento, CA, Jay Parrow of Woodbourne, NY and Jon (Nancy) Parrow of Sundown, NY; a sister, Susan (Roger) Newbury of Litchfield, CT; a daughter-in-law, Karen Smith of Virginia Beach, VA; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Gail was predeceased by her former husband, John Farrell, and a brother, Gary Parrow.

Special thanks are extended to Deb and Sarah, the two little angels who provided assistance to Gail during her final days.

There will be no public services. Arrangements are under the direction of Autenrith Funeral Home in Newport.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Too Rock Stables' Scholarship C/O Donn Lewandrowski at 729 Honey Hill Road, Poland, NY 13431.

Donald William Prince of Liberty, NY, a retired Sergeant for the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department and a lifelong area resident died Thursday, June 22, 2023 at home. He was 75.



The son of the late Donald S. and Elizabeth L. Zweck Prince, he was born March 3, 1948 in Liberty, NY.

Donnie, as he was affectionately called by family and friends, was a veteran and lifelong civil servant. During the Vietnam War, he was assigned to HHC 2nd Battalion 35th Infantry 4th Infantry Division Pleiku. After valiantly serving his country in Vietnam, he went on to serve his communi-

ty, spending his entire 38 year career in law enforcement, beginning with the Liberty Police Department, and Sullivan County Sheriff's Department until his retirement in 2007.

Donnie was a member of the Sullivan County PBA, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the Liberty Elk's Lodge # 1545.

Donnie was a deeply beloved father, brother, uncle, and friend. He loved golfing, boating, snowmobiling, four-wheeling, and fishing. He was a die-hard Yankees fan, and loved watching football on Sundays.

Survivors include one daughter, Tammy M. Prince of Warwick, NY; two sisters, Karan Johnson of Tennessee; and Trudy Crozzoli and her husband Giovanni of Liberty, NY; one brother, Steven Prince and his wife Mary of Liberty, NY; nieces Jamie Stern and husband Jon of Virginia; Lisa McGrath and husband David of Tennessee; Laraine King and husband Martin of England; Jennille Carpenter and husband Steven of Liberty, NY; and nephews Lance Prince of Liberty; Ian Prince and partner Christine of Neversink, NY; and Wayne Somers and wife Bianca of Livingston Manor, NY. Donald was predeceased by a brother, Wayne Prince of Liberty, NY.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, June 29, 2023 from 1 to 3pm in the Harris Funeral Home West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at the funeral home. The Rev. Bridgette LeConey officiated. Burial with military honors in the Sullivan County Veteran's Cemetery Sunset Lake Road, Liberty, NY immediately followed.

Memorial contributions in Donnie's name may be made to the Sullivan County ASPCA P. O. Box 995, Rock Hill, NY 12775.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home West Street at Buckley, Liberty, NY. 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 or www.Harris-FH.com

Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County and the Village of Woodridge sponsor LEND-A-POLE program



In the photo are Eric Akerley, Delegate of Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Joan Collins, Village of Woodridge Mayor, and Gary Muthig, Delegate of Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County
The lake which is being stocked in this photograph is Silver Lake located in the Village of Woodridge and is done bi-annually by the Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County.

The LEND-A-POLE program is made possible by the NYS DEC, the Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County and the Village of Woodridge.

This is a FREE opportunity to encourage our community to engage in healthy outdoor activity and to utilize this beautiful lake. The fishing poles will be signed out similar to a library book system to anyone who wishes to go fishing in this public lake. They can be signed out for one day or one week at a time at the Village of Woodridge Village Hall; and must be returned to the same location during normal business hours.

Stipulations are that you must possess a valid NYS fishing license if you are sixteen years or older. Minors must have an adult sign out their pole and must be supervised at all times while fishing. You must provide your own bait.

The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

I started out to write a sonnet, but, like Stephen Crane says, a poem writes itself in your mind, and all you have to do is write it down. So here is my lake musing as I throw stones and my chocolate lab Hudson chases them into the water and fetches them.



A Lake Lesson

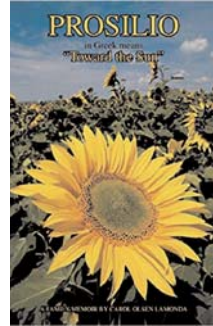
As I sit at the edge of the lake,
Thinking about the time gone away
I wonder if It would be a mistake
To return to a year or a pivotal day.

I could change the future in the past,
And avoid some days of hardship,
But I learned a lesson as fate has cast
Some hurt and betrayal in friendship.



The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



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Between the Bookends

Heading out on the open road? Stop at the DPL first!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE—Every library has a story; ours just happens to be a love story. One passed down through the generations, starting with the original construction to the massive undertaking of our expansion, to our current improvements. Passion for our library is evident with every lobby stone laid by our communities' generosity, every volunteer who donates their time, materials and knowledge, and through every interaction our staff have with our patrons.

And when you come here, as the first stop of the RCLS Road Trip or the last, you will be immersed in that story and the beautiful surroundings our locale has to offer. The Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS) has kicked off their summer road trip now through September 8. Interested participants and their families are asked to stop at their local library (that's us!) to pick up the map and starting materials. Then, travel through Sullivan, Ulster, Orange and Rockland counties, visiting the 47 libraries that make up RCLS, to collect stickers and prizes along the way. RCLS is asking participants to follow on Facebook and Twitter using @goRCLS for road trip tips and to share pictures and post using #RCLSRoadTrip.

In other news:

Visit our children's floor to see our new books—we've got quite the collections growing—including two, the 2023 Caldecott Medal Winner picture book, *Hot Dog* by Doug Salati and juvenile fiction 2023 Newberry Medal winner, *Freewater* by Amina Loqman-Dawson. The two were presented to our library during the Ruth Scully Awards held at the Tri Valley Elementary School June 16. In addition, we have started our collection of Wonderbooks—a combination print/audio book that allows readers to listen to the story as they read. DPL patrons can choose from the six in our collection, thanks to a generous grant by Stewarts!

Our year-long collaboration with the Tri Valley CSD Pre-K program culminated with the UPK graduation June 21. It was an honor to take part in the celebrations! Every year, DPL staff host two eight-week long programs at the school, one in the fall and the other in the spring, sharing their own passion for books and reading, along with felt stories. During the programs, children are encouraged to check out books staff has brought along weekly.

This Spring we launched a new chess club, in big part thanks to our resident chess expert, Mr. Eusi Rodney, who taught skills to the novice and polished moves with the masters. Friendly games were held for those who wished to learn, practice and just share in the fun. We will continue the club in August for Tri Valley residents grades three and up.

And...our Friday Book Club is always looking for new adult members. They meet on the first Friday of the month. The new book, *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah, will be distributed July 7.

This month's staff pick is brought to you by Interim Director Mikki Greene.

While Time Remains by Yeonmi Park.

"Park and her mother escaped North Korea after her older sister defected into China. At the suggestion of a (unbeknownst to them) human trafficker, both Yeonmi and her mother were smuggled into China, and then sold into slavery. She eventually makes it to the United States and her story unfolds from there. I remember seeing her speak on Facebook in a traditional pink hanbok outfit about her native North Korea and her experiences as its' citizen. She writes in her book that she decided not to read from her intended speech and go rogue. At one point, she broke into tears, and me as well, as she spoke of the horrors observed. Upon finishing the book, you can't help but be ever grateful for the life we are given here in the US. This is Park's second book, her first is *In Order to Live*, which I will read when I recover from this one."



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

Soothe Your Soul

Our Sullivan Catskills has an arts scene that will move you, nature that will soothe you, and food and drink sure to delight you. First, you need to find a place to lay your head. We have many kinds of accommodations perfect for you and your gang, from full-service to self-service or something in between. Book your stay now, summer is our most popular season.

On Friday, at 5 pm, go sip on some cider at Seminary Hill Cidery while you listen to BJ Hendrickson play solo acoustic from 5-8 pm. At 6 pm, The Yoga Space will hold a women's only workshop: Be Kind to Yourself. Over in Narrowsburg at the Tusten Theatre at 7 pm, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance presents Good Medicine, an interactive satire on the American medicine show through the centuries. (The show runs again, Saturday at 7 pm). Also at 7 pm, Big Time Rush brings their Can't Get Enough Tour to Bethel Woods. At 7:30 pm, go see Harrison Ford in Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre Cinema. For other show times click here. Then at 8 pm, Alyssa takes the stage at Cabernet Frank's. Check out some live music this weekend at 17 West Brewery-Albi Beluli plays on Friday from 6-9 pm, and Saturday BJ Hendrickson from 5-8 pm.

It's time for the annual Wurtsboro Street Fair on Saturday. From noon to 5 pm, enjoy live music, food, games, and shopping. Up in Livingston Manor, it's the second Annual Dette Flies Kids Fly Fishing Clinics from 1-4 pm. The Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville will present Four Plays About Q&As at 2 pm (and again Sunday).

If you want to beat back that case of the Sunday Scaries, all you need is a little Sunday Funday. Start the day at the Neversink River Craft Co-op in Claryville where from 10 am-5 pm they'll be featuring new works of pottery, wooden bowls, cutting bowls, jewelry, paintings, resin art, and more. Next, head to Mountandale for Second Sunday Artisan Fair and Farmer's Market from 11 am-3 pm. Time and the Valleys Museum will hold a Grand Opening from 1 to 4 pm of the new exhibit: As the Wheel Turns: Waterpower Industry in the Catskills. At 4 pm, have some mango margaritas and wings and hear The Far Trio at Cabernet Frank's. At 7 pm, the Bradstan Cabaret Series at the Eldred Preserve continues with Steven Brinberg's performance: Simply Barbra. Counting Crows rounds out the weekend's shows at Bethel Woods with a 7:30 pm pavilion show.

Nature itself is a work of art in our Sullivan Catskills, so do plan to spend some time and explore our great big outdoors (hiking, biking, river trips). Another fun way to be outdoors is to shop in our quaint downtowns and visit our trails, including the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail, our tribute to the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Fair. You'll also love touring and tasting our Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail. It's full of award-winning breweries, wineries, cideries, and distilleries. Please drink responsibly and designate a driver.

When hunger hits, our chefs and bakers know exactly what to whip up to fill your belly with Catskill-icious yum! And our farmers are growing and producing the freshest produce, meats, baked goods, flowers, and more at our Sullivan Catskills Farmers Markets. Plan Ahead:

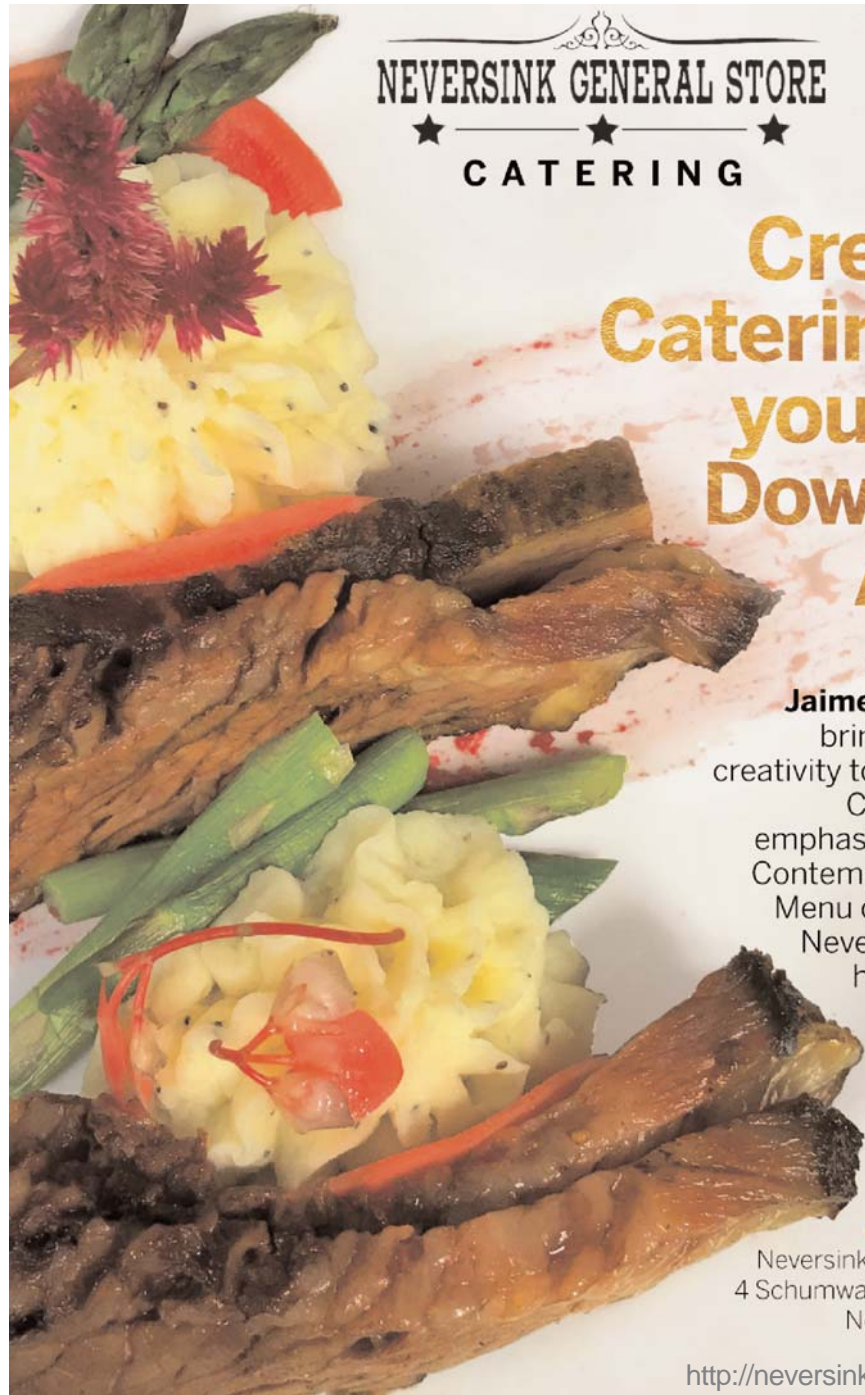
The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents its summer performance of "Oliver, the Musical" July 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, and 23, at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg, with Friday and Saturday performances at 8 pm and Sundays at 2 pm.

Mark your calendar for August 19 for the 3rd Annual Catskill Conductor's Clambake and Folk Festival in Livingston Manor, sponsored by Smoke Joint Catskills and Teahouse Music Co.

Don't miss the Hurleyville Pride 2023: Rainbow Fest - July 22 from 2 pm-7 pm.

Saddle up for the 2023 Callicoon Country Fair on July 29 from 10 am-5 pm (rescheduled from June 24)

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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison
No column this week.

The Forestburgh Playhouse Announces the Cast of Matilda the Musical!

Forestburgh, NY - July 3, 2023 - The Forestburgh Playhouse is excited to unveil the highly anticipated cast for Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical*, an extraordinary production set to captivate audiences as part of the 2023 Mainstage Season. This Tony Award-winning musical, inspired by the genius of Roald Dahl, will take spectators on a magical journey following the story of a remarkable young girl who fearlessly challenges the status quo and reshapes her own destiny.

Producer Franklin Trapp expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "Matilda is a production for all ages, boasting Broadway-quality performances from our professional actors and featuring the rising stars of our local young artists. Sullivan County and the surrounding counties have become a hotbed for fostering artistic talent, and we are delighted to be a part of these young actors' journey from the classroom to the stage!"

Helmed by Playhouse alum Roque Berlanga as the director and featuring choreography by the talented Tiger Brown, *Matilda the Musical* promises to be an extraordinary theatrical experience. The Forestburgh Playhouse proudly introduces an ensemble cast of charismatic young talents who are sure to dazzle audiences.

