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Shane Rennison Teases Upcoming Album Release With Indie Pop/Rock Single "What You Need To Know"



Singer-songwriter Shane Rennison, renowned for infusing his music with genuine soulfulness and heartfelt lyrics, is gearing up to mesmerize audiences once again with a new single, "What You Need To Know".

Following the success of his "Nice To Meet You" EP, which offered a sincere exploration of Shane Rennison's emotions and his connection to his beloved Catskills Mountains, he is ready to return with his first 2024 release.

Produced by the talented Julian Giaimo, "What You Need To Know" was written on the acoustic guitar by Shane and together they were able to pay homage to it in the production process by laying down an integral part of the rhythm on a 12-string acoustic.

"This song as a whole is about meeting someone who is self-absorbed and used to getting everything they want based on their looks," shares Rennison, shedding light on the inspiration behind the track. "It's about telling them what they need to know in order to grow emotionally and avoid the pitfalls of being self-absorbed long-term." (Contd. Pg. 4)

Fallsburg Robotics Returns to the VEX World Championship

FALLSBURG - For the eighth time in the program's history, the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School's robotics team will be making an appearance in the VEX Robotics World Championship. They clinched their spot after finishing seventh in the skills component match-up during the New York State Robotics Championship.

Fallsburg will be one of hundreds of teams from around the world competing for various tournament crowns. The team members that will appear in the tournament are Robert Perrera, Ayden Carpenito, and Saleen Lyons. All three played an instrumental role in bringing Fallsburg to another championship appearance.

The tournament will be held at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center in Dallas, Texas from April 25 to May 3.



Robotics team members that will represent Fallsburg in the tournament: (from left to right) Ayden Carpenito, Robert Pererra, and Saleen Lyons

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OBITUARY

Dean T. Winters of Liberty, NY,



a Painter for Price Right Painting and a lifelong area resident died Monday, March 18, 2024 at his home. He was 32.

The son of Charles F. Winters and Ann M. Patton

Winters, he was born March 12, 1992 in Harris, NY.

Dean was a graduate of Tri-Valley High School; he enjoyed golfing, hunting and basketball. Dean was a die-hard Eagles Fan. He was one of a kind, had the biggest heart and would do anything for anyone; his sense of humor was like no other. He will be forever loved by all and never forgotten.

Survivors include his father, Charles F. Winters of Liberty, NY; his mother Ann M. Patton Winters of Liberty, NY; two brothers, Wade Winters of Liberty, NY, and Charles Winters and his wife Bethany of TN; one sister, Kerri Winters of Neversink, NY; one son, Wesley Winters of Syracuse, NY and the mother of his child, Nicole LaCelle Winters of Syracuse, NY; several Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews and Cousins.

Graveside services and burial were held Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 10 AM in the Liberty Cemetery Cold Spring Road, Liberty, NY. The Rev. Joseph LeConey officiated.

Memorial contributions in Deans name may be made to the United Methodist Church of Liberty 170 North Main Street, Liberty, NY 12754.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home West Street at Buckley, Liberty, NY.

Magary Blythe 82 of



Poughkeepsie, NY peacefully transitioned into the Arms of her Heavenly Father on Saturday March 16, 2024. Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend.

June 1941 was just an ordinary month until the 18th, in New York City, when God decided to shake things up by bringing into existence a phenomenal woman, Magary the eldest daughter of the late David and Magary Nixon.

At an early age the family relocated to Ellenville, NY.

Magary graduated from Ellenville High School. She continued on and received her license as a Cosmologist. Later on in her life she furthered her education receiving a AAS from BMCC, majoring in Business Administration. She also attended classes in business, technology and marketing.

During her journey she was employed and then retired from Verizon as a Facility Specialist, BOCES as TASC Chief Examiner. She was also employed by the City of Poughkeepsie as a Certified Teachers Assistant and a Substitute Teacher.

In 1985, she was welcomed into the Poughkeepsie Neighborhood Club, Inc. as a Federation member. She has served in various positions with the Empire State Federated Women's Club, Inc; Executive Board Chair, Second Vice President and Board Recording Secretary. She also served as Secretary for the Northeast Federation Women's Club, Inc.

The members of the Poughkeepsie Neighborhood Club Inc. elected her President, where she faithfully served in that position from 1998-2018. (Contd. Pg. 5)

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

April 14, 1954

There were a great many fishermen along the Rondout on Saturday and some fish were caught. Bobbie VanAken was one of the lucky anglers having caught a trout 19 inches long and weighing 3 lbs. Conrad Eck Sr. caught two large trout weighing 5 and 6 lbs. in the reservoir.

The engagement of Miss Myrtle Warren of Wallkill and Mr. Roy Dymond of Greenville has been announced. The couple will be married in the early part of this summer.

The marriage of Miss Joyce Van Wagner of Sundown and Mr. Gerald Barringer of Kerhonkson will take place on Sunday, April 25th.

Miss Valerie Zanetti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zanetti of Grahamsville, who is a student at the Traphagen School of Fashion, N.Y., has had the honor of being selected to take part in school's Apres-Easter fashion presentation. The event took place on Saturday, April 10, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Aster.

March 25, 1964

Joseph Y. Resnick of Ellenville was nominated for congressman from the 28th Congressional District on Saturday at the Ulster County Democratic Convention in Kingston. Resnick, 39, is the president of Questron American, Inc., and is the founder of Channel Master Corporation.

James Sheely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Sheely of Fort Plain, has been notified that he has passed his licensing examination for registered pharmacist. A graduate of Albany College of Pharmacy of Union University, he is presently employed as a pharmacist in Little Falls. Sheely is a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Grant Sheely of South Hill.

The Tri Valley Chapter of the FFA took first place in the Farm Forum Contest on March 16th at Goshen. Brian Mitteer took second place in the Annual Speaking Contest. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Household Hint:

Sick of smudges on your stainless steel appliances?

Skip the store-bought products and use distilled white vinegar as a homemade stainless steel cleaner. It's all you need to keep your stainless steel appliances, countertops, and sink looking great.

Nature Column - L. Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have loved so much and lost... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry, Barbara Slater, Shirley Davis, Hulda Vernoooy and Carolyn Coombe.

Rabbit or Hare?

On the threshold of Easter one may ask is the Easter Bunny a rabbit or a hare?

Let's start with the crucial question -what's the difference between a rabbit and a hare?

They look very similar, but in fact they belong to absolutely different species. Their behavior and style of life are totally different. They even prefer different food!

The hare is of the Genus/Genera, Lepus. They are mammals and give birth on the ground or dig a hollow place. They can give birth to up to five young at one time. They feed at night and at dawn. They thump on the ground to alert danger. Hares are brownish gray with a white belly.



Rabbit

Rabbits are of the Genus/Genera Pentalagus, Bunolagus, Nesolagus, Romerolagus, Brachylagus, Sylvilagus, Oryctolagus, or Poelagus Rabbits and are small mammals. The rabbit's long ears can be more than 4 inches long and they have large powerful hind legs.

Like hares, rabbits are in the family Leporidae of the order Lagomorpha.

The difference between rabbits and hares appears at the moment they are born. Baby rabbits are called kittens and baby hares are called leverets.

Hares are born fully furred. The leverets are able to see and are capable of independent movement. They can live on their own after one hour from their birth giving their mothers the freedom to leave them on the bare ground and hop away soon after the babies are born.

Rabbits are born completely helpless, naked and blind. A rabbit's mother is much more careful and protective of her children. She has a nest that is lined with grass, bark and soft stems. Over this is a layer of hair plucked from her own body. When 'mother rabbit' leaves the nest, she covers the bunnies with more hair and dead plants to keep them warm and hidden from enemies.

Hares are generally larger than rabbits, and have longer hind legs and longer ears with characteristic black markings. The skulls of rabbits and hares are also different. A rabbit's fur coat remains its color year-round, while hares change color from grayish brown in summer to white in winter.