Taking on the leading role of Matilda will be Luli Mitchell, a gifted performer from New Jersey with an impressive track record of regional and touring performances. Mitchell's arrival in the Sullivan Catskills has been eagerly awaited, and the Forestburgh Playhouse is delighted to welcome this prodigious talent to their stage. Joining Mitchell in the cast are a multitude of young actors from Sullivan and the surrounding counties, including Joey Getze as Bruce, Bella Koljenovic as Lavender, Nicolas Ciorciari as Michael, Grace Ward as Amanda, Luis Mikal Sanchez as Nigel, Luke Robinholt as Eric, Polly Juergens as Alice, Sophia Gago as Hortensia, Tera Ward as Tammy, Kenzie Krier as Ensemble/Understudy Alice, and Emily Ducey as Ensemble/Understudy Hortensia.

The Forestburgh Playhouse invites the community to rally behind their remarkable local young artists and support the production of *Matilda*. Performances will run from July 18 to July 30, with shows taking place on Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 PM, as well as matinee performances on Wednesdays at 2 PM and Sundays at 3 PM.

For more information and to secure tickets, please visit www.fbplayhouse.org or call 845-794-1194.

About The Forestburgh Playhouse:

Located in the picturesque Sullivan Catskills of New York, The Forestburgh Playhouse has been a beacon of theatrical excellence for over seven decades. As one of the oldest continuously operating professional summer theaters in the United States, the Playhouse is renowned for its exceptional productions and commitment to nurturing young talent.

Contact:

Franklin Trapp

Forestburgh Playhouse

Phone: 845-794-2005

Email: franklin@fbplayhouse.org

Sullivan 180 Will Offer Two Impactful Prevention Trainings to Grow Community Health Champion Leaders!

[Liberty, NY] In an effort to promote prevention programming and engage community volunteers, Sullivan 180 will host two upcoming train-the-trainer opportunities for individuals interested in positively impacting health in Sullivan County.

The first program, "The Basics Sullivan Leader Training" will be held on July 19th from 2-4pm at the Liberty United Methodist Church at 170 Main St. in Liberty. The training, co-led with Maternal Infant Services Network Inc. (MISN) will teach individuals how to lead a Basics early parenting series at their local library, school, daycare, house of worship or other community center.

"We have learned that 80% of brain growth happens by the age of three; and that young brains develop like little muscles, getting bigger and stronger with each interaction," said Amanda Langseder, Managing Director at Sullivan 180. "By growing the Basics movement, we can help more children arrive to preschool with the skills they need to succeed."

The Basics principles include: maximize love, manage stress; talk, sing & point; count, group and compare; explore through movement and play; read and discuss stories. Participants who complete the training will receive a complementary Basics Sullivan tote bag complete with the curriculum and everything they need to start their group. More information on The Basics can be found at www.thebasics.org

The second opportunity is for those who wish to become certified trainers for the QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Suicide Prevention Program. Through a full day training on Monday August 7th, perspective QPR Trainers will learn how to lead QPR Gatekeeper workshops in the community. After the program, trainers will be able to teach others how to identify suicide warning signs and to engage three life-saving skills: Question the person about suicide. Persuade the person to get help. Refer the person to the appropriate resources.

The QPR Train the Trainer will be held at Sullivan 180; and led by a certified Master QPR Trainer Jill Holland. The training is valued at \$500 but is being offered free of charge to just ten individuals across Sullivan. A deposit and interest form is required to secure a spot. More information on QPR can be found at www.qprinstitute.com.

"Changing the health of Sullivan County requires many community health champion leaders that can step up and share their knowledge and compassion," Langseder added. If you are interested in building a healthy community, one degree at a time by leading either a Basics Sullivan parenting group or a QPR suicide prevention program, contact Sullivan 180. Space is very limited in both of these train-the-trainer opportunities. More information can be found at www.sullivan180.org or by calling 845-295-2680.

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

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Grand Opening of the Old Stone House of Hasbrouck Inc.

Celebrating the Restoration of a Historic Building and Community Center The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck Inc. is pleased to announce the grand opening of its newly restored historic building and community center on July 16, 2023. The event will take place between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM and promises to be an exciting day filled with local artists, activities for youth and seniors, a BBQ, and live entertainment featuring Ellie the Clown and Jesse Noren.

The grand opening event will be a testament to the vibrant spirit of our community. Local artists will showcase their exceptional talents, with art exhibitions and interactive displays throughout the building. Visitors of all ages will have the opportunity to engage in various activities specially designed for youth and seniors, fostering intergenerational connections and a sense of unity.

Attendees will be treated to a barbecue, offering an assortment of grilled delights for a donation of \$15 per person.

To purchase BBQ tickets in advance or inquire about further details, please contact: The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck, Inc., a 501©3 Non-Profit Organization – The Old Stone House

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Concerned Citizens of Hasbrouck Memorabilia Search

We here at the Old Stone House in Hasbrouck are planning our grand opening July 16th.

As part of the opening we are including a small exhibit of the house's history.

We are asking for photographs or other items that tell a story of Hasbrouck, the stone house or Concerned Citizen's of Hasbrouck we can borrow. We will make photocopies and return the originals. Please contact Liz Kolansky 845 807 6446



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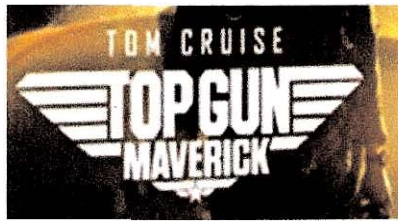
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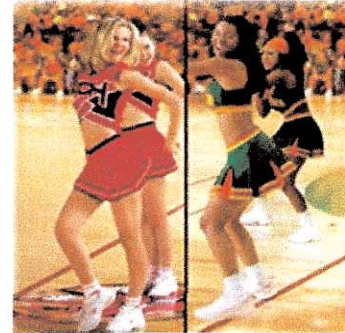


Top Gun Maverick – June 30th
SONIC the Hedgehog – July 7



**Guardians of the Galaxy –
July 14**

Bring it On – July 21
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Our final movie of the season (still to be determined) will be August 25th.

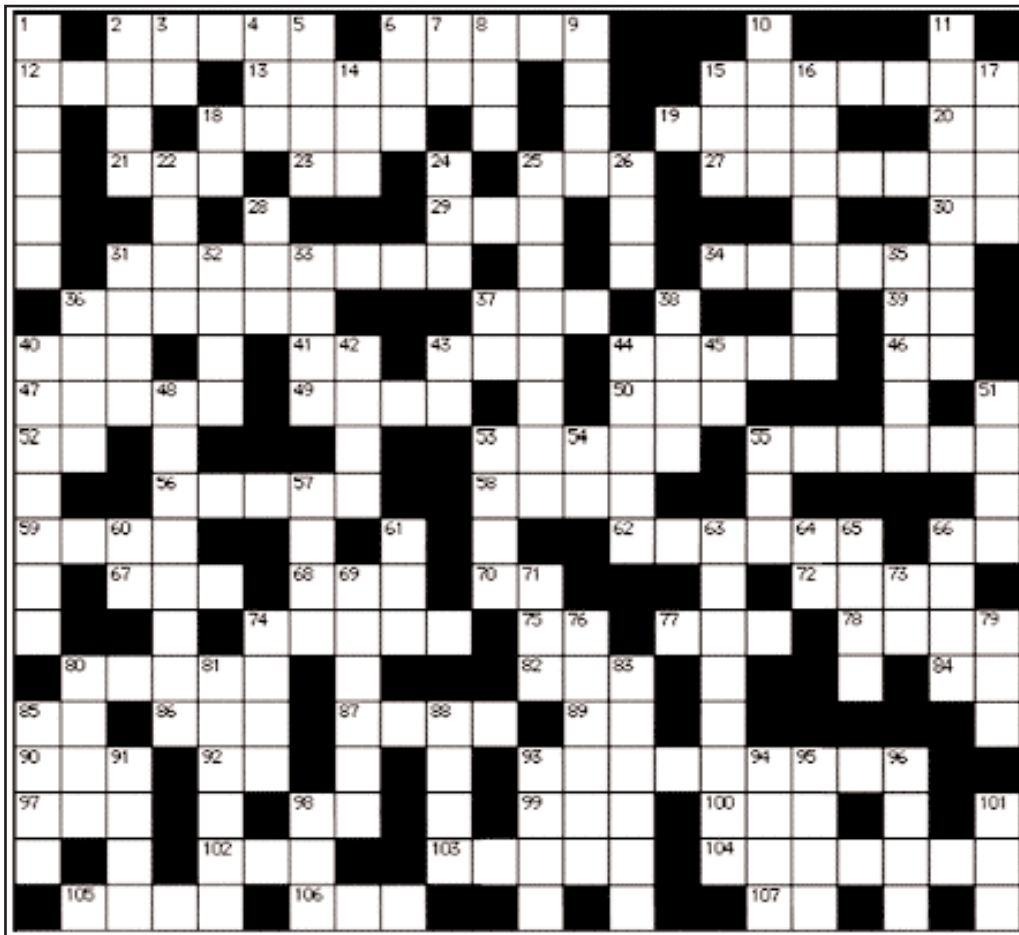
Movies will start around 8 or 8:30 depending on sunset.

Watch the movie from your car or from the grassy area on your blankets and chairs. Bring your snacks and drinks AND BUG SPRAY!

Don't forget to check Parks & Rec Facebook page for changes due to weather.

Any questions send them to cwparksandrec@gmail.com

In the Good Ole Summertime - L. Comando



- 64 Either face of bronze
- 65 Good fortune 79 Elongated seed vessel
- 66 Store 80 Fermented grape drink
- 69 Vitality 81 Capital of Russia
- 71 Polite way to address a man 83 Lilies, beetles and Swallowtails, to name a few
- 73 Senior 85 Seaweed
- 74 Kernel 88 Detergent
- 76 Soft film on the sur- 91 Extinct flightless bird
- 93 Small mouse-like rodent
- 94 Double
- 95 Examination
- 96 Bottom of one's foot
- 98 Cartogram
- 101 Yes

Bacon Wrapped Garlic Scapes

A garlic scape is the slender bright green flower shoot that has shot up from the stem of a garlic bulb

- 12 six to eight inch long tender pieces of garlic scapes, peeled
- 12 pieces of thin-cut bacon

Tightly wrap each of the scapes with one piece of bacon, spiraling down the scape as you go. When all the scapes have been wrapped, heat a heavy skillet over medium heat and then add the scapes.

Cook the scapes until the bacon browns on one side and then turn them. Cover the pan with a lid (this helps to ensure the scapes inside the bacon are well-cooked), removing the lid and turning the scapes as needed until the bacon is brown on all sides.

Remove the bacon wrapped scapes and drain them on a paper towel. Serve immediately.

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| <p>tion</p> <p>105 Couch</p> <p>106 Writing tool</p> <p>107 New Testament</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Form of entertainment</p> <p>2 Upper covering of a building</p> <p>3 Elevated railway</p> <p>4 Metal container</p> <p>5 Cure</p> <p>6 Fasten</p> <p>7 Egyptian sun god</p> <p>8 Sick</p> <p>9 Ascend</p> <p>10 Ramayana hero and husband of Sita</p> <p>11 Decoration</p> <p>14 Movie production company founded in 1928</p> <p>15 Move at a fast speed</p> <p>16 Repeated</p> | <p>design</p> <p>17 NaCl</p> <p>18 South America</p> <p>22 Faculty head</p> <p>24 Fuel</p> <p>25 Embellish</p> <p>26 Yelp</p> <p>28 Large tree</p> <p>31 Prong</p> <p>32 Curved</p> <p>33 Cereal grains</p> <p>35 Salute</p> <p>36 Nursery rhyme's 'Old King'</p> <p>37 California</p> <p>38 Get bigger</p> <p>40 Cutting tool</p> <p>42 Volume</p> <p>43 Referring to a bone</p> <p>44 Turf</p> <p>45 Advertisement</p> <p>48 Celebration</p> <p>51 Accurate</p> <p>53 Skid</p> <p>54 Right (abbrev)</p> <p>55 Tavern</p> |

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Kids' Summer Fun Page

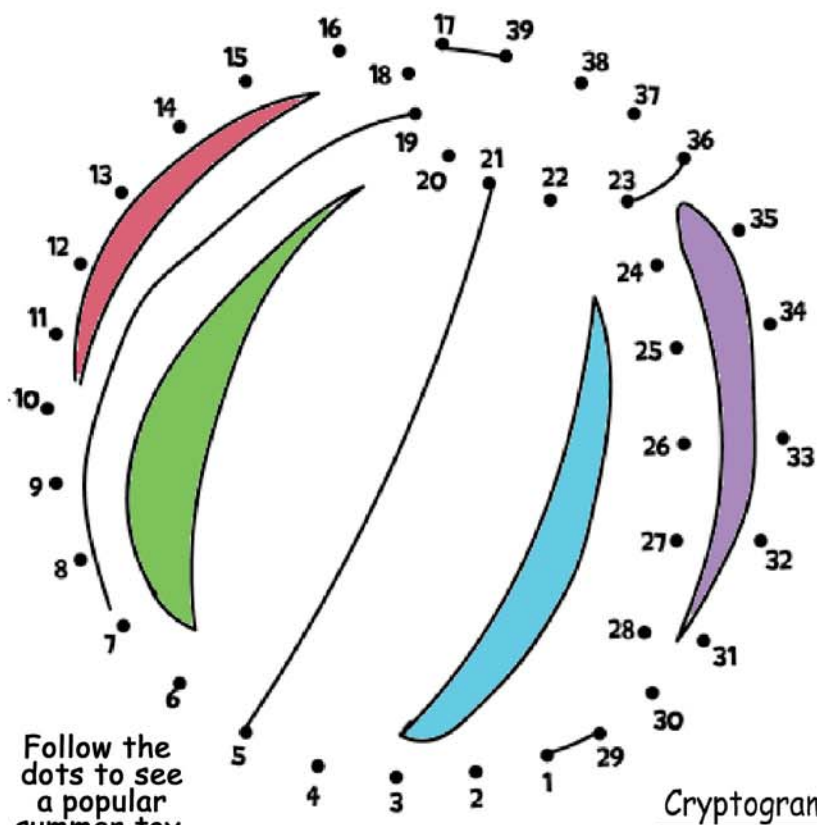
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned, the Assessor for the Town of Denning, County of Ulster, New York has completed the Assessment Roll for SAID Town, for the year 2023. A certified copy thereof has been filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Denning on the 1st day of July, 2023.

Patricia Masterson
Sole Assessor
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June 26th, 2023

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section §274b of the New York State Town Law, the Town of Denning Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing regarding the proposed Bed and Breakfast venture Special Use Permit request by Aldora Farfalla at 71 Taylor Road, Claryville, NY 12725. SBL: 50-1-3.20.

The Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 pm prior to the regularly scheduled Planning Board Meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

At SAID Public Hearing any and all interested person(s) will be heard either for or against.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING PLANNING BOARD
Chairman Joseph Sibiga
July 3, 2023

7/6; 7/13

On behalf of the victorious Town and State Committee Republican candidates in this last primary, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Republican voters in the Town of Neversink for your overwhelming support. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of all those who worked so hard to help get out the vote. We will continue to work hard to ensure the "Neversink First" mentality remains at the forefront of all our actions within the community.

Hope Costa
Chairwoman, Town of Neversink Republican Committee

2023 Pool Passes & Swimming Lessons

Pool passes for the Town of Neversink Pool located at the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville are now on sale at the Town of Neversink Town Hall. The cost of a pass is \$15.00 per person with children under 3 no charge. Forms are available in the Lobby. The

**Tri-Valley CSD
Board Meeting**

**July 13, 2023
Annual Organizational
Meeting**

CODE OF CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

Regular Meeting #1

Town Hall is open daily from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Town of Neversink residency is required.

Swimming Lessons registration is now going on daily at the Town of Neversink Town Hall. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Counter and on the Town of Neversink web site. Any child who lives in the Tri-Valley School District and/or Town of Neversink is eligible to participate in the Swimming Lessons Program. There is no fee.

For more information on either of the above please contact the Town of Neversink Town Hall at 845-985-2262 x-

**Road Closure
in Grahamsville**

Grahamsville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of County Road 156 (South Hill Road) in the Town of Neversink to replace County Bridge 216. The bridge itself is located approximately 300 feet east of the intersection of State Route 42 and CR 156. This section is scheduled to be closed to all traffic for approximately six months, starting at 8 a.m. on May 1, 2023.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY
ROAD CLOSURE**

Eldred, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of County Road 33 (Eldred-Yulan Road) in Eldred to repair County Bridge 198, located approximately 0.1 miles west of the intersection of CR 33 with State Route 55. This section of CR 33 will be closed to all traffic starting at 7 a.m. Thursday, July 20, and will remain closed for approximately 18 days.

A detour route will utilize State Route 55, State Route 97, and County Road 21.

**Town of NEVERSINK DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023, AT 5:30 PM
UNDER THE Neversink General Store BBQ Tent
TO SELECT CANDIDATES FOR**

**SUPERVISOR 2 YEARS, TOWN CLERK 2 YEARS,
SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS 2 YEARS, JUSTICE 4 YEARS,
COUNCIL 4 YEARS, COUNCIL 4 YEARS**

6/29; 7/6

Caucus Notice

**Notice is hereby given that a Caucus will
be held in and for the town of Denning**

**Monday, July 10th, 6pm
Claryville Volunteer Fire Department
1500 Denning Rd., Claryville**

**For the purpose of nominating Democratic
candidates for Town Offices for Denning
to be voted for on November 7, 2023.**

7/6

Time and the Valleys Museum

Connecting Water, People & the Catskills



- **NEW AUGMENTED REALITY EXHIBIT!**
*Bittersweet Memories:
Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds*
- **Interactive Exhibit**
*Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: NYC's Quest for
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Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds

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Sundown United Methodist Church

Covered Dish Supper
5:30 pm
Aug 5, 2023

Indoor Yard Sale
Fri, July 7 & Sat., July 8
9 am - 1 pm
Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



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Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

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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

Thrift Sale
July 15, 2023
9 am to 12 noon



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

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>
Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740
Dial by your location
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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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

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Worship Service 9:30 am
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Claryville, NY 12725
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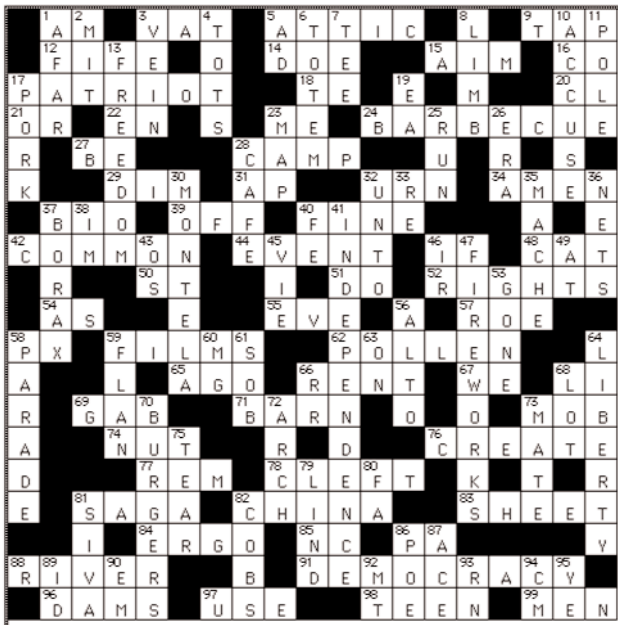
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Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword




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The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team
<https://grahamsvilleUMC.org>
GrahamsvilleUMC@gmail.com—Seung Jin Hong, Pastor

**Sundown
United Methodist Church
Covered Dish Supper
Saturday,
August 5, 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)*

All Aboard!
Join the Fun!
Play
Mexican Train
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every FRIDAY 1-4 pm
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at the Neversink Town Hall



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play cards

**Primetimers Guided Tour
of New Paltz**
*Includes historic Huguenot Street and
the campus of SUNY New Paltz*

On July 12, 2023, the Primetimers of Temple Sholom will organize a guided tour of New Paltz which includes historic Huguenot Street and the campus of SUNY New Paltz.
A luxury tour bus will leave at 9:30 AM from the Temple Sholom parking lot at 5 East Dillon Road in Monticello, NY.
Cost is \$45 per person.
All are welcome to join this fundraiser.
For reservations and information, call Paula 845-794-2314

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answer

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at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.
For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL EVENTS

7/5/23	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
7/5/23	Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
7/7 & 7/8	Sundown Ladies Indoor Yard Sale 9 am - 1 pm Sundown UMC Hall
7/11/23	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
7/11/23	Denning Town Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
7/15/23	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon Luncheon 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
7/18/23	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
7/20/23	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
7/20/23	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
7/23/23	Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon
8/5/23	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall

Save the Date!

Sat, Aug 5, 2023– 2nd Annual **Vet Fest** – Grahamsville Fair Grounds 11 am - 6 pm

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

Weekly Update For The Week Of July 3 - July 7, 2023

Monday, July 3

- o No Meetings

Tuesday, July 4

- o **4th of July Holiday** - County Offices Closed

Wednesday, July 5

- o **5:00 PM - Health, Human Services & Housing Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Human Rights Commission, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston

Thursday, July 6

- o **1:00 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **3:00 PM - Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Charter Revision Commission**: Public Hearing on Strengths and Weaknesses of the Ulster County Charter, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 5:05 PM (Or Immediately Following The Public Hearing) - **Ulster County Charter Revision Commission**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & via Zoom, Meeting ID: 840 4292 4344
- o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Youth Board**, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Economic Development**, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Friday, July 7

- o No Meetings

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“Oliver, the Musical” - LIVE!

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop - Quality, Award-Winning Community Theatre - is thrilled to announce the upcoming summer performance of “Oliver, the Musical”. Performance dates are July 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg.

Friday and Saturday performances are at 8pm, Sundays' at 2pm.



An endearing, long-time favorite, the rags to riches story is about 9 year old orphan, Oliver Twist. He has the misfortune of asking for more dinner at the orphanage, run by Mr. Bumble and Widow Corney. Oliver becomes a 'boy for sale' and is sold to the local undertakers - The Sowerberry family. His adventure continues by escaping to London where he is met by the Artful Dodger - the leader of a child-gang of the best pickpockets in London. The kids are all led by Fagin - the unscrupulous mastermind for their group who agrees to let Oliver join his gang. Oliver's first intended 'mark', Mrs. Brownlow, takes pity on the lad and offers him a home, Fagin's henchman, the violent Bill Sykes, plots to kidnap Oliver for ransom and Oliver is once again saved by Nancy, Sykes girlfriend.

Come join us for our July performances to find out what happens to young Oliver and his friends!

For more information, please go to our website at WWW.SCDW.Net

Where Is It!

Submitted by Carol Smythe, Town of Neversink Historian



Photograph is labeled "Neversink Sept. 1891 - Ed, Mr Mayer, Tom"

SCDW Dove unveiled!

On Saturday, June 24, 2023, the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg celebrated and dedicated its Dove. President Dawn Perneszi welcomed the crowd which included Hon. Megan Gallegan, NY State Supreme Court Judge, Hon. Robert Scheinman, Town of Fallsburg Justice, Rebecca Pratt and Miranda Behan, Town of Fallsburg Board Members, Sean Wall-Carty, Deputy Supervisor, and County Legislator Joe Perello. She thanked the SCDW Board for its work in applying for and installing the Dove and the cast of the upcoming show, “Oliver”, for its performance to honor the occasion. Dawn talked about what this Dove symbolizes - Peace, Love, Harmony and Community. The SC Dramatic Workshop then dedicated the Dove to its beloved Bunny Woloszczak who championed the procurement of this Dove because she was all about Peace, Love, Harmony and Community. The SCDW is proud to be included in the Dove Trail and hopes that this symbol will enhance our community.



Summer is in full swing here in the Catskills

Summer is in full swing here in the Catskills and at Mountainkeeper we're excited to spend the season enjoying everything from top-notch hiking trails and swimming holes, to our bountiful farmers markets and community festivals. As always, stay safe out there-smoke from the Canadian wildfires is back this week, and it's important to check on weather conditions before heading out and about.

We're keeping up on air quality by checking airnow.gov and adjusting our plans as needed. And Mountainkeeper sends our deep gratitude to the more than 1,500 firefighters from across the globe—including those from New York—who are helping to fight the fires in Canada. The smoke from these fires is an ongoing reminder to do all we can to address climate change-climate change-induced warmer, drier seasons are setting the stage for more intense forest fires. Read on for updates about:

- o How you can influence the \$4.2 billion Environmental Bond Act spending, including directing funds toward climate solutions,
- o An ask from our Trail Stewards, and
- o An opportunity to weigh in on the Birds & Bees Protection Act.

With thanks,

Ramsay Adams, Executive Director

As the Wheel Turns Water Powered Industry In the Catskills

Exhibition Opening

Sunday, July 9, 2023

1 to 4 p.m.

**Tours, Refreshments, Kids Activities & More
Free for members and their family!**

**Waterwheel Building
1930s Lost Catskill Farm
Time and the Valleys Museum
332 Main Street, Grahamsville NY
timeandthevalleymuseum.org**

*A collaborative exhibition funded through and assisted by the
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Grand Opening As the Wheel Turns: Waterpower Industry in the Catskills a new exhibit at the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - The exhibition *As the Wheel Turns: Waterpower Industry in the Catskills*, a new exhibition in the working water wheel building of the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, opens to the public on Sunday, July 9th from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville.



Brundage Grist Mill Photo: Powered by two turbine water wheels, the Brundage Grist Mill also ran a carding mill, buckwheat shucker, corn cutter and rye separating machine.

Exploring the Catskills many water powered industries of the 19th century, including grist mills, tanneries, carding and fulling mills, this interactive and engaging exhibit is a collaborative project between the Museum, Rondout-Neversink Stream Management Program and the Gillette Family. Videos, audio, games and activities along with photos, visuals and an actual working waterwheel tell the story of the vital importance of water power in building towns and communities throughout the Catskills.

On Sunday, July 9th, 1 to 4 p.m., the Museum's three floors of exhibitions (including the new augmented reality exhibition



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Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds) and the six buildings on the 1930s Catskill Farm (farm house, barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and the working waterwheel building) along with the new exhibition will be open, with activities, tours, refreshments and more. Admission is free for members and their families, \$5 for non-members and \$2 for children, which includes all activities, exhibitions and buildings. For more information call 845 985-7700 or go to timeandthevalleymuseum.org
About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open weekends Memorial Day to the end of September, noon to 4 p.m.. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission is FREE for Museum members, adults is \$5 and children \$2.

All 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 New! Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds
- 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. NEW! As the Wheel Turns: Water Powered Industry in the Catskills.

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

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. To schedule a group tour

The Town of Fallsburg Celebrates Success of the June Monthly Pop-Up Food Pantry

Fallsburg, NY - June 29, 2023 - The town of Fallsburg Supervisor, Kathy Rappaport, in collaboration with the Hudson Valley Food Bank, The Greater ARC, River Valley Estates, and Fidelis Care, is delighted to announce the remarkable success of the inaugural monthly Pop-Up Food Pantry. This community-driven initiative has made a significant impact by providing essential food supplies to over 100 individuals which is an increase of 30 individuals who needed help that are facing food insecurity in our town this past Tuesday June 27, 2023.

The Pop-Up Food Pantry, which was launched on May 30, 2023, aimed to address the pressing issue of food insecurity in Fallsburg and ensure

that no member of our community goes hungry. Through the collaborative efforts of the Town administration, The Hudson Valley Food Bank,

The Greater ARC Hudson Valley, River Valley Estates, and Fidelis Care, this innovative program has surpassed all expectations, reaching, and serving a considerable number of individuals and families in need. Supervisor Kathy Rappaport expressed her gratitude for the overwhelming support received from the community. She stated, "We are incredibly grateful to our partners, the Hudson Valley Food Bank, The Greater ARC, River Valley Estates, and Fidelis Care, for their collaboration and unwavering commitment to fighting food insecurity. Together, we have made a significant difference in the lives of over 100 individuals and families who rely on our support. This initiative reflects the true spirit of community and compassion that exists within the Town of Fallsburg."

The success of the Pop-Up Food Pantry event highlights the importance of community collaboration and the positive impact that can be achieved when organizations and individuals come together for a common cause. By joining forces, Fallsburg has demonstrated its commitment to addressing food insecurity, fostering inclusivity, and ensuring the well-being of all its residents.

The Town of Fallsburg looks forward to continuing this remarkable community-driven initiative and extending its support to even more individuals and families in need. The next Pop-Up Food Pantry event will be on Tuesday, July 27, 2023, from 10:00 AM until Noon or while supplies last at River Valley Estates (formerly Foxcroft Village). It is the commitment of the Rappaport administration to expand the reach and impact of the program. Please be sure to register online or in person at the Town Clerk's office.



Neversink River Craft Co-Op announces 2023 show dates: July 9, 23, & August 6, 20.

You are invited to our group show Sunday, July 9th!

The NEVERSINK RIVER CRAFT CO-OP is back for our first show of the season! We're open on Sunday, July 9th from 10 AM to 5 PM with an exhibit of original, handcrafted work by Neversink potters, woodworkers, jewelers and painters.

There will be a lot to see, including stoneware & porcelain pottery; necklaces, earrings and bracelets; resin serving trays and coaster sets; wood turned plates and bowls; cutting boards; stained glass; original artwork, cards & more.

Enjoy a beautiful summer drive to Frost Valley. We look forward to seeing you for this showing of our new work.

NEVERSINK RIVER CRAFT CO-OP SHOW

Sunday, July 9th - 10 AM - 5 PM

2554 Frost Valley Road

Claryville, New York

For more information, call 845-985-7564

Directions to the Show:

From Napanoch or Liberty, take Rt. 55 to Grahamsville. Turn up Claryville Road. Just past the church in Claryville turn left on Frost Valley Road, and continue four miles until you see our sign.

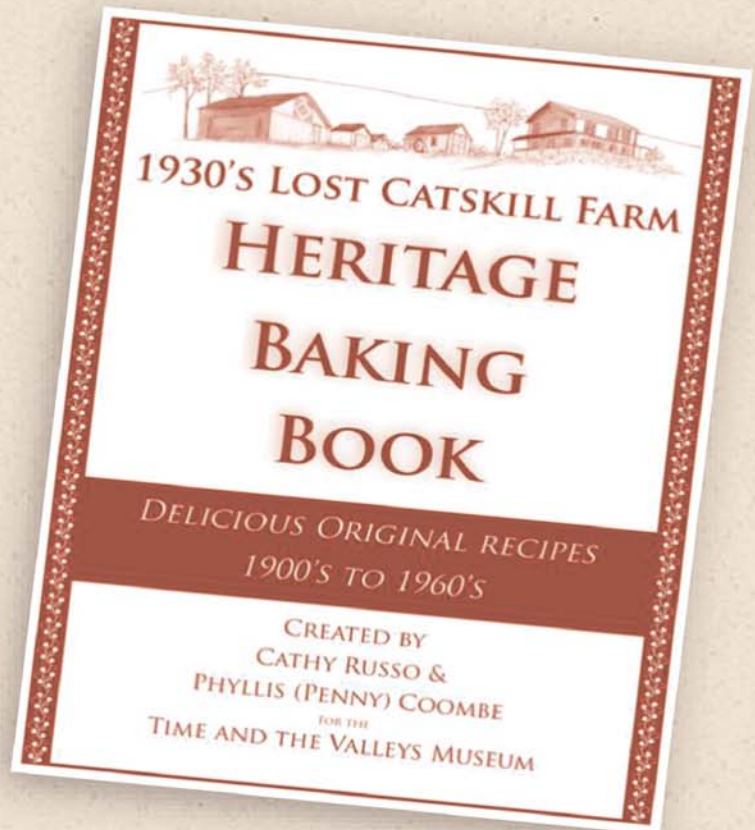
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**To make your reservation or for any questions please
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Gillibrand Announces Bipartisan Legislation to Fend off Fentanyl Overdoses Poisoning the Hudson Valley *1.5x More People Die from Synthetic Opioids Than Car Crashes*

NEW PALTZ, N.Y. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced the bipartisan FEND Off Fentanyl Act, legislation that would help reduce fentanyl overdoses. Fentanyl is a silent killer that cannot be detected by taste, smell, or sight when mixed with other drugs. The synthetic opioid is 50 times stronger than heroin. Last year, the Drug Enforcement Administration seized over 379,000,000 deadly doses of fentanyl across the U.S. - enough to supply a lethal dose to every American. Senator Gillibrand announced the bill at the New Paltz Police Department and was joined by County Executive Jen Metzger, Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa, New Paltz Town Supervisor Neil Bettez, and advocate Jillian Nadiak-Bruck.