Rabbits and hares have different diets, too. Rabbits prefer soft stems, grass or vegetables, while hares eat more hard food: bark and rind, buds, small twigs and shoots.

Rabbits usually live in burrows or tunnels in the ground, where they prefer to stay during daylight hours. They try to keep hidden. Hares on the other hand, always stay on the surface among plants and usually try to escape enemies by running.

Rabbits are very social animals; they live in colonies. Male rabbits will fight within a group to become the dominant male. The dominant male rabbit then mates with most of the females in the area. The opposite is true of hares that live most of the time by themselves. They come together in pairs for mating only. There is almost no fighting among hares - they just pair off.

The word hare most possibly comes from the West Germanic word khasan or Dutch hase, meaning, "gray." It was the German immigrants who brought with them the traditions of Kriss Kringle and the Easter hare. The night before Easter children would find a quiet corner in their house and make a nest out of clothing for the Easter hare to come lay eggs, the origin of the Easter basket. The word bunny, a 17th century term of endearment was a bit more fuzzier and cuddlier and was substituted as a diminutive form for young and small animals.

And the word rabbit; until the 18th century rabbits were called coneys, based on the French conil, shortened from the Latin cuniculus. "Rabbit" first referred to the young of coneys until eventually the word took over in popularity. Incidentally, this is also the origin of the name Coney Island or Rabbit Island, one of the only references to coney that is still used in North America.

It is amazing that the Mother Nature created such differences in the two animals, yet the rabbit and the hare look so similar.

The question of who the Easter Bunny really is still remains. Is he a rabbit or a hare?



Hare

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

(From Pg. 3)

April 3, 1974

Frank C. Cerato, 62, of Woodbourne, a retired school teacher for Tri-Valley Central School, died Monday in the Presbyterian Medical Center, New York, after a long illness. A 30-year resident, he was born Jan. 10, 1912 in Dunmore, Pa., to Joseph and Catherine Cerato. He was married to the former Rita Stangel.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Hajek of Grahamsville are the proud parents of a baby boy, born March 30 1974 at Monticello Community General Hosp. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cross celebrated their 37th anniversary on Thursday, March 28th. Belated congratulations!

Another April 1st - for Foolery and Fishing. Do you suppose that big joke today is that there are not fish?

March 29, 1984

(From the pen of Tom Higgins) An interesting article in a recent issue of the New York Times mentions the number of "old timers" in the writing field such as 90-year old Beryl Markham, 88-year old Helen Hooven Santmyer, 91-year old Felix Man. To this list of distinguished writers we must add the name of another senior from Grahamsville, poet Mabel Hill, who will be 99 years old in June. Mrs. Hill has been writing poetry ever since she can remember and can knock out a poem on most any subject at a moment's notice. A number of her poems have been printed in book form. The most recent book, "Midway into the Tenth Decade" was published in 1980 for her 95th birthday by the Rondout Publishing Co.

Shane Rennison Teases Upcoming Album Release With Indie Pop/Rock Single "What You Need To Know"

(From Pg. 1) With its indie pop/rock vibes and a happy and energetic mood, "What You Need To Know" is sure to stay in your head long after its last note. From its infectious rhythms to its soul-stirring lyrics, the single offers a powerful message of growth and self-discovery, echoing the themes that define Shane Rennison's musical journey.

"What You Need To Know" serves as a teaser for the artist's upcoming album, 'IRRATIONAL', set to release on June 28th, 2024. This forthcoming album promises to showcase Shane Rennison's evolution as an artist, offering a diverse array of tracks that speak to the soul and uplift the spirit.

To hear Shane's music, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1247CSutIc>

Upcoming Live Dates:

3/15: Live at Tango Café

3/22: Live at Seminary Hill

4/6: Live at Hook & Reel - Middletown

4/12: Live at Tango Café

4/19: Live at Seminary Hill

4/26: Live at Pizza E Birra

4/27: Live at The Dale

5/10: Live at Tango Café

5/17: Live at Seminary Hill

6/7: Live at Bashakill Vineyards

6/14: Live at Tango Café

6/23: Live at West Kill Brewing

7/12: Live at Bashakill Vineyards

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published April 10, 1997

It was the year of 1935 and we were living on the Andrew George farm on Red Hill, NY. We had just moved there the autumn before this story and I thought I was in heaven for spring had come early that year. There was an abundance of mayflowers, addertongues and nosebleed blossoms.

I loved the little farm we had rented and it didn't matter that the house wasn't much to look at or that I papered the walls with newspapers so they'd at least be clean. Nor did I mind the bare floors that I cleaned with my old rag mop and wash water.

I loved that old house because it was so far back in the wilderness that we had school in one room of our home. We had a school district o.k., but our children were the only kids in it. A teacher named Robert Garafola was hired to teach and during the winter months often arrived on snow shoes. May Helen Ringwood also taught our children on Red Hill and she was a good teacher. That house had a personality of its own.

Anyway, that year there wasn't enough money to buy the children's Easter baskets. I was worried about them being disappointed because all I could put in their "bunny nests" was a colored egg. I couldn't afford to buy egg coloring so I took material and wrapped it around the eggs as I boiled them and the dye from the fabric colored the eggs beautifully. On Easter morning when I got up, I saw that there had been a little of drizzle of rain during the night. This gave me a little more time to get my wits together before the children discovered that there would be no Easter baskets. I told them not to go outside until the grass dried off a little.

I was standing by the kitchen window looking out, just thinking what to say next when a rabbit came hopping through the yard and down past the grape arbor. I couldn't believe my eyes. The kids had seen it too and started yelling, "The Easter Bunny". There was no holding them back then and they ran out after him and when they returned, I had my story together. They were on cloud nine and not listening as I told them that the poor "Easter bunny" had no doubt run out of Easter baskets before he reached our house. Who cared, they had just seen the Easter bunny.

Now after sixty years, my family remembers and often mentions the magic that the little bunny worked that Easter Sunday so long ago.

OBITUARY

(From Pg. 2) **Magary Blythe** - Magary also served as the Ladies Auxiliary President of the Poughkeepsie Exempt Fireman.

Magary developed her passion for volunteering and serving the community by working with these organizations. Her most vital role was to continue to assist in planning, promoting and presenting all future endeavors of the said organizations. Magary lived by the mantra "If I can help somebody, then my living shall not be in vain."

Magary was a member of the Beulah Baptist Church, Poughkeepsie, NY, under Bishop Rev. Jessie V. Bottoms, Jr. While there she served as an Assistant Youth Supervisor, assisting the Youth Choir and she also served on the Building Together Committee.

Magary was predeceased by her parents, David and Magary Nixon; her brothers, David Jr., Thomas, Robert, Eugene and Benjamin.

She leaves the fondest of memories with; Gerald her husband; her children Celena and Michael; her step-children, Jeffery and Kimberly Blythe; grandchildren Desiree, Davone, Michael, Michelle, Mikayla, Gab and Anthony; sisters Valerie, Deborah, Lisa, Vanessa, Phyllis and her husband Charlie. And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

This is to celebrate the life of

Magary Blythe

As Magary embarks on her Heavenly journey, we are comforted by the promises of our faith- A faith that assures us a reunion in God's Eternal Kingdom.

Rest well Magary, safely in the Loving Arms of Your Heavenly Father.

Services were held at the New Testament Church of Jesus Christ in Ellenville, NY on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Magary Blythe, please visit our flower store.

Sullivan Accelerates Increase in Health

Just-Released Report Shows Improvement

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

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

Released this week to the public, the report offers an exceptional level of detail and data that health officials across the nation will use to inform and guide public policy. The report can be found at <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org>.

"This year's report reveals that our efforts to better the health of Sullivan County are working," Liddle noted. "And I would note that most of the provided data is at least two years old. So my hope here is that the interventions we all started post-pandemic are now really starting to kick in, and that this is just the start of a longer-term trend."

"We are very pleased with this year's overall rankings; and especially the individual areas where our community health has improved," agreed Denise Frangipane, CEO of Sullivan 180, a key nonprofit County partner in bettering health. "Again we see

the tenacity of the Sullivan County community; and the impact of our collective and collaborative efforts. This success is exactly the momentum we need to continue our work together to build a healthy Sullivan County."