"No community, including the Hudson Valley, has been left untouched by the deadly impacts of silent killers like fentanyl. Just last year, the DEA seized enough deadly doses of fentanyl in New York for more than three times the state's population," said Senator Gillibrand. "The bipartisan FEND Off Fentanyl Act would target both cartels and individuals involved in producing and trafficking these dangerous drugs. It will better empower the government to sanction drug traffickers and combat money laundering schemes that make this trade profitable. We have lost far too many lives to fentanyl overdoses and I am committed to working with my colleagues in Congress to keep our communities safe."

"Stopping the fentanyl epidemic isn't about partisan politics- it's about public safety. No mother in Chester, father in Kingston, or grandparent in Beacon should have to experience the pain of losing a loved one to an overdose," said Congressman Pat Ryan. "I'm proud to support Senator Gillibrand on this legislation because we know the time for action is now. We need to attack the crisis head-on and crack down on this drug that is devastating Hudson Valley families."

"Removing Fentanyl from our streets is a life or death situation, and with 65% of overdoses involving Fentanyl, we need every possible tool to keep this deadly substance out of our communities. The FEND Off Fentanyl Act will finally bring the power of the Federal Government to crack down on trafficking from the source, and help give law enforcement officers the tools they need to fight this crisis and save lives. I applaud Senator Gillibrand for her work elevating this issue as a national emergency and look forward to the continued State and Federal partnerships we have to protect our community members from this deadly substance," said New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey.

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger said, "Senator Gillibrand is leading the charge in the fight against this crisis with the introduction of the Fend Off Fentanyl Act. This deadly substance has caused the senseless loss of so much life in Ulster County and across the country, and has wreaked havoc on families, neighborhoods, and communities. Senator Gillibrand's dedication to our communities is evident in the comprehensive nature of this legislation, which elevates the urgency of the crisis, and mobilizes the necessary federal agencies and resources to disrupt supply chains and the money-laundering network supporting this deadly trade. Thank you Senator Gillibrand for your steadfast dedication to saving lives and bringing justice to the families and communities harmed by this insidious drug."

"The drug crisis is a national issue with a regional impact felt deeply by our communities and citizens," said SUNY New Paltz President Darrell P. Wheeler. "We appreciate Senator Gillibrand's efforts through the FEND Off Fentanyl Act to address the underlying factors that bring opioid trafficking to scale. This legislation will complement our continued localized work at the University to provide training and education,

support resources, emergency NARCAN stations and more services, including for those in need of assistance."

The majority of illegal fentanyl entering the United States is made with Chinese precursor chemicals and manufactured in Mexico. This bill will empower the U.S. government to go after the cartels bringing these dangerous drugs into the United States and those producing and shipping the precursor materials. It also enhances sanctions enforcement and gives the Treasury Department tools to combat fentanyl-related money laundering.

Specifically, to disrupt the flow of illicit opioids into the United States, the FEND Off Fentanyl Act would:

- o Declare the international trafficking of fentanyl a national emergency.
- o Require the president to sanction transnational criminal organizations and drug cartels' key members engaged in international fentanyl trafficking.
- o Enable the president to use proceeds of forfeited, sanctioned property of fentanyl traffickers to further law enforcement efforts. (Contd. Pg.
- o Enhance the ability to enforce sanctions violations, making it more likely that people who defy U.S. law will be caught and prosecuted.
- o Require the administration to report to Congress on actions the U.S. government is taking to reduce the international trafficking of fentanyl and related opioids.
- o Allow the Treasury Department to utilize special measures to combat fentanyl-related money laundering.
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- Saturday, July 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Saturday, July 15, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Saturday, August 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Saturday, August 26, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Please register to ensure enough tools are available: <https://www.catskillinvasives.com/events>. Contact coordinator Kate Cooper with any questions at volunteer@catskillcenter.org.

To learn more about Callicoon Riverside Park (which is not yet open to the general public), visit <https://sullivanny.us/Departments/ParksRecreation/CallicoonPark>.

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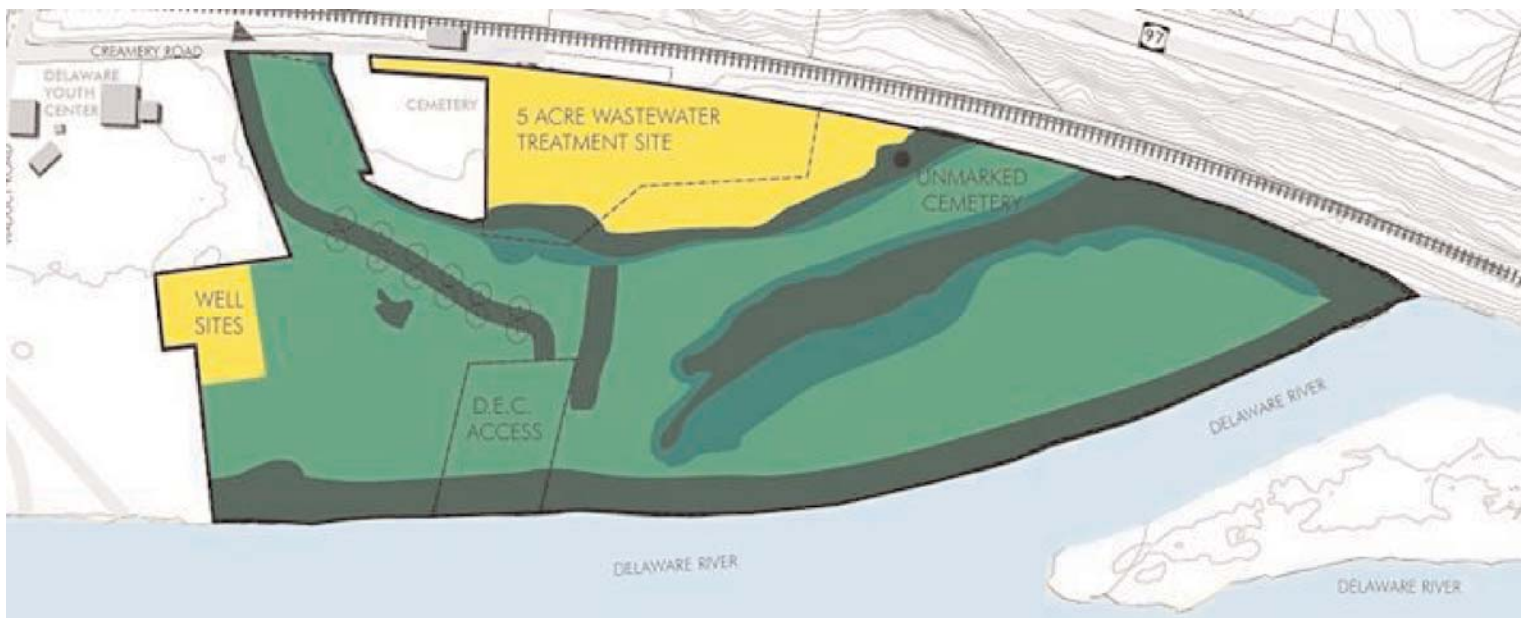
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Town of Fallsburg NY Wins Over \$70,000 Grant from NYS Archives

FALLSBURG, NY - [6/29/23] - The Town of Fallsburg is thrilled to announce that it has been awarded a grant of over \$74,000 from the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF), administered by the New York State Archives, a unit of the NYS Education Department (SED). The LGRMIF is a competitive program that provides grants to local governments, aiming to assist in the establishment or enhancement of records management programs.

The Town of Fallsburg's successful application demonstrated the urgent need to convert its existing records into digital format to ensure their long-term preservation, accessibility, and efficiency. The grant will be utilized to develop and implement a comprehensive records management program, including the conversion of vital records into digital records and the implementation of advanced records management technologies.

Kathy Rappaport, the Town Supervisor, expressed her gratitude for the grant and highlighted the significance of this opportunity. She stated, "This grant from the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund will enable the Town of Fallsburg to modernize our records management practices and protect our valuable historical records for future generations. The conversion of our records into digital format will not only enhance accessibility and efficiency but also provide greater safeguards against loss or damage."

The conversion of records into digital format is a crucial step towards improving records management practices in the Town of Fallsburg. By embracing digital records, the town will experience enhanced searchability, reduced physical storage requirements, and increased security measures to protect against unforeseen events.

The Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) grant from the New York State Archives reinforces the commitment of the State of New York to support local governments in their efforts to preserve and manage their records effectively. The Town of Fallsburg is honored to be among the recipients of this prestigious grant and looks forward to implementing the necessary work.

Kiwanis of Woodridge Trivia Game at Casa Mia Restaurant

The Kiwanis of Woodridge is excited to announce another fun Trivia Game at Casa Mia Restaurant, 205 Main St., Hurleyville, NY on Saturday, July 22, 2023 from 1 - 4 P.M. Advanced Reservations Required! Seating is limited so please make your reservations as soon as possible by contacting Debbie at 845-798-8795 or Diane at 845-866-3204. Last day to reserve a spot is July 10, 2023.

\$25.00 per person includes food & beverages as well as entry for a great Door Prize. Raffles and 50/50 tickets extra. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of winter outerwear, books, school supplies and other necessities needed by students in the Fallsburg Central School District as well as books for students attending Head Start in Woodbourne.

Once the Trivia game and Raffle is completed step out into Hurleyville and enjoy the festivities surrounding HPAC's Rainbow Fest which is free to the public. There will be talented performers, dancers, roller skaters, hula hoopers, stilt walkers, an amazing vendors/crafters market, a fashion show and a procession along Main Street. Refreshments will be available to purchase from all the wonderful restaurants in Hurleyville. These festivities go on until 7 p.m. so you will have plenty of time to enjoy everything after the Trivia Game.

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Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Advanced online registration is required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org

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**NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
DEC Delivers - Information to keep you connected and informed from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
DEC Announces Falconry, Wildlife Rehabilitator, and Leashed Tracking Dog Examinations 2023
Exams to be Held Online Aug. 11; Registration Deadline Aug. 9**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced today that examinations for individuals seeking a license to practice the sport of falconry, become a volunteer wildlife rehabilitator, or use leashed tracking dogs to find wounded or injured big game animals are scheduled for Friday, Aug. 11, 2023.

To provide broader access to the examinations, DEC is offering the examinations online. In-person examinations will not be offered.

To register for any of these exams, visit DEC's website and follow the directions provided on the website. Participants will receive an email acknowledgment of registration, and later, an additional one-time link to use to access the website on the date of the exam.

The deadline for registering to take any of these free exams is Wednesday, Aug. 9. The link to the registration webpage can also be found on each of the individual special license webpages.

Apprentice Falconry License

Falconry has a rich history and tradition throughout the world and requires a significant commitment in time and effort. Apprentices are limited to possessing one bird, either an American kestrel or a red-tailed hawk. A falconry study guide and examination manual are available at no cost from DEC. The cost of a five-year falconry license is \$40.

To qualify for the Apprentice Falconry license, applicants must:

- score 80 percent or higher on the written exam;
- be at least 14 years of age;
- possess a valid New York State hunting license;
- maintain DEC-approved facilities for housing falconry raptors; and
- be a resident of New York State.

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wildlife rehabilitator. A wildlife rehabilitator study guide and examination manual are available at no cost from DEC. There is no cost for the five-year wildlife rehabilitation license.

To qualify for the Wildlife Rehabilitator License, applicants must:

- score 80 percent or higher on the written exam;
- be at least 16 years of age;
- be interviewed by DEC Regional Wildlife staff; and
- be a resident of New York State.

Leashed Tracking Dog Handler

Leashed tracking dog handlers use their dogs to track and recover dead, wounded, or injured big game. Leashed tracking dog handlers provide a valuable service in aiding hunters in locating wounded big game that otherwise may go unrecovered. A leashed tracking dog study guide is available at no cost from DEC. There is a \$50 license fee for the five-year leashed tracking dog license and a \$25 non-refundable application fee.

To qualify for a Leashed Tracking Dog Handler License, applicants must:

- score 80 percent or higher on the written exam; and
- possess a valid New York State hunting license.

To register for any of these exams, visit the DEC Special Licenses Unit website. The link to the registration webpage is provided on each of the individual license webpages.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Special Licenses Unit at: NYS DEC Special Licenses Unit, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4752; phone: 518-402-8985; fax: 518-402-8925; email: SpecialLicenses@dec.ny.gov.



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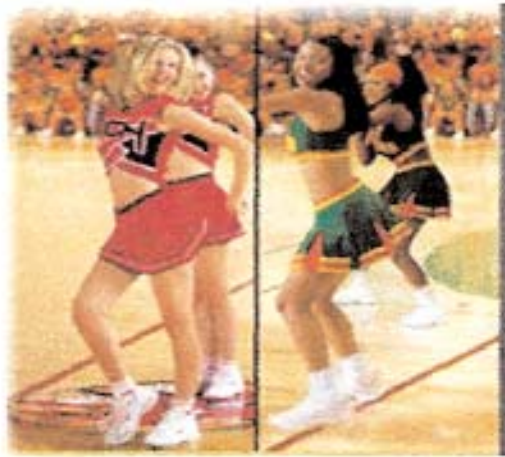
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Bold Gold Media and Jeff Bank Present Community Service Award to Monticello Kiwanis

The 98.3 WSUL Heart-A-Thon celebrated its 45th year on Friday, February 17, 2023, and raised over \$105,000 for heart disease in the Sullivan Catskills. This year's focus was on the prevention, education, and treatment of heart disease, with proceeds benefiting Cardiac Equipment for Garnet Medical Center Catskills; The Warrior Teens Program and an Outdoor Fitness Pad in Monticello with Sullivan 180; and A Singe Bite's Real Food School Education Program.



Left to Right: George Kinne, President of Jeff Bank, Karen Ellsweig, Vice President Monticello Kiwanis, Marvin Rappaport President Monticello Kiwanis, Dawn Ciorciari, GM Bold Gold Media NY

For the past several years, Jeff Bank has sponsored a \$1,000 Community Service Award, as part of the fundraising efforts. This award was designed to encourage local groups and organizations to raise money as a Team, where for each \$500 that is raised, the team or organization received one entry into a drawing from which the winner was selected. This year the community service award winner is the Monticello Kiwanis. A check was presented to the President of the Monticello Kiwanis, Marvin Rappaport and Vice President, Karen Ellsweig by Dawn Ciorciari, General Manager of Bold Gold Media and George Kinne, President of Jeff Bank, on June 15th at the Jeff Bank Branch in Monticello.

“On behalf of the 98.3 WSUL Heart-A-Thon Committee, we congratulate the Monticello Kiwanis on their community service award, and

we thank Jeff Bank for their support of this award. The money raised by groups and organizations make up a large portion of the proceeds from this event.” - Dawn Ciorciari, General Manager, Bold Gold Media NY Region. “On behalf of Jeff Bank, I would like to congratulate and thank the Monticello Kiwanis for their efforts in helping raise money towards the Heart-A-Thon. Our communities are our backbone, and we appreciate all that Bold Gold Media Group does to support them.” - George Kinne, President, Jeff Bank.

“We at Monticello Kiwanis are proud to accept this generous award which will be used to assist our ongoing programs to serve our community, one child at a time” - President Marvin Rappaport.

Gillibrand Announces NY to Receive over Half a Billion in Federal Funding to Expand Broadband Access

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced that New York State will receive \$664,618,251.49 in federal funding authorized by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to expand access to broadband. The funding was allocated through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program and will bring high-speed internet access to underserved communities across the state.

“Limited access to reliable high-speed internet makes it harder for kids to do their homework, for seniors to access telehealth appointments, and for workers to take advantage of remote employment opportunities,” said Senator Gillibrand. “High-quality internet is no longer a luxury - it is a necessity for everyday life. This \$664+ million in funding will bring broad-

band to communities across New York that have lacked access for years, spur economic growth, and improve quality of life for New York families. I am proud to have fought to pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to secure this funding for our state and I will keep fighting for federal resources to close the digital divide once and for all.”

Gillibrand has long fought to bring reliable internet access to every community in the state. She worked to pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the American Rescue Plan, which together with other Biden administration efforts have delivered over \$1.5 billion in federal funding for high-speed internet infrastructure in New York, including \$100 million through the Capital Projects Fund, over \$9 million for tribal communities through the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program, over \$31 million for rural communities through the ReConnect Loan and Grant Program, and over \$14 million for unserved and underserved communities through the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program.

Governor Hochul Announces State Park Campground Accommodations for 2024 Solar Eclipse

*Beginning the Week of July 3, 2023, Reservations
Will Become Available at 335 Campsites at State
Parks Across Eight Counties in New York
Path of Totality to Pass Through Western New York, Finger
Lakes, Central New York, and Adirondacks*

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that people who want to experience a rare total solar eclipse in April 2024 can stay at seven State Park campgrounds that will open for the event. The early opening will help accommodate an expected influx of visitors heading to several regions of the state to witness the celestial event.

"Next year, New Yorkers and visitors alike will have the opportunity to witness an extraordinary, celestial show in our state as the solar eclipse passes over the heart of Western New York, the Finger Lakes, and the Adirondacks in 2024," Governor Hochul said. "Our State Parks will open campground accommodations early, prior to the traditional camping season, to ensure people can see this amazing display in one of New York's beautiful natural settings. I encourage all who are interested to reserve their spot beginning this week for this incredible event."

Starting the week of July 3, 2023, reservations will become available from State Parks at a total of 335 campsites, cottages and cabins stretching across eight counties in western, central, and northern New York. On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will trace a narrow path of totality across 15 U.S. states, including much of western and upstate New York. For visitors with reservations for the night of April 8, check-out time is 11:00 a.m. the following morning, so visitors can avoid traffic and enjoy the attractions of the region after the eclipse.

Reservations can be made nine months in advance for a minimum of two nights through ReserveAmerica.com.

Sites will be available April 4-8 at the following State Parks:

- o Allegany State Park, 2373 ASP, Rte 1, Salamanca, NY 14779 (Allegany County), for 165 sites, including campsites, cabins, cottages, and a group camp. New reservations open July 4.
- o Fair Haven Beach State Park, 14985 State Park Road, Fair Haven, NY 13064 (Cayuga County) for 29 cabins and one cottage. Reservations open July 5.
- o Letchworth State Park, 1 Letchworth State Park, Castile, NY 14427 (Livingston/Wyoming counties) for 19 cabins and cottages. Reservations open July 5.
- o Evangola State Park, 10191 Old Lake Shore Road, Irving, NY 14081 (Erie County) for 25 campsites. Reservations open July 5.
- o Four Mile Creek State Park, 1055 Lake Road, Youngstown, NY 14174 (Niagara County) for 50 campsites. Reservations open July 5.
- o Golden Hill State Park, 9691 Lower Lake Road, Barker, NY 14012 (Niagara County) for 25 campsites. Reservations open July 5.
- o Wellesley Island State Park, 44927 Cross Island Road, Fineview, NY 13640 (Jefferson County) for 21 cabins and cottages. New reservations open July 5.

In the U.S., the eclipse will pass northeast through Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. The eclipse will begin in western New York shortly after 2 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Full totality will begin in Chautauqua County at 3:17 p.m., moving through the state to Plattsburgh at 3:25 p.m.. Locations in the path of totality could experience total darkness for up to 4 minutes. The eclipse will then enter Canada in southern Ontario, and continue through Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Cape Breton.

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CONTACT DIANE AT DSENN10151@AOL.COM

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JWEINER66@GMAIL.COM

The next total solar eclipse that will be visible from the contiguous U.S. will not be until August 2044.

A total solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the sun and earth, completely blocking the face of the sun. People viewing the eclipse from locations where the moon's shadow completely covers the Sun - known as the path of totality - will experience a total solar eclipse. The sky will become dark, as if it were dawn or dusk. Weather permitting, people along the path of totality will see the sun's corona, or outer atmosphere, which is usually obscured by the bright face of the sun.

Except during the brief total phase of a total solar eclipse, when the moon completely blocks the sun's bright face, it is unsafe to look directly at the sun without specialized eye protection for solar viewing. According to NASA, viewing any part of the sun through a camera lens, binoculars, or a telescope without a special-purpose solar filter secured over the front of the optics will instantly cause severe eye injury. The partial phases of the solar eclipse can only be safely observed directly with specialized solar viewing glasses ("eclipse glasses") or a handheld solar viewer. Regular sunglasses, polarized or otherwise, are not a safe replacement for solar eclipse glasses.

For more information about the 2024 Total Eclipse in New York State, visit <https://www.iloveny.com/events/eclipse-2024/>

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which in 2022 were visited by record 79.5 million people. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit www.parks.ny.gov, download the free NY State Parks Explorer mobile app or call 518.474.0456. Also, connect on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

GRC Mission Committee Event

All Proceeds Go to Mission Committee Charities

TAKEOUT CHICKEN BBQ

At Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall

Saturday * July 15

3 - 6 PM * \$15

MENU: BBQ Chicken, Macaroni Salad,
Baked Beans, Roll, Cookies

Advanced Tickets = Guaranteed Meal

Limited Number of Tickets Sold at the Door

First Come First Serve

To Purchase Tickets, Call:

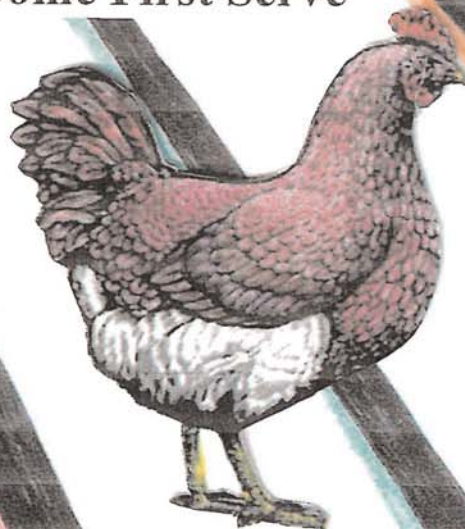
Cathy Coombe.....845-701-9629

Evelyn Skidmore....845-985-7572

Heidi Curless.....845-985-0218

Jeff Hutchins.....802-451-8391

Tootsie Wells.....845-842-6145



SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



NICK NEEDS KIDNEY -TYPE 0 (IN SOME CASES TYPE A BLOOD COULD WORK)

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

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

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

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

 Follow Nick
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Time and the Valleys Museum

Grahamsville, NY

Are you interested in local history?

Did you know that Museum membership is only \$25 a YEAR?
Members receive:

- Free admission to all diverse in-person and virtual programs
- Free admission to the Museum and expanding Catskill Farm
- Invitations to exhibit openings and special events
(there are TWO exhibit openings in 2023!)
- *Around the Reservoirs* Newsletter
- Monthly historical and informative emails
- 10% discount in the Museum Shop



Join now & get 10% off!

Join at the \$100 (Patron) level for FREE admission to thousands of museums all across North America! You can use the form below, or go to www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org to join with paypal.

Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, New York 12740
845 985-7700 www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$25 \$22.50	Name: _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$50 \$45	City: _____ State & Zip: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$100 \$90	Phone: _____ e-mail: _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Gold	\$500 \$450	

Thank you for supporting local history and the Museum.



BONUS - Free Art Catalogue!

New Social Services Initiative Aims to Ensure No 'Wrong Doors' Sullivan County Utilizing New Software Tool to Unite Providers

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County, in partnership with software vendor Unite Us, is rolling out a new referral service with local healthcare providers to make it easier for people to find the help they need.

“We have 34 partner agencies already looking to join and 27 employees who have started training to use this new platform,” Health & Human Services Commissioner John Liddle said. “Our go-live goal is August 28, and I’m excited about this chance to bring our provider community closer together and make it easier for folks to access healthcare and social supports.”

“This network will be a game-changer for us, allowing users to send and receive secure, electronic referrals and monitor patient outcomes in real-time,” explained Director of Community Services Melissa Stickle. “We’ll be able to move nimbly and effectively react to the needs of the people we serve every day.”

“Our constant goal is to ensure there is no 'wrong door' for people to walk through to get the help they need, and this new initiative promises to get us a lot closer to that ideal,” stated Liddle.

The “no wrong door” concept of delivering human serv-

ices isn't new, but Sullivan County aims to take this concept to a new level of efficiency that will enable providers to connect clients and patients with all of the services they need at any location in the developing network. Human service agencies and healthcare providers around the County who join the Unite Us network will be trained in the use of the network's referral system, allowing each network member to receive and generate referrals to other network partners. Network members will also have the ability to confirm the effectiveness of their referrals through closed loop feedback. Perhaps most importantly for the community, the network will only require service recipients to provide their personal information once to be able to obtain assistance from doctor's offices, social services, behavioral health providers, disability resource providers, workforce development, and many more.

Unite Us aims to help the County and its partners:

- o Identify the right interventions for those being served
- o Proactively and intelligently inform individual care management
- o Design efficient community outreach, intervention, and funding strategies

Unite Us accomplishes these goals by collecting and sharing network data with partners who aim to improve social determinants of health in their communities.

The service is currently funded by a Healing Communities Study grant via Columbia University and will likely be funded in future years with opioid settlement funds. Unite Us does not charge not-for-profit agencies to join the network, and referral services come at no cost to clients and patients.

VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL
YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP
JOIN US!

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

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD
WEDNESDAY
 @ 6:30 PM

Voices United
 Change

ORANGE COUNTY
 YOUTH BUREAU

VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL
PARENT SUPPORT GROUP
JOIN US!

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

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

EVERY 2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAY
 @ 6:30 PM

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 YOUTH BUREAU

10 WARNING SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association[®]



WHAT TO WATCH FOR IN YOURSELF AND OTHERS.

Alzheimer's causes changes in memory, thinking and behavior that are not normal aging.

Join us to learn about:

- » The difference between normal aging and Alzheimer's.
- » Common warning signs.
- » The importance of early detection and benefits of diagnosis.
- » Next steps and expectations for the diagnostic process.
- » Alzheimer's Association resources.

Tuesday, July 25
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Riverside United Methodist Church
(merge of Callicoon & Hankins UMC's)
9290 State Route 97, Callicoon, NY
12723

RSVP Linda Whismore at RUMC
(570) 470-7897
Light refreshments served.

Sponsored by:
Callicoon United Methodist Women
All are welcome!

Visit [alz.org/CRF](https://www.alz.org/CRF) to explore additional education programs online and in your area.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

 **ALZHEIMER'S
ASSOCIATION**

Hudson Valley Chapter

**Shady United Methodist Church
Summertime Fair
& Yard Sale**

Saturday, July 8

9AM - 1PM

Breakfast & Lunch

**Bake Table, Craft Table,
Quilted Items, Plants,
White Elephant & Great Food!**

**Quilted Items, Wall Hangings, Table
Runners, Placemats, Mugmats, Trivets etc.!**

**Shady United Methodist Church
Church Road, Shady
5 miles West of Woodstock on Rt. 212**

All Together Now

at the Daniel Pierce Library

Summer Reading Program | Grades 4, 5, & 6



Earth Defenders

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.



Earth Defenders Program Includes:

- Getting hands dirty
- Why compost
- Intro to seasonal eating
- The wonder of worms
- Preserving food
- Planning a container pizza sauce garden
- **PIZZA PARTY**

In collaboration with 4H and Growing Soul, we bring you this Zero Waste Earth Defenders Program.

Any way you slice it, a program not to be missed!



Registration is open to Tri-Valley Residents.
Register online @ www.danielpiercelibrary.org

Register for Earth Defenders at:

<https://danielpiercelibrary.org/Pages/Index/227236/earth-defenders---grades-4-6>



Happy Independence Day Weekend! 4th of July Video 2023

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CDMUWmTv2u0>

As we celebrate the Fourth of July, let us remember that it's not just about the birth of our incredible nation but also about the enduring spirit of freedom that defines us as Americans. While we gather with our loved ones this weekend, please join me in taking a moment to honor the courageous men and women who have bravely defended our freedom, both here at home and abroad.

Their unwavering courage and selflessness are a powerful reminder that freedom is not something we can take for granted but rather a responsibility that we must always cherish, nurture, and protect.

Let's recommit ourselves to the principles that unite us as a nation and make us who we are - that shining city on a hill. I'm wishing everyone in New York's 24th District and across the country a happy Independence Day! May god bless the United States of America!

Serving on the Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group

This week, I was honored to be appointed by Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy to serve on the Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group.

The Inter-Parliamentary Group consists of a coalition of elected leaders from both Canada and U.S. who are dedicated to promoting dialogue on policy issues of shared interest. We will engage in important bilateral discussions on issues such as trade, border management, our Great Lakes, national security, and economic opportunity, all with the aim of enhancing cooperation and fostering mutual benefits. I am honored to have been named to serve on this body.

Canada and the United States are interconnected through shared values and strong economic ties. I look forward to working alongside my fellow members to address key issues impacting our bilateral relationship to advance both our regional and national interests.

Calling for Snapback Sanctions on Iran

This week a group of House members sent a letter to President Joe Biden calling for "snapback" sanctions on Iran once the rogue regime crosses the threshold of 90 percent nuclear enrichment. I strongly disagree with the premise of this letter. Signaling to the Islamic Republic of Iran that it should only face consequences for its reckless nuclear extortion if it reaches the dangerous threshold of 90 percent weapons-grade nuclear enrichment is deeply concerning.

Iran is already enriching uranium at 24 times the limit allowed by the failed and flawed JCPOA - the time for action is now, not after Iran blows past the critical benchmark of achieving weapons-grade enriched uranium.

Threatening snapback only after Iran reaches the 90 percent threshold also creates a new and dangerous standard that

Iranian enrichment up to 89.9 percent is somehow acceptable. Let me be clear: it is absolutely not acceptable. We need to stop moving the goalposts and start increasing the pressure. The time for snapback is now.

Commending the Supreme Court for Constitutional Rulings on Student Loan Debt and Religious Liberty

This week, the Supreme Court released their final decisions for this term, including important decisions on Biden's effort to cancel student loan debt and a decision protecting religious liberty. I applaud the Court's rulings in both cases.

Last year, the Biden administration tried to illegally bypass Congress to spend at least \$400 billion in taxpayer money to cancel student loan debt. This policy was unfair, costly, and unconstitutional. Thankfully the Supreme Court protected Constitutional checks and balances, reaffirming that the power of the purse belongs to the people's House, not the President.

Additionally, in another case, the Supreme Court reaffirmed that free speech and the ability to practice one's faith are fundamental rights guaranteed by the First Amendment. Individuals with deeply held religious beliefs acting in good faith should be protected under the law.



As start another productive week, I wanted to give you an update on all that I've been doing on behalf of the Hudson and Delaware Valleys!

PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE, ONE YEAR AFTER THE OVERTURNING OF ROE

One year ago, an extremist Supreme Court ripped away a woman's right to choose by overturning Roe v Wade.

In the year since the Supreme Court's decision, the right has relentlessly attacked and continued to erode women's right to freely make deeply personal healthcare choices.

I didn't serve 27 months in combat across the globe to watch these freedoms come under attack here at home.

That's why I introduced the Protecting Reproductive Freedom Act to safeguard access to medical abortion and now I'm proud to cosponsor the Right to Contraception Act so that we can finally enshrine access to birth control in law.

We cannot stop fighting until reproductive rights are guaranteed for every woman.

DELIVERING BROADBAND TO EVERYONE

New York will receive more than \$660 million for broadband expansion thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law!