Highlights of the report include the following:

- o Sullivan County rated in the top half of counties nationwide for health outcomes (length of life and quality of life)
- o Year over year, Sullivan County's health improved across 14 factors:
 - o Access to healthy food
 - o Decrease in physical inactivity
 - o Decrease in excessive drinking
 - o Decrease in sexually transmitted infections
 - o Ratio of dentists to population
 - o Ratio of mental health providers to population
 - o Number of mammograms as a percentage of population
 - o Percentage of population with college education
 - o Decrease in unemployment
 - o Decrease in children in poverty
 - o Decrease in income inequality
 - o Decrease in children in single-parent households
 - o Decrease in overcrowding/high cost/lack of kitchen/lack of indoor plumbing in housing
 - o Decrease in percentage of people driving alone to work
- o Seven factors remained unchanged year over year:
 - o Adult smoking
 - o Teen birth rate
 - o Lack of medical insurance
 - o High school graduation rate
 - o Air pollution
 - o Drinking water violations
 - o Long commutes
- o Eight factors got worse year over year:
 - o Adult obesity
 - o Access to exercise opportunities
 - o Alcohol-impaired driving deaths
 - o Ratio of primary care physicians to population
 - o Number of preventable hospital stays
 - o Flu vaccination rate
 - o Number of people in social associations
 - o Number of injury deaths

"Though we outperformed New York State as a whole, very difficult challenges remain," acknowledged Public Health Director Karen Holden. "Chief among them are access to primary care providers, reducing the number of preventable hospital stays and what are known in the study as 'injury deaths' - which includes auto accidents but is primarily driven in our area by substance use and suicide. Children in poverty is also a significant concern - 1 in 4 children in Sullivan County lives in poverty, according to the data provided."

"With the crucial help of our community supporters and partners, our best way forward continues to be maintaining a strong focus on the work of the Drug Task Force, increasing access to all forms of medical and behavioral health care across the County via our referral networks (United Sullivan and Unite Us), and by working to increase access to housing across the entire socio-economic spectrum," affirmed Liddle.

"Sullivan County is on an upward swing, and this Legislature aims to continue that progress, for the benefit and good health of all our residents," added Legislature Chair and District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz. "I'm grateful to our Health & Human Services Division, our Public Health Department, and our community partners, all of whom have contributed (and will continue contributing) to this much-needed improvement."

Catskill Mountain Winter Scene in Spring



It is Spring... however Mother Nature had something else in mind in Neversink. Carol Montana captured this winter wonderland scene on the corner of Mutton Hill Road and Meyers Road last Saturday during the ice storm.

Looking ahead, the weather report states cloudy but a bit warmer for Easter Sunday and then, who knows –snow is in the forecast for next week.

Don't put your camera away yet Carol. There may be time for a few more winter fairyland photos. And thank you Carol for sending this beautiful Catskill Mountain winter scene.

Time for Spring Cleaning, Sullivan County! *Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck Returns April 1 through October 31*

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's Annual Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck launches April 1 and runs all the way through October 31, 2024. By resolution of the County Legislature, the disposal fee is waived during that time for roadside & public trail litter at County-operated transfer stations.

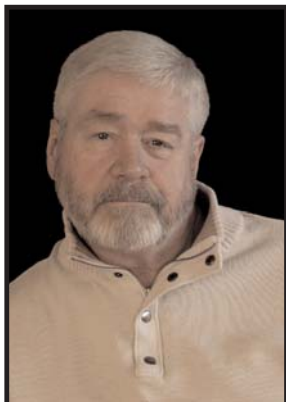
This popular annual event is coordinated by the County's Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department and the Division of Public Works.

"This is a great way to 'clean ourselves up' as we get ready for spring, summer and fall," says Legislature Chairman Nadia Rajasz. "One of the first impressions we make on anyone - residents and visitors - is the state of our roads. We can really put the shine on this beautiful area, and keep it that way!"

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

For more information about the Litter Pluck, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beautification at 845-807-0287 or email scparcs@sullivanny.us.





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Miraculum

Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 81

by John Dwaine McKenna

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We humans all have one thing in common . . . we are endlessly curious. We've just gotta know how and why things happen, as well as where, when and what. We are compelled as a species to look through the window, open the door, or peek around the corner to see what we haven't seen and learn what we don't know. Add in a smidgen of the illicit, tawdry, mysterious, risqué, or unbelievable . . . and the urge to investigate becomes an almost irresistible itch for most of us. It's an itch we have to scratch. Hell, we'll even pay an admission fee.

Such is the premise behind Pontilliar's Spectacular Star Light *Miraculum*, and the basis for a richly imagined, well crafted and brilliantly executed novel that locks the forces of good and evil into a struggle for survival, as the normal battles the paranormal in a fight over what it means to be human.

Miraculum, (Polis Books, \$26.00, 336 pages, ISBN 978-1-947993-41-9) by Steph Post, begins in 1922, out near Texas-Louisiana border where Mr. Pontilliar's carnival has just set up for a three day run before moving on to the big city of Baton Rouge. The crowds are mediocre, the heat almost unbearable and boredom oppressive one starlit summer night, when Ruby, the tattooed snake charmer, first notices the strange man standing in the crowd, lighting a cigarette. He's unusually good-looking, cool and collected despite the heat and the fact that he's wearing a black suit and tie which cost more than the entire carnival is worth. The

outlander's name is Daniel. He's charming, mercurial, and charismatic when he joins the carnival as a geek . . . a performer who bites live chickens for entertainment. There's something off about Daniel, something that hints of malice, maybe evil, and controversy seems to swirl about him. Odd things occur whenever he's around . . . then tragic deaths happen to a couple of performers, and the usually collegial, tight-knit community of carneys starts unraveling as a horrified Ruby and her lover, a roughneck named Hayden, try to fight back against a widening tide of darkness in this terrific paranormal yarn that will linger in the reader's mind long after the last page is read.

Look out Peter Straub. Step aside, Stephen King and John Connolly. There's a hot new writer on the scene, and damn, she's good! Her name is Steph Post

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda



Advice From a Dog

My chocolate lab Hudson is going to write this column for me. It seems like he has some canine advice that may be of use to us “fur-less hoomins.”



When you are tired, take a nap.
 And most of all, wag your tail. I wish I could smile or laugh like humans, but since I cannot express my love and affection through words, I wag my tail instead. It's direct from my heart to my tail. I do not take detours through my brain and prejudice. Probably the closest thing you humans have to a tail wag is a smile. Use it. It feels good.
 Lastly, live in the moment. I never contemplate tomorrow or regret yesterday because I am living in today.



The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



Hello, let me introduce

myself. I am Hudson also known as “Huddy” or “Stinky.” No one has asked me for advice before, mainly because I cannot talk in human words, but I do understand about a hundred and twenty words. In addition to the words, I can understand body language and emotions so I get the true meaning of what you are saying.

Here are a few things that humans forget that are worth mentioning and remembering as we dogs can:

If someone asks you if you want to go for a ride, hop in the car or truck.

Going outside is exciting. Coming home is wonderful.

If something is unpleasant, bury it or pee on it and walk away.

Greet someone door with excitement and anticipation.

Always sleep in a warm bed with someone you love.

Finish every morsel of food on your dinner plate. Don't waste.

Accept compliments with grace. I get told “I am a good boy.”

Look into someone's eyes until you can see their soul.

Awake at dawn so you can greet the sunrise.



Daniel Pierce Library

Between the Bookends

Sow a Seed; be it Word or Plant! Celebrate April with Poetry and Gardening Books

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-With Easter just around the corner-and supposedly, it being spring-it's a great time to dive into some warmer weather activities; say gardening.

And wouldn't you know it; we have a plethora of gardening books for your perusal. Everything from planting small organic vegetable gardens to English-style rose gardens, to protecting your blooming space from deer, squirrel s and other forest natives to canning and preserving your harvest; which, while not technically a 'gardening book,' could be quite beneficial when you start seeing bushel after bushel of cucumbers come in.

With April officially the national month of gardening (but yet still too cold in our area to plant things outdoors unless you have a greenhouse) it gives you just the right amount of time to be prepared, do your research and to start seeds indoors, making the Daniel Pierce Library a 'hot' spot for information!



*A huge 'thank you' to Lisa Titus for sharing her beautiful poetry with our patrons on Tuesday, March 19. Titus, formerly Caloro, is a poetry writer from Grahamsville who just recently published her book, *First Time, Every Time*. Her passion for her craft was evident in the conversations she had with patrons and in her readings.*

But alas, if gardening isn't your thing, April is also national poetry month. From Dr. Seuss to Emily Dickinson, we have lots to choose from when it comes to famous poets. There are special displays of books on both the adult and children's floors showing off some of our staff picks for this specialized genre. One of those on display is *First Time, Every Time* by Lisa Titus, formerly Lisa Caloro, of Grahamsville. On Tuesday, March 19, she shared her beautiful poetry with patrons during an author talk and book signing here at the library, her passion for her craft evident.

A quick glance at our website will show that we are SUPER BUSY this spring! There programs for children, including the upcoming puppet show on April 10 for Tri-Valley students in pre-k to third grade as well as the start-

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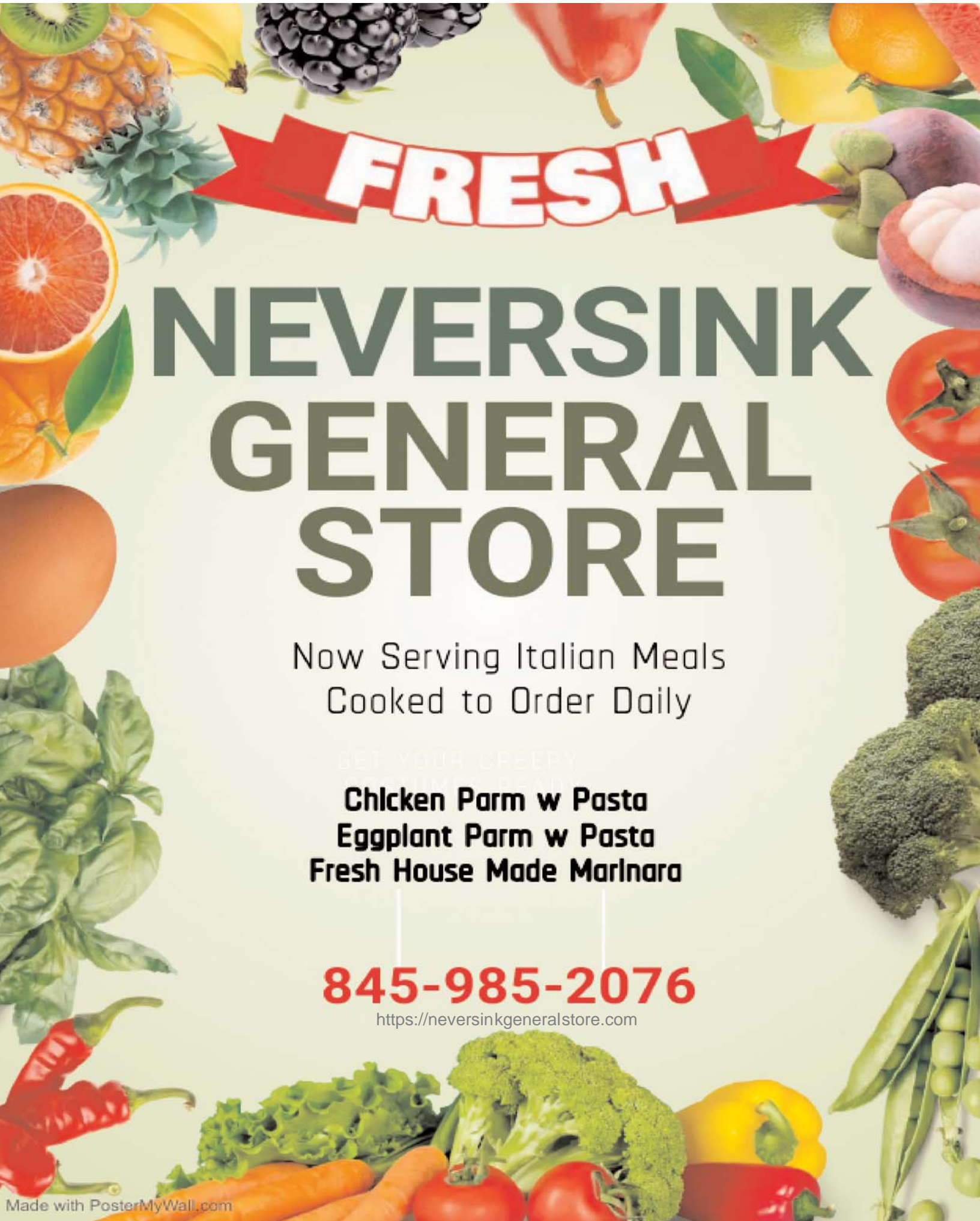
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up of this year's Spring Children's Program the week of April 8. There are also three new teen programs starting in April: 'Rock the Library' with Shane Rennison on Thursdays, 'Teens Teach Tech' on Tuesdays and 'Tri-Valley Chess on Wednesdays. All programs are from 3:15 to 4:45, with bussing from the school to the library and back in time for the 5PM late bus available (bussing arrangements are made between the student and the secondary school main office). For adults, there will be a live webinar on the basics of Medicare Wednesday, April 17, from 6 to 8PM. Online registration is required for this event. We are also offering a fantastic program, 'Cheer & Charcuterie,' on Saturday, April 27, when Victoria Garigliano, owner of Gargliano Events will share hands-on techniques for creating beautiful-and appetizing-charcuterie boards! Tickets for this event are \$45 and include the one hour class, all materials and a glass of wine. Space is limited for this program so purchase your ticket at the adult circulation desk ASAP. There will be tricky tray tickets available for additional fun and purchase the day of. Last but not least, with celebrating our 125 birthday this year, the DPL is offering all local artists the opportunity to participate in an art contest. We have an empty mantle in the 1902 room that needs a piece of art depicting subject matter of local interest (Neversink area). The medium is the artists' choice, with oil, pastels, acrylic, charcoal and pencil all acceptable. The dimensions should be approximately 24" X 30" (before framing). The library will frame the winning entry and it will be placed over the 1902 building mantle on permanent display. The winner will also receive \$500 (donated by a friend of the library.) All entries must be brought to the library no later than 12PM on Saturday, May 18.



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The Scene Too

– By Jane Harrison

No column this week!

Sullivan Catskills and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts Second Annual “Catskill Cuisine” Festival

Tickets on sale now for an experiential culinary weekend with top talent including Geoffrey Zakarian, Scott Conant, Marcus Samuelsson, Mychael Symon, Anne Burrell, Andrew Zimmern, Melba Wilson, and more.

Sullivan Catskills, NY (March 22, 2024) - Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts are teaming up for the second annual immersive culinary event coined Catskill Cuisine, taking place May 10-12, 2024.

Tickets are on sale now with prices starting at \$64 for GA & \$179 for VIP. All purchasing links can be found at Catskill-Cuisine.com.

Drawing on the success of last year's inaugural event, Catskill Cuisine 2024 will be a bigger extravaganza spanning the weekend, with the one-day festival portion being held at the historic site of the 1969 Woodstock Festival (Bethel Woods Center for the Arts).

“Bethel Woods was honored to host Catskill Cuisine last year,” said Eric Frances, CEO of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and Chair of the SCVA. “We are so pleased to see the event grow into the multi-day festival we always dreamed it could be.”