Hudson Valley families rely on broadband for their jobs, their schoolwork, and keeping in touch with loved ones. I'm thrilled to see these federal funds coming to NY-18.

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Last week was packed with helping constituents at Mobile Office Hours events in Rosendale, Poughkeepsie, and Middletown.

Thank you to everyone who came out and to Middletown Mayor DeStefano and Assemblywoman Gunther for joining at the Middletown City Hall event.

Mobile Office Hours events are just getting started and are headed across all of NY-18. Stay tuned for the July schedule and let me know where you'd like to see mobile office hours next!

RAISING PTSD AWARENESS

Last Tuesday marked PTSD Awareness Day. Processing trauma is a deeply personal experience and is often not visible to others.

Know that support is available and accessible. If you or a loved one may be in crisis: call 988; Text 838255 or Chat at <https://988lifeline.org/chat> (Contd. Pg 57)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 56)

I am committed to expanding access to mental healthcare resources and fighting for legislation that will reduce the sources of and exposure to trauma in our communities.

LOWERING YOUR COST OF LIVING

I'm committed to delivering relief to Hudson Valley families and The Weatherization Assistance Program assists families and individuals by reducing their heating/cooling costs and improving the affordability of their homes through energy efficiency measures. Services are available to both income-eligible homeowners and renters.

Energy efficiency measures include air sealing (weather stripping, caulking), insulation, heating system improvements or replacement, efficiency lighting, and refrigerator replacements with highly efficient Energy Star rated units.

Learn more about eligibility here and how to apply here <https://hcr.ny.gov/weatherization>

CAPPING THE PRICE OF INSULIN

On July 1st, the Inflation Reduction Act's \$35 monthly cap on insulin costs for seniors on Medicare who use insulin pumps goes into effect. Learn more on how the Inflation Reduction Act is saving all Medicare users money here <https://www.cms.gov/inflation-reduction-act-and-medicare>

This \$35 cap on insulin for Medicare users led the way for many large pharmaceutical companies to follow suit in capping their insulin prices at comparable prices - so all Americans can have access to life-saving drugs.

I'm committed to fighting for more affordable healthcare for the Hudson Valley and protecting the benefits that our seniors deserve.

CLEANING UP BROWNFIELDS

Everyone in the Hudson Valley and future generations deserve clean soil, air, and water. The Biden Administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has \$12 million in Brownfields Job Training Grants to help communities transform brownfield sites into hubs of economic opportunity.

The grants allow organizations to recruit, train, and retain a local, skilled workforce to reduce environmental contamination and build more sustainable futures. Applications due August 2.

WELCOMING THE NEWEST WEST POINT CADETS

Last Monday was Reception Day at West Point and I want to welcome the class of 2027!

You are the future leaders of our country. I wish you the best of luck as you learn the true meaning of Duty, Honor, and Country.

And it's never too early to say Beat Navy!

CELEBRATING EID AL-ADHA

I want to wish Eid Mubarak to everyone across the Hudson Valley who celebrated Eid al-Adha last week!

I hope the time was filled with family, blessings, and joy.

ATTENDING SENIOR PROM

I had a great time at the Ulster County Senior Prom in Rosendale alongside Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger and State Senator Michelle Hinchey.

We're always here to support Hudson Valley seniors.

GRANTS CORNER -NEW!

Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts' creative place-making grants program. Through project-based funding, it supports projects that integrate arts, culture, and design activities into efforts that strengthen communities over the long term. Register for informal virtual sessions with Our Town staff to answer questions about submitting a competitive application here <https://www.arts.gov/grants/our-town/applicant-resources>

Application due Thursday, August 3, 2023. Apply here ! <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=340917>

REMINDER! Applications are open for:

that address the climate crisis by improving the resilience of the surface transportation system, including highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity passenger rail. Projects selected under this program should be grounded in the best available scientific understanding of climate change risks, impacts, and vulnerabilities. They should support the continued operation or rapid recovery of crucial local, regional, or national surface transportation facilities. By funding projects that improve resilience to natural hazards and climate change impacts, the PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program aims to reduce damage and disruption to the transportation system, improve the safety of the traveling public, and improve equity by addressing the needs of disadvantaged populations that are often the most vulnerable to hazards. Application due August 18 .

The Economic Development Administration is now accepting applications for its \$50 million Build to Scale (B2S) program to support projects that strengthen equitable ecosystems and increase access to capital for innovators, entrepreneurs, and startups. EDA invites organizations that are aiding technology-based companies with high growth potential (including, but not limited to startups) in developing the next generation of technologies to apply for Build to Scale Program funding by the July 28th deadline. Learn more and apply here https://www.eda.gov/sites/default/files/2023-06/FY23_B2S_NOFO.pdf

More than \$500 million in federal funding is now available to support the resurgence of small businesses across New York State through the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), a program through the American Rescue Plan Act. SSBCI provides funds to support programs for small businesses, including socially and economically disadvantaged individual (SEDI) owned businesses and very small businesses (VSB), to recover from the economic effects of COVID-19 and allow them the opportunity to succeed in the post-pandemic economy. Learn more here !

DOE is using an aggregation model to enhance the technical and administrative capacity of nonprofits seeking access to this funding. Under this model, DOE will award 5-15 larger grants to nonprofits interested in serving as Prime recipients. These Prime recipients will assemble and support a group of energy efficiency projects in the facilities of other nonprofit organizations. Ultimately, hundreds of nonprofit facilities should be represented across these project bundles. Learn more here <https://www.energy.gov/scep/renew-american-nonprofits>

and get started here ! <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOESCEP/bulletins/35c56>

The Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans Program provides grants to non-profits to increase the number of military veterans gaining knowledge and skills through comprehensive, hands-on and immersive model farm and ranch programs offered regionally that lead to successful careers in the food and agricultural sector. The program encourages the development of training opportunities specifically designed for military veterans.

The Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program will plan for and strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through formula and competitive discretionary grants.

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



Welcome to the Molinaro Memo

Rep. Molinaro Slams U.S. Postal Service For Closing Westbrookville Post Office Without Notice, Potentially Violating Federal Law

Liberty, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today issued the following statement after the U.S. Postal Service abruptly closed the Westbrookville Post Office:

“The U.S. Postal Service is required to notify residents of an impending Post Office closure at least 60 days before shutting down a facility so affected residents are able to voice concerns. Closing a Post Office with only one day's notice is not only inconvenient, but potentially unlawful. This incident adds to the disturbing pattern of the Postal Service disregarding the needs and concerns of Sullivan County residents. I am vigorously demanding answers and accountability from the leadership at the U.S. Postal Service.”

Rep. Molinaro Calls For Post-Pandemic Federal Study to Address Learning Loss & Challenges Facing Students With Disabilities

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19), founder of the successful 'Think DIFFERENTLY' initiative, today called on the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a comprehensive study on how the COVID-19 pandemic impacted educational outcomes for students with disabilities. While there has been numerous studies on the significant learning setbacks experienced by school-aged children during the pandemic, little has been done to fully understand the challenges faced by students with disabilities.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, schools in Upstate New York and across the nation experienced prolonged closures, mask mandates, and various restrictions. Students with disabilities were particularly affected, with limited access to essential therapies, altered Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals, and extensive time away from the classroom.

In a letter to the GAO, Rep. Molinaro urged them to commission a study to fully explore how the pandemic impacted students with disabilities. The goal of the study is to understand the unique needs of these students so educators, parents, and lawmakers can develop informed solutions and never let this happen again.

Rep. Molinaro said, “I'm the father of four children, one of whom is on the autism spectrum. During the pandemic, parents like myself saw learning loss in their children firsthand. While many academic studies have sought to understand the full scope of these educational setbacks, very little attention has been given to the educational needs of students with disabilities. I'm working to commission a federal study so we can find solutions to address the challenges facing these students and never let this happen again. Every child of every ability deserves to have an education that gives them the opportunity to succeed.”

Dear Mr. Dodaro:

Students with disabilities face many unique challenges in achieving educational success. These challenges were only exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic through the closure of schools for many months and even years in some cases, the requiring of masks in schools, and more.

Certain decisions and restrictions led to significant time out of classroom, therapies limited, and IEP goals amended. We know regression has occurred but to what extent and at what cost to the individual student? For these reasons, I ask the GAO to conduct a study to determine the impact of COVID-19 and corresponding shutdowns on the average educational outcomes for students with disabilities. Subsequent lack of staff and new requirements on schools most certainly have led to impacts from before the COVID-19 pandemic, during, and then after. How those with disabilities have been impacted would shed an important light for educators, schools, students, parents, and lawmakers.

Rep. Molinaro Continues to Build On Think DIFFERENTLY Initiative, Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Help Students With Disabilities Access Resources to Succeed in School

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today introduced the Think DIFFERENTLY About Education Act. This bipartisan bill helps parents of children with disabilities advocate for the resources their child needs to succeed in school. It builds on Rep. Molinaro's successful 'ThinkDIFFERENTLY' initiative. Rep. Molinaro introduced this bipartisan bill alongside U.S. Reps. Tony Cárdenas (D-CA-29), Anthony D'Esposito (R-NY-04), and Mike Lawler (R-NY-17).

In an annual IEP meeting, school staff and parents of a child with a disability meet to develop an educational plan for the student. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, parents have the right to bring a third-party advocate, such as a therapist, lawyer, or knowledgeable family member, to these meetings. However, most parents are not aware of this right.

The Think DIFFERENTLY About Education Act requires K-12 schools to inform parents of their right to bring an advocate to individualized education program (IEP) meetings.

Rep. Molinaro said, “As the father of four children, one of whom is on the autism spectrum, I understand what families go through. Working with school administrators to get your child the resources they need can be a daunting and confusing experience. My bipartisan bill, the Think DIFFERENTLY About Education Act, is going to change that. By having an advocate that supports parents and their child, families will be able to better access resources to help their child succeed in school.”

Robyn Linscott, Director of Education and Family Policy for The Arc said, “The special education system is complex and the majority of parents and families navigating it don't fully know their rights. One of those often undisclosed and obstructed rights is the ability to have a third party present for IEP meetings. We are pleased that the 'Think DIFFERENTLY About Education Bill' would ensure parents and families are notified of this right at the start of every school year.”

Cyrus Huncharek, Director of Policy & Advocacy for the National Down Syndrome Congress said, “Despite the fact that IDEA clearly allows parents to invite other individuals to special education meetings who have knowledge or special expertise regarding their child, we know of parents who have been told they cannot bring a third party to these meetings. Parents and students with Down syndrome are entitled to bring additional individuals who have knowledge of the student and the 'Think DIFFERENTLY About Education Act' will ensure that parents are aware of this by requiring schools to notify parents of this right on an annual basis”

The full text of the letter can be found here:

EDITOR NOTES:

We are always trying to improve The Townsman and make it better for everyone. This past weekend I was asked by one of our readers how they could print out just one page, or several pages of The Townsman.

It really is easy – if you know what ‘buttons’ to push.

Depending on what computer, cell phone, tablet, etc. that you are using will make a slight difference, but basically here are the steps to print out a single page, or several pages.

METHOD 1

- o Step one: Open any PDF reader of your choice. You may also ‘right click’ on the page you want to print and follow the steps.
- o Step two: To upload your files, select the document you want to print by clicking on File > Print in your Print window.
- o Step three: Other options to choose Print range and/or number of Copies will be displayed. Enter your required Print range and number of Copies, then click OK to print.

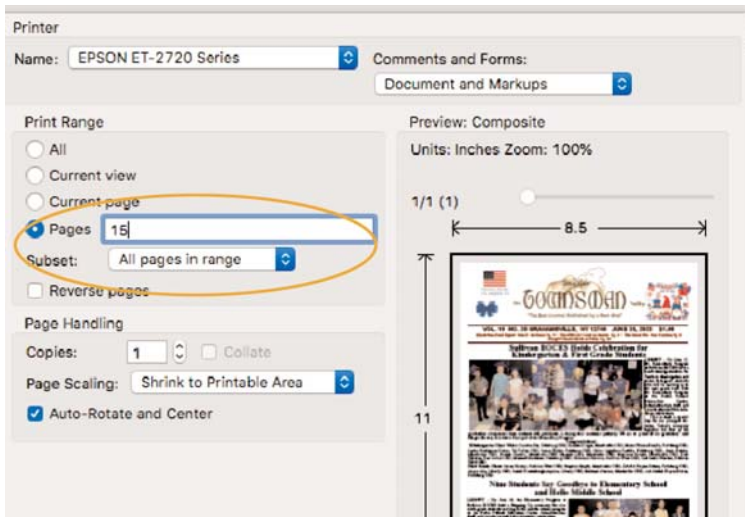
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3. Ctrl-click (Windows) or Command-click (macOS) the page thumbnails you want to print.
4. Choose File > Print. ...
5. Click OK or Print.

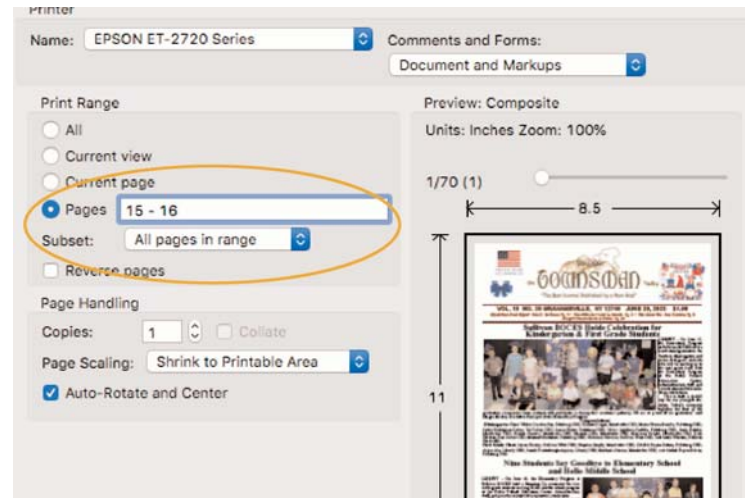
METHOD 3

Select the page thumbnails and choose File > Print, or in the Print dialog box, select Pages and then enter the page numbers or ranges you want to print, separating them by commas.

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To print a single page, enter page number in “Pages “ box



To print two or more pages, enter page number s in “Pages “ box as shown above. e.g. 15 - 16, 1 - 4, etc.

I hope this helps.

Should you have any questions just send me an email at tvtownsman@yahoo.com and we will work together to make sure you can print from your computer.

Linda

Different devices will have different looks for the prompt, but generally will look similar to one that I have displayed.

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, July 23rd

Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

Adult: \$11

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs are available 985-7270

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

Big Sky Productions
presents
Four Plays About Q&As

- a staged reading of four one-act plays
of Playwright **Bill Duncan**

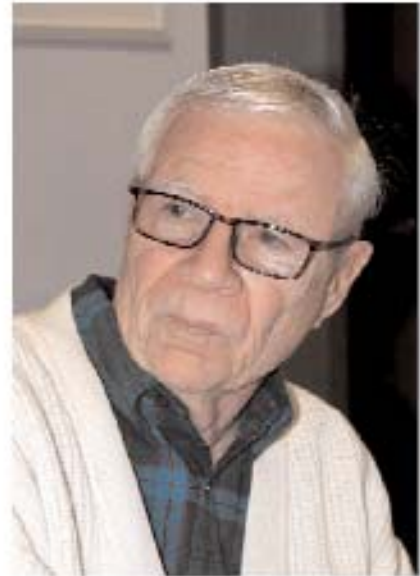
Directed by Carol Montana

Featuring:

Albee Bockman, Mary Burkart

Paul Ciliberto, Crystal Tweed

Laure Valentine and Michael Valentine



**Sullivan County Museum,
265 Main Street Hurleyville, NY 12747**

**Date: Saturday and Sunday, July 8 & 9
2 p.m.**

Cost: \$10 — includes dessert

Phone: 845-434-8044

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TASTE OF BROADWAY II

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023 MATINEE AT SHADOWLAND THEATER

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Impromptu country rock musical super group of Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Johnny Cash will be performing.