In addition to the Food Festival, the event will feature a Charity Golf Tournament and exclusive Mother's Day Brunch both featuring culinary offerings curated by the celebrity chefs. Catskill Cuisine will bring visitors, entertainment, and cuisine together while allowing Sullivan Catskills culinary experts to shine and promote the region's agritourism and local farms, craft food, and beverage makers.

Thousands of Food Festival attendees will be able to explore Bethel Woods Center for the Arts' iconic grounds, and take part in tastings, demos, meet and greets, book signings, and a local producer marketplace- all representing the Sullivan Catskills' diverse and delicious bounty. Confirmed celebrity chefs include Andrew Zimmern, Michael Symon, Scott Conant, Marcus Samuelsson, Anne Burrell, Melba Wilson and Geoffrey Zakarian, amongst others.

Please see a more detailed schedule below.

Friday, May 10

Catskill Cuisine Celebrity & Chef Invitational: Play the historic Monster Golf Course at Resorts World Catskills with celebrity chefs to support A Single Bite, a Sullivan Catskills non-profit organization that is educating and feeding hungry neighbors with real and healthy local food. This will include a mix of friendly competition and delicious food, plus an exclusive Post Dinner Reception with Scott Conant and Marcus Samuelsson.

Saturday, May 11

Food Festival Extravaganza: The culinary journey will feature local, national, and international cuisine, live cooking demos, and the chance to taste dishes crafted by renowned chefs.

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day Brunch: Enjoy a private Sunday brunch experience hosted and curated by celebrity chefs Anne Burrell and Melba Wilson.

“We are thrilled to bring our community together for an even more multifaceted destination event this year,” said Roberta Byron-

Lockwood, Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association President & CEO. “From our craft beverage trail to our James Beard-recognized chefs and breadth of farm-to-table offerings, the Sullivan Catskills continues to draw regional and national recognition for our culinary offerings, and we can't wait to showcase it all to our guests.”

With experiences suited to a variety of interests and audiences, ticket offerings include General Admission and VIP with separate ticketing for special events. Please visit www.catskill-cuisine.com for more information.

About Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association

Today, people are flocking to the Sullivan Catskills - creating an influx of development, a growing arts and culinary scene, and a wealth of luxury infusing the destination - expansively bringing a cool cultural identity to the county. Once a summer spot for New York City dwellers, it has now evolved into a year-round destination for visitors throughout the world. Formerly known as the Borscht Belt, where famed comedians got their start at a range of renowned resorts and most notably home to the 1969 Woodstock Festival, the Sullivan Catskills has reemerged as one of the fastest-growing and most desired destinations in New York State. Located only 90 minutes out of Manhattan, the Sullivan Catskills has been reinvented with active village main streets, breathtaking views, fresh Catskill water, vibrant music venues, unique shopping boutiques, award-winning craft beverages, distinctive resorts, hotels, luxurious inns and prized bed & breakfasts, as well as a bustling culinary scene. The result is a destination set apart as a progressive and sustainable place to stay, explore and celebrate. For more information, please visit <https://sullivancatskills.com>

About Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts inspires, educates, and empowers individuals through the arts and humanities by presenting a diverse selection of culturally rich performances, popular artists, and community and educational programming. Located 90 miles from New York City at the site of the 1969 Woodstock festival in Bethel, NY, the lush 800-acre campus includes a Pavilion Stage amphitheater with seating for 16,000, an intimate 422-seat indoor Event Gallery, the award-winning Museum at Bethel Woods, and a Conservatory for arts education programming. Through the in-depth study and exhibition of the social, political, and cultural events of the 1960s, as well as the preservation of the historic site of the Woodstock Music and Art Fair, Bethel Woods educates individuals about the issues and lessons of the decade while inspiring a new generation to contribute positively to the world around them. The not-for-profit organization relies on the generous support of individuals, corporations, and foundations to develop and sustain programs that improve the quality of life in the region and beyond. For more information, please visit www.BethelWoodsCenter.org

Sight & Sound TV Streaming JESUS

For anyone who is interested, Mary Inghrim brought this to our attention. Streaming Easter Weekend (March 29-31), the production, “Jesus”, will be offered by Sight & Sound. There is no charge.

Here is a link to the trailer: <https://www.sight-sound.tv/jesus-streaming-free-easter-weekend/videos/trailer-jesus-streaming-free-easter-weekend>

And here is the link that Mary has sent for the actual streaming view of “Jesus”

<https://www.sight-sound.tv/jesus-streaming-free-easter-weekend>

Thank you Mary... and Happy Easter to all!

Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Spring Tree & Shrub Program

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

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

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

To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 and request the brochure and order form or go online at sullivanswcd.org. The order deadline is April 8, 2024.

“Bagels with the Bunny” A Huge Success!

The Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc. and the Woodridge Volunteer Fire Department have been planning a fun event for children in the area for several months. Excitement was in the air as the day finally arrived.

Saturday, March 16th was bright and clear and a great day for hunting colored eggs. The eggs were hidden, refreshments were ready, and the Easter Bunny was waiting for the children to arrive. The Bunny was not disappointed!

Children and their parents/guardians arrived with their baskets at the ready. The hidden eggs were collected, photos were taken with the Easter Bunny, crafts were made, refreshments were eaten, and twelve beautiful baskets with toys, games, and Easter themed items inside were raffled off. Everyone ended the morning with smiles, laughter, and appreciation for everything that had been done to create such a wonderful event for the children of the community.

We can't wait to see what surprises are in store for next year's event!



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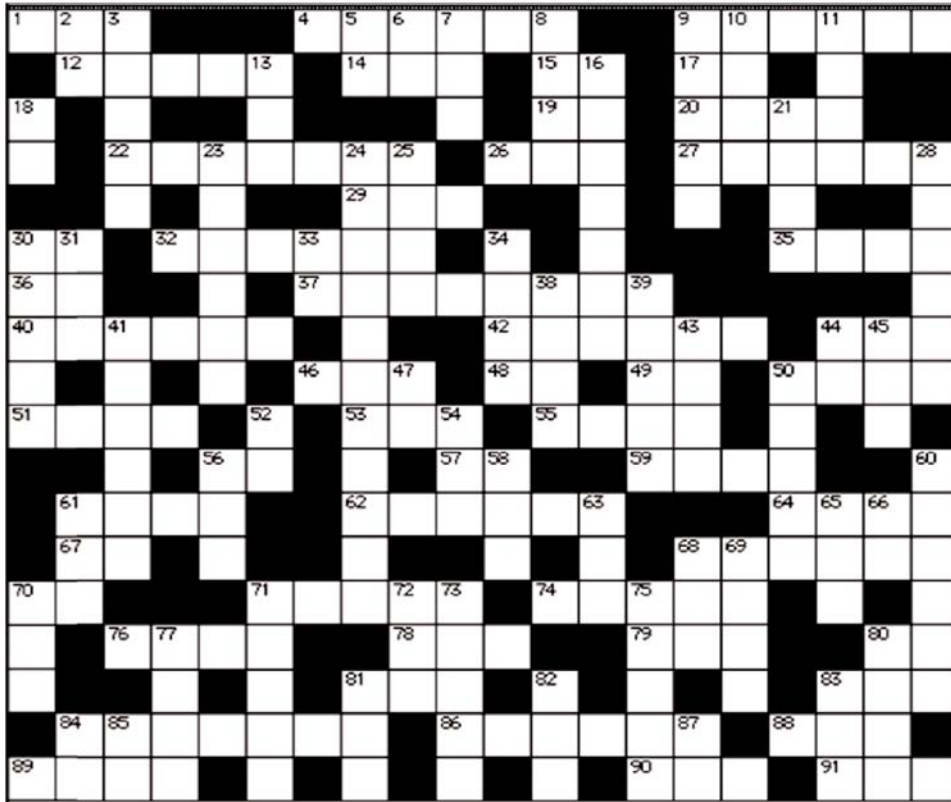
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Hopping Down the Bunny Trail... - L. Comando