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Mail to: Helene Morris, PO Box 105, SPRING GLEN, NY 12483

" A Taste of Broadway II"

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Lunch at Gaby's Café before the Show

11:45 Start / Open Seating

Menu

Chips & Salsa

Gaby's House Salad

Choice of main entrée**Pollo 5 de Mayo**

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

Pernil al Horno

Roast Pork, Gaby's Style.

Veggie Fajita

Roasted vegetables.

Dessert

Assorted Cookies

Soda / Coffee / Tea

Cash Bar**Please call ERH Auxiliary Event Chairperson Helene Morris at 845-210-7120
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Give us a call or send us a text and someone will always be there to listen and help you deal with your situation.



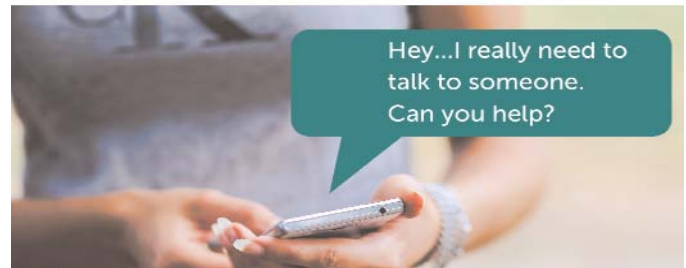
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"All Together Now" with our Reading Incentives

June 25 to
August 31

All ages

Children Ages 0-5 Years and 6-11 Years

Read all summer, log the number of books and minutes read to receive prizes!

"Tweens", Teens, and Adults

Log the number of books and minutes read and for every 4 books you read you will be entered into our SRP drawing!

Book BINGO Ages 6 - 11 years, "Tweens", Teens Ages 12 - 18 years, and Adults

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Summer Reading Program Events

All Together Now

KIDS

"Gossiping Frogs" Puppet Show

Ages 0-5 Years Tuesday, July 11 at 6:00 p.m.

This unique, educational, and fun puppet show is performed by talented Sue Moore, her Puppeteers, and her Stop, Drop, & Pray Puppets!

"Friendship Bracelet & Keepsake Tray Extravaganza"

Grades 1, 2, & 3 Thursday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Making friendship bracelets is a classic activity...doing it with your "bestie" makes it special! Our young artist will also make a Keepsake Tray to keep their bracelets on!

"Earth Defenders"

Grades 4, 5, & 6 Tuesday, July 18 at 6:00 p.m.

In collaboration with 4H, we bring you our Zero Waste Earth Defenders Program. Get your hands dirty and learn why we compost and how to grow a Pizza Sauce Garden.

TEENS

"Donuts & Design"

Grades 7-12 Thursday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Donuts and art: a perfect pair, so grab a donut or two and join us for a fun-filled evening!

ADULTS

"Beekeeping Curiosity"

Saturday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Enter the fascinating world of the honey bee! During this one hour family friendly engagement you will explore the wonderful world of our pollinator friends.



FAMILIES

"Entertainment Night-Jarred Campbell" More than just a musician!

For children of all ages and their families

Thursday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Come to the fairgrounds rain or shine for an enjoyable evening of entertainment and fun with family and friends!

Register online @ www.danielpiercelibrary.org

PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program

2nd Annual

VET FEST

Saturday 11am-6pm

August 5, 2023

Grahamsville Fair Grounds

**FREE for Veterans, Service Members,
and their Families**

Music by Derek Stoner

**Free rabies and distemper vaccines for Service Dogs
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Proof of previous vaccines and Service Dog Certification required

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UC Board of Elections Announces 3rd Annual "I Voted" Sticker Design Contest Online Voting

Kingston NY - The Ulster County Board of Elections is thrilled to announce the launch of online voting for its highly anticipated 3rd annual "I Voted" sticker design contest. Building on the tremendous success of last year's contest, which gained viral attention with the remarkable design by Hudson Rowan, this year's competition promises to captivate the community once again.

The "I Voted" sticker design contest invites talented students from various Ulster County schools to showcase their artistic skills and contribute to the celebration of civic engagement. This year, five outstanding students have submitted their unique designs, each reflecting their creativity and vision.

To ensure broad community participation and engagement, the Ulster County Board of Elections has launched an innovative online voting platform accessible through the official website, voteulster.com. The platform allows individuals to cast their votes for their favorite sticker design, making their voices heard and playing an active role in the selection process.

Open voting has already begun and will continue until July 31st, providing ample time for voters of all ages to participate and show their support for the student artists. The winning design will be chosen based on popular vote. The design that emerges victorious will be transformed into the highly coveted "I Voted" stickers, which will be prominently distributed at all early voting locations and poll sites during the upcoming 2023 General Election, scheduled for this fall.

John Quigley, Republican Commissioner of the Ulster County Board of Elections, expressed his excitement about the contest, stating "We are delighted to launch online voting for the "I Voted" sticker design contest, allowing our community members to actively participate in this important process. The talent and creativity on display by our local students are truly exceptional. We encourage everyone to visit our website, cast their votes, and help us select the winning design that will adorn the stickers during the upcoming General Election."

Ashley Torres, Democratic Commissioner of the Ulster County Board of Elections said, "The contest serves as a powerful reminder to all eligible voters about the significance of their participation in the democratic process. By engaging young artists and providing them a platform to showcase their talents, the Ulster County Board of Elections aims to inspire a sense of civic responsibility and empower the next generation of engaged citizens."

For more information about the "I Voted" sticker design contest and to cast your vote, please visit voteulster.com

About the Ulster County Board of Elections:

The Ulster County Board of Elections is dedicated to upholding the integrity and accessibility of the electoral process in Ulster County. Through voter registration initiatives, efficient election management, and community education programs, the Board of Elections strives to promote democratic values and ensure active participation.

TMR Scout Museum will open, Sunday, July 9 Our latest exhibit will discuss monarch butterflies

Narrowsburg, N.Y. (July 5, 2023) -- The Ten Mile River Scout Museum, located on the grounds of Ten Mile River Scout Camps' headquarters, 1481 County Road 26, Narrowsburg, N.Y. will open for the summer season beginning Sunday, July 9.

The Museum will be open the following hours. Museum personnel will be there to answer visitors' questions.

- o Sunday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- o Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- o Wednesday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- o Saturday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

If people wish to visit outside the official hours, please contact us at 845-252-2063, 718-541-1653 or email info@tmrmuseum.org and we will try to schedule. Information about schedule changes will be posted on the museum's website, Facebook and Twitter feeds.

Our newest exhibit is "Monarch Butterflies." Monarchs are the masters of migration, traveling up to 3000 miles every year from North America to Mexico and back. Some of these colorful and amazing insects can be found on the milkweed plants around TMR. There is also a new exhibit on Ernest Thompson Seton, one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America.

The following free events are scheduled. All evening history talks will be led by Co-Director Glenn Pontier and will begin at 7 p.m. ET. They will be held in the open-air Karl Bernstein Cayuga/Kotohke cabin at the TMR Museum. All events are open to scouts and the general public. Follow our social media feeds for any changes.

- o Tuesday, July 11 - Evening History Talk - "The Original People" - The Lenape used these mountains to hunt, fish, trade with the Mohawks and teach their children.
- o Tuesday, July 18 - Evening History Talk - "Local Ghost Stories" - From murder on the Stone Arch Bridge to tales by Stephen Crane, legends abound.

o Tuesday, July 25 - Evening History Talk - "Tales of the Raftsmen" - Stories the lumbermen and rafters told themselves, including "How the Ten Mile River Got Its Name."

o Sat. and Sun., July 29 & 30 - Sullivan County Museum Weekend at TMR Museum - Regular museum hours

o Tuesday, August 1 - Evening History Talk - "Monarchs at TMR" - Amazing insects that live on milkweed plants in Ten Mile River and travel to Mexico in the fall, returning each spring.

o Saturday, August 5, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - TMR Museum Car Show at Headquarters Camp - People are welcome to register their classic car for \$10.

o Evening History Talk - Tuesday, August 8 - "The Original People" - The Lenape used these mountains to hunt, fish, trade with the Mohawks and teach their children.

About the TMR Scout Camps Museum

The Ten Mile River Scout Museum exists to preserve and promote the spirit and heritage of New York City Scouting at the Ten Mile River Scout Camps and selected venues through the creation of historical archives, displays, exhibits of photos, memorabilia, documents and tangible items in both indoor and outdoor settings. We also recognize the local history in the vicinity of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps.

Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk, Announces a visit by the Kingston Guards Vintage Base Ball Club to the Matthewis Persen House Museum



Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk, is pleased to present the Kingston Guards Vintage Base Ball Club on Saturday, July 8th, at the Matthewis Persen House Museum located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corners of John and Crown Streets.

The Kingston Guards play "Base Ball" using the rules adopted in 1860 by the National Association and published in Beadle's Dime Base-Ball Player. Visitors to the Persen House will have a chance to chat with the players, see vintage equipment and uniforms, and try their hand at catch just like it was done in 1860 - no gloves!

"We are extremely pleased to have the Kingston Guards join us this season," said County Clerk Nina Postupack. "The players preserve this unique early form of

America's great pastime, celebrating its origins and bringing an early form of baseball to life for modern audiences. Kingston's long history with this sport makes the Matthewis Persen House an ideal venue to introduce the community to this great tradition."

The Persen House will be open on Saturday, July 8th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission is free and all are welcome to this fun, family-friendly event!

For further information about the Matthewis Persen House Museum and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us or visit us on Facebook.



Love Our New York Lands

The Love Our NY Lands campaign, launched in 2020 by the State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and New York State Parks, encourages all users of state-owned lands to recognize that these lands belong to ALL of us, our families, and our neighbors, and we all need to take care of them.

This campaign offers New Yorkers and visitors guidance on Leave No Trace™ principles so that together we can help ensure these special places are protected for future generations. While enjoying these shared spaces, be respectful of other visitors. Share trails, treat people with kindness, and leave things as you found them for others to enjoy. Visitors are encouraged to think of themselves as responsible for helping protect these irreplaceable destinations for future generations:

One way to give back to our public lands is to seek out local or statewide cleanup days like I Love My Park Day. To build on the success of I Love My Park Day and to carry that spirit of stewardship and volunteerism throughout the year, Parks & Trails New York as well as NY State Parks and DEC are introducing themed statewide stewardship days in 2023 throughout the summer and Fall.

Campgrounds Day July 8 2023

Give back to your favorite state-owned campground this summer for the inaugural Campgrounds Day! Hosted by Parks & Trails New York, State Parks, and the Department of Environmental Conservation, this event provides New Yorkers the opportunity to clean up, beautify, and enhance campgrounds across the state.

To see Campground Day flyer click here https://www.ptny.org/application/files/6216/8572/2150/Campgrounds_Day_Flyer_FINAL.pdf

Interested in hosting an event for Campgrounds Day?

Event registration will open on June 5th
Please email ilovemypark@ptny.org for a link to register

Find a Participating Event

Cherry Plain State Park
Cranberry Lake Campground & Day Use Area
Crown Point Campground & Day Use Area
Fish Creek Pond Campground & Day Use Area
Hamlin Beach State Park
Limekiln Lake Campground & Day Use Area
Little Pond Campground & Day Use Area
Luzerne Campground & Day Use Area
Mongaup Pond Campground & Day Use Area
Nick's Lake Campground & Day Use Area
North South Lake Campground & Day Use Area

**Arrowhead Ranch & Retreat Presents
Community Market & Country Fair
First Sunday of each month from noon-4pm**

**June 4 • Holistic & Wellness Fair
Music by Misty Mountain Ramblers**

**July 2 • Motorcycle & Car Show
Music by Jaketown Road**

**Aug 6 • Summer Harvest Festival
Music by Glassy Honk**

**Sept 3 • Art Show & Music Gear Swap
Music by Dave Christian Project**

**Oct 1 • Fall Freedom Festival
Music by Spunday Mourning**

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Northampton Beach Campground & Day Use Area
Scaroon Manor Campground & Day Use Area
Verona Beach State Park
Resources for Campgrounds Day
Campgrounds Day 2023 Flyer (PDF)
Volunteer Service Agreement (DEC + State Parks)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

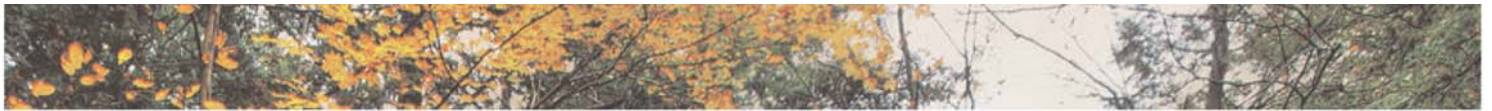
A Fake Attempted Russian Coup?

It is hard to believe the head of the Wagner Mercenary forces, Yevgeny Prigozhin, was stupid when he tried to launch a coup against Putin. He had to know it would fail against Putin's entrenched government.

Therefore, I believe Putin, Prigozhin and Lukashenko of Belarus might have come up with a plan to try invading Ukraine again from Belarus. Lukashenko conveniently mediated the fake coup situation and offered Prigozhin safe exile in Belarus. Once in Belarus Prigozhin could have his 25,000 troops join him and they could lead a spearhead of forces from Belarus down route E-95 the 140 miles to Kiev, the capitol of Ukraine, which was the original primary objective of the Russian invasion in February 2022.

The Ukrainians should prepare for this possible move by the Russians; and pay close attention to the movement of Prigozhin's forces.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry NH



Sullivan County Museums Weekend

July 29th - 30th, 2023

Free Admission*
Special Hours



A collaborative event to encourage Sullivan County residents to engage with their history and visit cultural touchstones in the area.

- Basket Historical Society*
- Catskill Fly Fishing Museum*
- D&H Canal Interpretive Center*
- Fort Delaware Museum
- Frederick Cook Society*
- The Old Stone House in Hasbrouck*
- Sullivan County Historical Society*
- Ten Mile River Scout Museum*
- Time and the Valleys Museum*



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Friendship Bracelet & Keepsake Tray Extravaganza



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Children entering Grades 1, 2, and 3

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Summer Challenge Bookmark Contest 2023

Calling ALL aspiring artists

Three Categories: Ages 5-7 years, 8-11 years, and 12-18 years

Students are invited to submit an original design for the library's Summer Reading Program Bookmark! Winning designs will be selected and printed to be the official 2023 DPL Bookmark.

To view the official guidelines and rules visit us at www.danielpiercelibrary.org
The deadline for ALL entries is Friday, July 28, 2023.

1 winner will be picked from each category.
Winners will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.



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Entertainment Night 2023



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Thursday, July 27
6:00 p.m.
Grahamsville Fairgrounds
Under the Pavilion
For children of ALL ages
and their families



Come to the fairgrounds rain or shine for an enjoyable evening of music and fun!

Jared Campbell is an award winning singer/songwriter from upstate New York. His songs are said to be uplifting, thought provoking and emotionally heartfelt. Jared mixes humor, stories of life on road and personal experience to relate to the audience set before him.

He reaches his audience through the power of music!

His message focuses on having an amazing outlook on life.

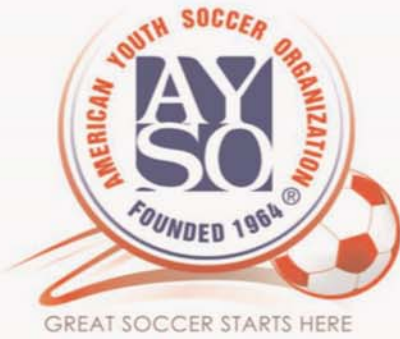
There will be a free book for every child who attends. For your comfort, please bring chairs or blankets. We look forward to seeing you at the fairgrounds!

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Sign Up for Soccer NOW

For Boys and Girls ages 3-12

Please visit
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Registration begins June 1st.

Registrations are completed online and you can pay with a credit card. If you are having complications or need to pay by cash / check, we will be having a few meet up dates in August.

Playground Program ages 3-4:

\$37.75 per player
 Fee includes a tee-shirt and insurance.

Core Program (Pre-K - 6th grade):

\$67.75 per player - Fee includes eight weeks of soccer, insurance, and AYSO Club membership. Practices are held during the week (August 30th – November 4th) and most matches are played on Sunday afternoons.