ACROSS

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

- 40 Popular Easter animal
- 42 Something done again
- 44 One and one
- 46 Inquire
- 48 Mountain
- 49 Bachelor of Arts
- 50 Simmer
- 51 Waistband
- 53 Securities Exchange Commission
- 55 Tread water
- 56 Fourth note of the major scale
- 57 Indefinite article
- 59 Bright fluorescent color
- 61 Cause to become healthy again
- 62 Collective phenomena of the physical world
- 64 Character in 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
- 67 Preposition
- 68 Full of happiness
- 70 After noon
- 71 Shout for joy
- 74 Month of Passover 2024
- 76 Small jumping insect
- 78 By way of
- 79 Era

- 80 Mile (abbrev)
- 81 Risk something
- 83 Spasmodic contraction of a muscle
- 84 A day of festivity
- 86 Oldest festival of the Christian church
- 88 In accordance with
- 89 Horse of a small breed
- 90 Neversink or Merriman
- 91 Snaring trap

DOWN

- 2 Intelligent quotient
- 3 Bulbous spring flower
- 5 Associated Press
- 6 7th note of major scale
- 7 Japanese school of Mahayana Buddhism
- 8 Abode
- 9 Passover meal
- 10 Type of Gnome computer system
- 11 Having two or more different colors
- 13 Pointed end of something

- 16 Restore life
- 18 Depart
- 21 Fault in a person that is less serious than the fault of the one criticizing
- 23 Non-physical part of a person
- 24 Reawake-ing
- 25 Symbols of new life
- 28 Something that stands for something else
- 30 Part of the Seder Plate
- 31 Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet
- 33 Internet Protocol
- 34 What the early bird will catch
- 38 People who served in the military
- 39 A popular spring bird
- 41 A container made from cane
- 43 Moniker
- 44 In the direction of
- 45 Triumph
- 47 Kinetic energy
- 50 He hides the Easter eggs
- 52 Los Angeles
- 54 Feline
- 56 Move through the air
- 58 An edible kernel

- 60 Relating to the universe
- 61 Meat traditionally served at Easter dinner
- 63 Extrasensory perception
- 65 Long period of time
- 66 Twelfth star in a constellation
- 68 Lively dance
- 69 Margarine

- 70 Cooking utensil
- 71 Sweet sugary food
- 72 Night before an event
- 73 Solemn acts
- 75 Speak with great enthusiasm
- 77 Fragrant

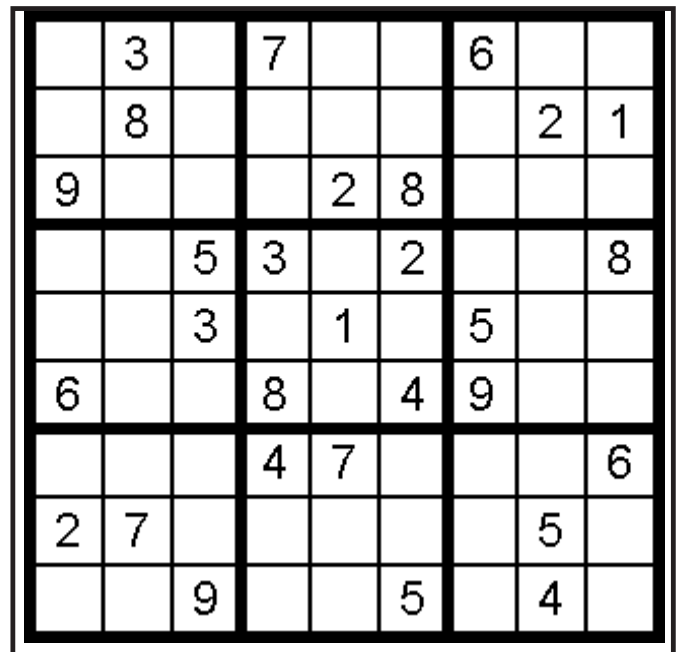
- Easter flower
- 80 Swamp
- 81 Short for goodbye
- 82 Distinct ideology
- 83 Cardinal number
- 84 Expression of surprise
- 85 Not off
- 87 Egyptian sun god

Good Friday Italian Spinach Calzone

- 2 (6 Ounce) Balls Pizza Dough, Homemade or Store Bought
- 5 Ounces Frozen Chopped Spinach, Thawed & Squeezed Well To Remove Excess Water
- 1 Cup Ricotta Cheese
- 1/2 Cup Grated Mozzarella Cheese
- 1/4 Cup Grated Parmesan Cheese
- 8 whole anchovies
- 1 Egg

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. and lightly dust a baking sheet with cornmeal. On a lightly floured surface, roll out each ball of dough into an eight to nine inch circle. In a bowl, mix together the spinach, ricotta, mozzarella, parmesan, and salt, pepper. Take half the filling and place on half of each of the dough circles leaving a 3/4 inch border around the edge. Place two anchovies over the spinach mix. Fold the other half of the dough over the filling lining up the edges and pinch to seal. Place each calzone on the prepared baking sheet. Crack the egg into a small bowl, add a tablespoon of water, and beat with a fork until blended. Brush the egg wash over each of the calzone. Bake the calzone for 20 to 25 minutes or until puffy and golden brown.

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Cryptogram

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Kids' Easter Fun Page

Follow the dots then color the picture of the Easter Bunny and his basket



Happy Easter!



Help the Easter Bunny find the basket



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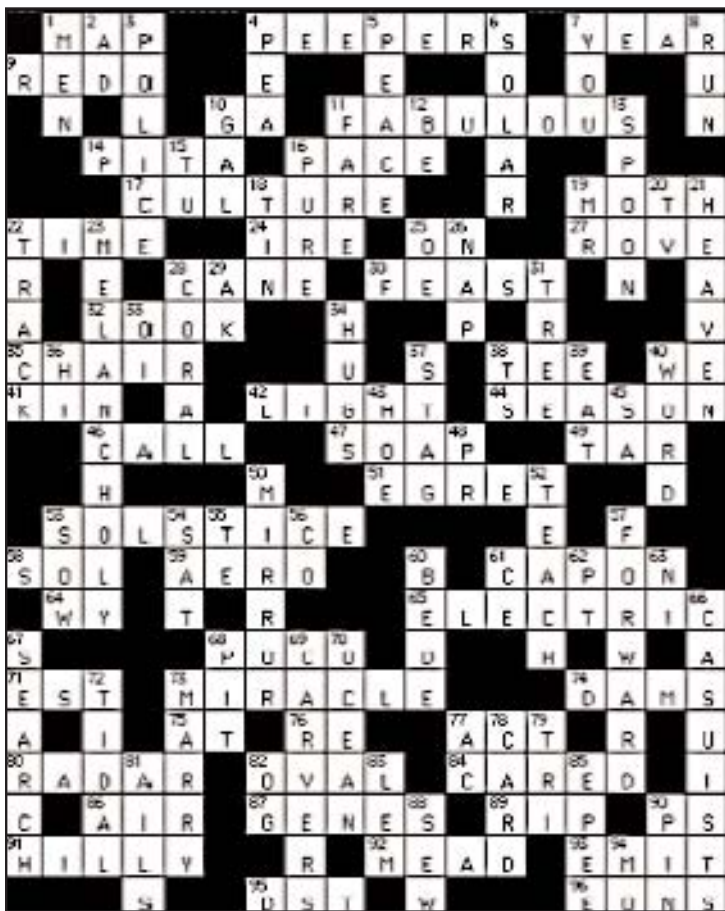


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Cryptogram Key

Correct Answers for the March 7th Crossword!



Thank you to Marilyn Wienstein for letting us know that the "answers" were not correct in the March 14 issue. I am not the only one who appreciates this. I am sure that those who do the Crossword Puzzle appreciate this too. Thank you Marilyn!

Catskill Public Theater to Host Stage Warming Party at Roscoe Fireman's Field

Catskill Public Theater is thrilled to announce its Stage Warming Party, scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Roscoe Fireman's Field. The event will mark the grand opening of the theater's brand-new, state-of-the-art mobile stage. This special event ensures an enjoyable afternoon with live music, delicious food, and various craft vendors. Attendees can look forward to a memorable experience as they witness the unveiling of the Catskill Public Theater's newest contribution to the Hudson Valley's performing arts scene.