\$20 Early-Bird Discount if you register before July 1st.

Uniforms:

\$ 40 - includes red and blue jersey, shorts and two pairs of socks. Please bring your child with you when picking up uniforms to ensure proper size. Donations of past uniforms and equipment accepted. They will be available to others free of charge.

AYSO Soccer Camps! a one-week long summer soccer camp set at the Ballfields July 10th -14th.. Half day, Full day, Mini-camp and Saturday clinic slots are available. See <http://www.uksoccer.com> and click on 'Find A Program' for more info.

Teams fill up quick. Registrations received after August 15th will be placed on a wait list or in a practice program.



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International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil

A Time to Remember. A Time to Act.



Join us as we raise awareness about overdoses and reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths.

Hear state and local leaders talk about what is being done to battle the opioid crisis in our community. Open your hearts as families share their stories of loved ones who lost their battle with substance use. Remember those who have passed and celebrate those in recovery. Meet organizations and learn about resources created to face this crisis head on.

We will be joined by local first responders, the Sullivan County Choir, an interpretive dance performance and bag pipers in front of the Sullivan County courthouse that will be lit purple to symbolize overdose awareness.

This event is brought to you by a community of organizations working together to end the opioid epidemic in Sullivan County.

Thursday • August 31, 2023
7pm at the Sullivan County
Courthouse Lawn,
414 Broadway, Monticello

Rain date: Friday, Sept. 1

For more information, contact
Lindsay Wheat, Sullivan 180
Outreach Coordinator, at
Lindsay@Sullivan180.org or
(845) 295-2683.



INSIDE INSIGHTS

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MANAGER



RUNNING TO KEEP PACE WITH THE STATE

BY JOSHUA POTOSEK, COUNTY MANAGER

On the one hand, I'm glad to report that Sullivan County is collecting more sales and room taxes than ever before, with us on track to hit our projection of \$66 million in sales tax revenues alone this year.

The net effect: the County's budget no longer has to rely so heavily on property taxes, and I'm eyeing a potential zero-percent increase in land taxes for 2024 (subject to County Legislature approval later this year).

On the other hand, New York State's leaders have embarked upon a series of measures which threaten to vacuum up that revenue. Here's what's going to hit us hardest:

- Municipalities won't be able to keep profits from tax foreclosure sales anymore.

Instead, whatever we collect at a tax auction in excess of what we're owed in taxes and fees will have to be given to the delinquent property owner. **Estimated impact:**

\$4-\$5 million a year.

- Certain Medicaid dollars from the Federal government, which are supposed to be passed through the State to counties like Sullivan, will now be kept by the State, forcing us to pay \$100,000 more a week in Medicaid costs next year. **Estimated impact: \$3.5-\$4 million a year.**

- The pay rate for assigned counsel (lawyers who represent those who cannot afford one themselves) is rising to \$158 an

hour, doubling our costs. **Estimated impact: \$192,000 a year.**

I'll also note that our sales tax revenues appeared to be leveling off earlier this year, so coupled with inflation and the usual operational expense increases, we may be looking at some belt-tightening this time next year.

I'll know and share more as we begin developing the 2024 County Budget.



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OUR JOB GROWTH CONTINUES TO BE STRONG

For most of the past two years, Sullivan County has led all of New York State - including New York City - in job growth, according to NYS Dept. of Labor statistics.

In the last couple of months, we've been surpassed by a few other counties and the city, but our growth rate continues to be quite strong. In fact, we remain in the top five of non-metro counties Statewide. Not surprisingly, leisure/hospitality jobs continue to outpace all others in Sullivan County. Our historic role as NYC's playground makes us more popular than ever, as traffic and parking in our downtowns can attest (plus healthy room tax revenues). But efforts to diversify our economy have borne

fruit, and growth in the State-defined sector of trade/transportation/utilities has been almost as strong as that in leisure/hospitality.

Where do we need to grow? Manufacturing and educational/health services could use a boost, and professional services and financial activities job growth remains flat.

Of course, there is a cycle to all things, and what has been declining may increase again (and vice-versa). For example, jobs in the agricultural industry are not as plentiful as they used to be. Yet we have some healthy, active farms in the region, especially those that have diversified beyond one product (like dairy). So, too, must we continue to diversify.

HAVE YOU 'CHATTED' WITH US ONLINE?

You've likely seen this little box on our website. It pops up in the lower righthand corner at sullivanny.us.

Greetings! Welcome to Sullivan County Government. What can we help you with?



Go ahead - type in a question! Or pick from the choices offered. It's powered by that new technology everyone's raving about: AI, short for artificial intelligence.

Don't worry - it's not stealing your data or keeping tabs on you. It's intelligently determining what you need and how to quickly find it for you, that's all.

Right now, the "chatbot," as we call it, is only set up to handle queries about our County Clerk and County Treasurer offices, but it's been such a success that we're getting ready to expand it to all County offices and departments.

That means you'll be able to get virtually any answer you need in just a few seconds - without having to make a phone call or a visit. Isn't that the kind of service we want from the Internet?



JOIN THE PICKUP PARTY!

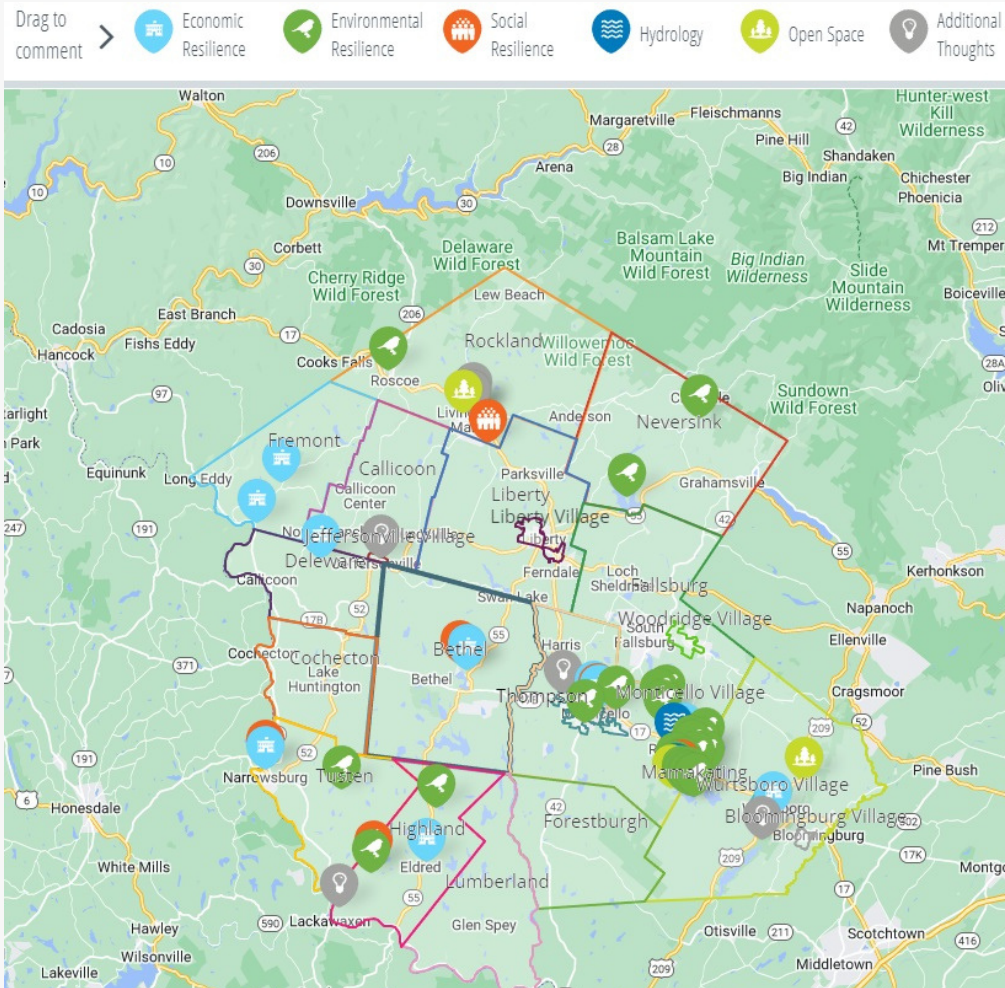
Spring isn't the only season for cleaning. In fact, our Countywide Litter Pluck runs all the way through October 31!

That means we'll take your roadside and trailside litter for free, so long as you use one of the coupons we have at our transfer stations (also available at town and village halls, among other locations).

It's about more than looking our best - it's also about taking pride in our communities and ensuring our wildlife and environment are kept safe.

PLANNING FOR DISASTER

Think about it: what would you do in an emergency? We're all taught to plan ahead, to not wait until a crisis strikes to figure out what to do. As a County, we should be doing the same, and you have an opportunity to help us plan for the inevitable disaster. The map at left is just one part of a chance for you to weigh in. Take a moment to visit resilientsullivan.com for all the details.



A NEW GENERATION OF COUNTY LEADERS STEP UP

I'm pleased to welcome a host of new leaders to Sullivan County - some of whom have been here for a while, others of whom are recent arrivals, all of whom are part of our ongoing quest to best serve taxpayers, visitors, businesses and our most vulnerable.



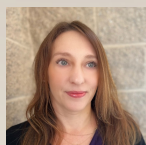
Julian Motola - Airport Superintendent. Our Airport is a gem that's just beginning to shine, and Julian is prepared to let the world know it's open for business.



Scott Schulte - Public Safety Commissioner. Scott joins us after a long and acclaimed career leading SUNY New Paltz's emergency management team.



John Hauschild - Deputy Public Safety Commissioner. Also our Fire Coordinator, John possesses an unparalleled understanding of our emergency response needs.



Karen Holden - Public Health Director. Karen brings her passion for healthcare and humanity to a role that has become more important than ever.



Jill Hubert-Simon - Deputy Public Health Director. Jill has deep understanding and expertise to help improve our health and well-being.

Seven local residents took advantage of a County-funded course held at BOCES' workshop in Liberty this past spring.

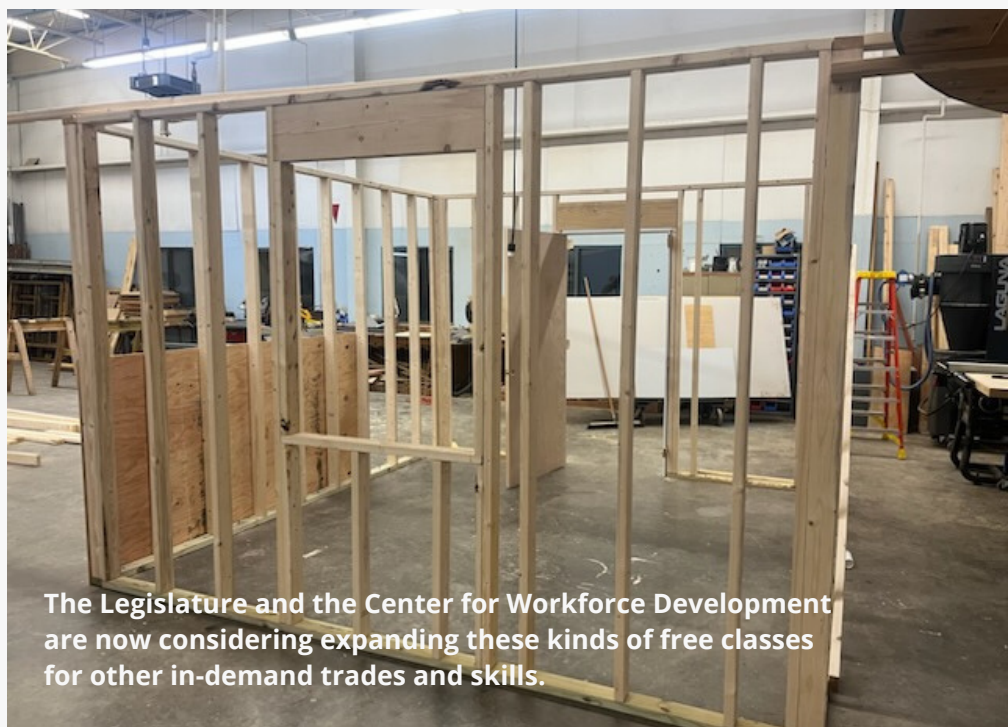


The free 9-week class taught them basic construction skills.

BUILDING CAREERS



All of the grads are going on to local employment, which was the goal of the program.



The Legislature and the Center for Workforce Development are now considering expanding these kinds of free classes for other in-demand trades and skills.

RENTALS

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*Firewood for sale***HELP WANTED****Typing Help Wanted**Experienced or Student. Full/Part time. Work in
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William Brenner

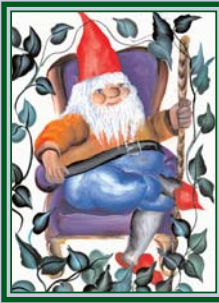
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<http://www.gnomehomeinc.com>**KNARF'S CLASSIC
MOVIE'S
ON AMAZON PRIME
LATEST RELEASE****THE TOMORROW
WAR***(2 h 18 min / 2021 HD / PG-13 /
Science Fiction, Drama, Adventure,
Action, Comedy)*

Time travelers arrive from 2051 to deliver an urgent message: Thirty years in the future mankind is losing a war against a deadly alien species.

The only hope for survival is for soldiers and civilians to be transported to the future and join the fight. Determined to save the world for his daughter, Dan Forester teams up with a brilliant scientist and his estranged father to rewrite the planet's fate.



Directed by, Chris McKaynd and starring Chris Pratt, J.K. Simmons, and Yvonne Strahovski

Movie Trivia Question:

True or False: *The Man with the Golden Arm* is a James Bond film.

(See answer next week)

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**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S
ON AMAZON
GONE WITH
THE WIND**

(3h 42m / Epic / NR / 1939)



Hi Guys! For the longest time **"GONE WITH THE WIND"** with its gross of \$191,844,722.00, was the highest grossing motion picture of all time **"back in the day"**. However our next feature **"AVATAR"** grossed a whopping \$2,847,246,202.00 that's over \$2 **BILLION**, an advancement in entertainment technology that cannot be ignored.

GONE WITH THE WIND – one of the greatest love stories of all time. The story that could be true during a time that tortured men's souls and drove a woman's soul into hell. A story of loss. While putting a beginning to end the ugly *useless ruthlessness of the atrocities of businesses creating slavery –creating a war to personify slavery that pitted White brother, against White brother, standing firm to free our Black and White brothers from the degradation of slavery.* The practice of making a profit on the backs of what do the rich called surplus population – those who had no job; the working poor, economically tortured and enchained human beings, pushed into economic ruin. This kind of hell must never arise again in any form, either from the slavery and iron chains nor torture chambers, as well as those whose lives were bought and paid –scared for their own lives, people cooperated furthering slavery with economics. Holding people in slavery by depriving them of their necessities is a crime against humanity, and those who believe that the end, justifies the means find out, it never does for the man who has an undying love, for this home, his beloved family, and his way of life.

Directed by **Victor Fleming** and starring Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara, Leslie Howard, and Clark Gable.

Don't miss this epic –part of the history of the United States and America's growth out of slavery.

**WATCH AT YOUR CONVENIENCE
STREAMING ON AMAZON.COM**

AVATAR

(2009 / CC / 2 h 41 min X-RayPG-13 / 4.8 out of 5 stars / 31,581views / Prime Video / From \$3.99 to rent, From \$14.99 to buy Rentals include 30 days to start watching this video and 48 hours to finish once started.)

From Academy Award winning director James Cameron (*Aliens, The Abyss, True Lies, and Titanic*) comes **"AVATAR,"** the story of an ex-Marine who finds himself thrust into hostilities on an alien planet filled with exotic life forms. As an **"AVATAR,"** a human mind in an alien body, he finds himself torn between two worlds, in a desperate fight for his own survival and that of the indigenous people.



Directed by: James Cameron, and starring: Sam Worthington, Sigourney Weaver, Zoe Saldana, et al

*Stay safe, and stay well
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