Catskill Public Theater is dedicated to providing FREE accessible live theater experiences to Sullivan County and throughout the Hudson Valley. In its inaugu-

ral year, the theater is proud to present "Terror," an audience-interactive play set to captivate audiences during the month of July. Delving into themes of justice and morality, "Terror" challenges viewers to determine the second half of the play by answering the question: Hero or Murderer? You decide! With a pay-what-you-can model, Catskill Public Theater ensures that quality entertainment remains within reach for all members of the community.

to join us in celebrating the launch of our new mobile stage," said Marshall Shnider, Founding Director of Catskill Public Theater. "This Stage Warming Party is not just about inaugurating a physical structure, but about embracing the spirit of creativity and inclusivity that defines our mission. We look forward to welcoming everyone for a fun day of entertainment and camaraderie."

For more information about Catskill Public Theater and its upcoming productions, visit www.catskillpublictheater.com or follow CPT on Facebook. Media Contact: Ian Marcus, Hudson Valley Advertising: info@hvadvertising.com catskillpublictheater@gmail.com 844-PLAYS4U (844-752-9748)

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Please fill out the new student registration form for students who are brand new to MISU. <https://misucatskills.org/new-student-registration-form/>

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

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

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

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting Regular Meeting #19

**Thursday, March 28, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

**Secondary School
Library Lower Level**

**The Agenda will be available on
BoardDocs 1 day before
the Board Meeting**

**This Board Meeting will be on Tri-
Valley's YouTube Live Channel:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkI224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>

UC Legislature Unanimously Approves Updates to Sexual Harassment Policy

KINGSTON, NY - Last evening, the Ulster County Legislature unanimously approved updates to Ulster County's Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy. The policy amendments, recommended by County Executive Jen Metzger, clarify the definition of sexual harassment, improve the County's ability to effectively address and act on complaints specifically involving appointed board or commission members, enhance training requirements, and implement trauma-informed investigation practices.

These policy amendments, along with others made to align with State policy, seek to further bolster the County's Sexual Harassment Policy, as well as extend protections and redress options to those affected.

The policy updates:

- o Clarify that sexual harassment does not have to be severe or pervasive to be illegal
- o Clarify that sexual harassment is a form of "gender-based" discrimination
- o Clarify that sexual harassment can occur in the remote workplace
- o Add a new section on Bystander Intervention, including an explanation of five standard methods of intervention that can be used if employees witness harassment or discrimination

The updated policy also expands training requirements to include:

- o Board, commission, committee and council members
- o A clear process to act on complaints involving appointed board, commission, committee and council members

"I have zero tolerance for sexual harassment of any kind in the County government workplace, and these policy amendments strengthen our efforts to prevent workplace harassment and take disciplinary action if it does occur," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "Importantly, the policy updates make clear that all genders are protected and that sexual harassment does not need to be severe or pervasive to be illegal. Everyone is entitled to a safe and supportive working environment, and government must lead by example. I want to thank the Legislature for moving expeditiously to amend this policy."

"I commend the County Executive and her staff for putting together a comprehensive sexual harassment policy," said Ulster County Legislator and Minority Leader Kevin Roberts. "Their team worked fast and diligently to give our employees and residents an avenue for their complaints to be heard."

"As Chair of the Ulster County Legislature, I appreciate County Executive Metzger's efforts to revise our sexual harassment policies. These changes, particularly expanding the policy to cover board members and addressing gender diversity concerns, demonstrate a commitment to creating a more respectful and inclusive environment. These revisions are a positive step towards ensuring that all members of our County community feel safe and valued," said Chair Peter Criswell (District 7 - City of Kingston).

Adopting these policies provides the County of Ulster with an opportunity to reiterate its strong commitment to a workplace free of any manner of sexual harassment.

BACKGROUND

In August, County Executive Metzger signed the "Drag is Not a Crime Act" sponsored by Legislator Peter Criswell into law, amending Ulster County's 2018 Human Rights Protection Act to include gender expression to the current list of individual protections from discrimination based on race, color, religion, ethnicity, creed, age, national origin, alienage or citizenship status, familial status, gender, including gender identity, gender dysphoria, transgender status, group identity, marital status, sexual orientation, and disability.

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- o Two (2) VIP Pavilion Seats to a select 2024 Concert at Bethel Woods
- o Two (2) Tickets to Catskill Cuisine Food Festival (Saturday, May 11)
- o Four (4) Sanctuary Tour Passes to Woodstock Farm Sanctuary
- o \$100 Scratch Off Lottery Ticket Basket Extravaganza

Questions? Don't hesitate to give us a call at (845) 342-8833!

Raffle tickets will be drawn on Friday, April 26th, 2024 at our Clubhouse in Circleville, NY! The drawing will be live on Facebook with a little help from our Club Kids.

To purchase raffle tickets, go to

: <https://www.bgcorange.org/news-events/event-calendar.html/event-form/get-a-raffle-ticket-/98487/tickets>

Ulster County Opens Application Process for Paid Summer Climate Corps Internship Program

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Climate Corps, an innovative paid summer internship program spearheaded by County Executive Jen Metzger, has returned for its second year to advance climate initiatives across County departments. This year, Climate Corps interns will choose from among more than a dozen projects throughout County government that implement the County's Climate Action Commitment and bolster community resilience to the impacts of climate change. The program runs from June 10 to August 16 and pays \$17 per hour. The application window opens today, March 21, and applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis through May or until the program is filled, whichever comes first.

"We're kicking off the second year of the Ulster County Climate Corps, and we've got a lot of exciting projects lined up for summer interns this year to reduce our impact on climate change and strengthen our resilience to its impacts," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "This is a great opportunity for students and residents eager to work on climate solutions and make a difference in their community, and will help them devel-

op skills and experience for future careers in public service and the private sector."

"I was lucky enough to be chosen for the inaugural cohort of interns last summer, which provided a unique and dynamic experience for those who are interested in protecting and preserving the environment and want to make a difference locally. Throughout the program, we had the opportunity to play a direct role in crafting solutions while also participating in valuable professional development sessions to prepare us for our future careers," said Naseem Haidaoui, former Ulster County Climate Corps Intern and current Ulster County Youth Worker. "I was also able to collaborate with and assist fellow interns as needed while working on our various projects across departments. Since the conclusion of my internship last summer, I've continued working with the County on a number of climate-focused initiatives and am excited to now be able to help coordinate this year's internship program with what I've learned so far from my own experience."

Aligned with the County's ambitious climate agenda and building upon the success of last year's efforts, Climate Corps projects span numerous County departments, including the Office for Aging, Veterans Services, Office of the County Executive, Public Works, Buildings and Grounds, Social Services, Economic Development, Emergency Management, Environment, Information Services, Planning, Purchasing, and Tourism.

The program is open to high school (age 16 and up), college, and graduate students and interested community members. Through a blend of hands-on experience, professional development, and community engagement, interns will gain insights into public service and government operations while actively contributing to tangible climate solutions.

This year's Climate Corps projects include:

- o Energy Assistance Program Outreach for Seniors and Veterans
- o Sustainability | EV Charging | Solar Infrastructure Municipal Grant Program
- o Electric Vehicle Infrastructure for County Operations
- o Sustainable Ulster Residential Energy Efficiency Program
- o Climate-Smart Small Business Support
- o Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- o Climate Change Adaptation Annex
- o Climate Smart Communities
- o Ulster County Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP)
- o Greening Office Equipment Life Cycles
- o Climate Initiatives Dashboard
- o 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Development - Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC)
- o Ulster County Sustainable Purchasing Program
- o Sustainable Tourism Strategic Plan
- o Nature Bus

To learn more about the Ulster County Climate Corps Program and this year's application process, visit <https://participate.ulster-countyny.gov/climate-corps>.

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Apr 6, 2024

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Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

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

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
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9:00 AM Saturday

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

First Thrift Sale of the Season!
April 6th
9 am to 12 noon

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

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>
Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740

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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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845-985-7480

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Claryville, NY 12725
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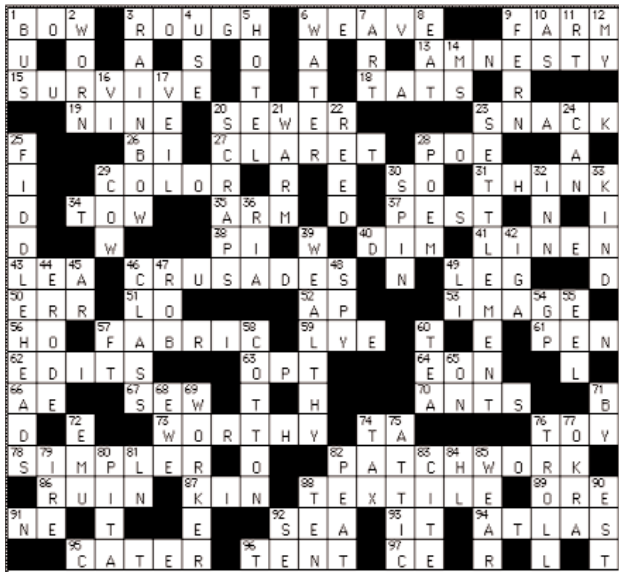
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Ans to last week's Crossword



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August - 3rd and 17th	

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

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Covered Dish Supper
 Saturday,
 April 6, 2024 5:30 pm
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Check out the tables with Yard Sale items available for sale
 (Covered Dish Suppers are held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)

Join us at Ulster Heights United Methodist Church

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 as we observe a reverent
Holy Week and a joyful Easter

Maundy Thursday Communion Service
 March 28, 7:00 p.m.
 We will gather at table in the fellowship hall to recall our Lord's last supper with his disciples.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service
 March 29, 7:00 p.m.
 We will recall together the passion of our Lord and his death on a cross.

Easter Celebration
 Sunday, March 31, 9:15 a.m.
 Join us for worship with Holy Communion as we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The service will be followed by an Easter brunch.

Call the pastor, Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff, 845-563-0963, for further information.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/21/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
3/21/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
3/29/24	Town of Neversink Holiday Good Friday
4/2/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
4/3/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
4/6/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
4/9/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
4/10/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
4/16/24	Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
4/18/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
4/18/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

Save the Date!

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar**Update for the Week Of**

March 23 - March 29, 2024

Saturday, March 23

o **10:00 AM - Special Meeting of the Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Sunday, March 24

o **10:00 AM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Farm Viability Support Meeting**, at 5 Park Lane, Highland

Monday, March 25

o **7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, and via Zoom, Meeting ID: 878 9035 1180, By Phone: (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, March 26

o No Meetings

Wednesday, March 27

o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting**, at 5 Park Lane, Highland

o **3:00 PM - Electrical Licensing Board**, in the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Ave, Cottekill

o **4:30 PM - Special Meeting of the Economic Development Alliance Board**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, members of the public may also attend at 186 Hommelville Rd, Saugerties & via Zoom, Meeting ID: 882 3331 7798, Passcode: 942236

o **6:30 PM - Environmental Management Council**, at 94 Mary's Avenue, Kingston & via Zoom, Meeting ID: 974 4252 9615, Passcode: 278571

o **7:30 PM - Fire Advisory Board**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, March 28

o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Zero Waste Committee**, at 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board Meeting**, at 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

Friday, March 29

o No Meetings

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- Our Faith Community Mission -

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1. Sundown UMC Sunday Worship is at 8:30 AM
2. Grahamsville UMC Sunday Worship is at 10:30 AM
3. Mongaup Valley UMC Sunday Worship is at 10:30 AM
(The first Sunday of the month service is at 1:00 pm for Holy Communion)

May I ask if you consider yourself a spiritual seeker?

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Daniel Pierce Library Celebrating 125th birthday

ATTENTION ALL LOCAL ARTISTS!



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

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

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

Dimensions should be approximately 24" x 30".

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

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

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

The Primetimers of Temple Shalom in Monticello sponsoring

A Day on Your Own Bus Trip to New York City

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DEC Announces Summer Camp Employment Opportunities Qualifications Updated to Grow Workforce

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced several positions are available in DEC's Summer_Camps_program. Working at a DEC camp is a fun opportunity to gain practical outdoor, naturalist, teaching, leadership, and many other transferrable skills while living in a beautiful setting.

DEC hires approximately 60 seasonal employees each summer to provide week-long adventures in conservation education for children ages 11-17. Now in its 77th year, DEC operates four residential camps for children: Camp Rushford in Caneadea (Allegany County); Camp Pack Forest in Warrensburg (Warren County); Camp Colby in Saranac Lake (Franklin County); and Camp DeBruce in Livingston Manor (Sullivan County).

Camper registration begins this weekend for Camp Pack Forest and Camp Rushford, with additional camps opening if the required camper-to-staff ratio achieved to ensure the safe operation of all facilities.

Available positions include:

- Directors;
- Assistant directors;
- Health Directors (must be NYS-certified EMT, Paramedic, LPN, RN, PA or MD);
- Waterfront directors;
- Counselors;
- Cooks; and
- Camp aides 1 and 2.

Depending on the position, qualified candidates may earn between \$6,400 to \$10,600 for the season. Employment at camp begins in June and ends mid-August, and all positions include room and board. To increase workforce opportunities and reach more eligible candidates, DEC recently changed some qualifications and is now accepting applications from candidates that do not have prior camper experience.

Learn more about camp and employment, including available position details and required qualifications, on DEC's website. To apply, please send a resume, and unofficial transcript_to campemploy@dec.ny.gov

DEC Reminds New Yorkers About April 1 Start of Spring Trout Fishing Season

April 1 Marks Start of Harvest Season and End of Catch-and-Release-Only Season for Trout

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today reminded New Yorkers of the April 1 start of the trout fishing season, a spring tradition bolstered by DEC's extensive stocking program and New York's world-renowned wild trout fisheries. DEC's spring trout stocking, which began in March and runs through early June, will include more than 1.9 million trout being stocked in waters statewide, enhancing the diversity of excellent fishing opportunities available to anglers in New York State.

"The mild winter afforded New Yorkers some trout fishing opportunities during the catch-and-release season," Commissioner Seggos said. "However, April 1, the traditional

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opening day of inland trout fishing season, brings the excitement to another level as spring arrives and the state's streams and ponds are stocked to provide additional opportunities for anglers."

April 1 marks the opening of the harvest season after year-round fishing was greenlit on most streams in 2021, with the implementation of an Oct.16 to March 31 "artificial lures only, catch-and-release" season.

DEC trout stocking began in March and will include the placement of 1,909,450 catchable size brook, brown, and rainbow trout in streams and ponds across the state by early June. "Stocked-Extended" streams, listed in the Inland Trout Streams Regulations section of the freshwater fishing regulations guide, will receive fish every other week for two months to enhance season-long opportunities for angler success. Most streams will also receive a seeding of larger stocked trout. Spring trout stocking lists, including the week of stocking for trout streams, can be found at DEC's website. <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/freshwater-fishing/stocking/spring-trout-stocking>

Stocking information, along with fishing regulations, maps, and access information is available in "The Tackle Box" feature of the DEC "HuntFishNY" smartphone app. Other features include driving directions to state boat launch sites and an offline feature that allows a user to access information when cell coverage isn't available. <https://dec.ny.gov/get-involved/huntfishny-mobile-app>

Visit the DEC website for more information on the HuntFishNY app and Tackle Box feature. <https://dec.ny.gov/get-involved/huntfishny-mobile-app>

Anglers can view trout stream reaches, color-coded by management category, and fishing access associated with those reaches on the DECinfo Locator. <https://gisservices.dec.ny.gov/gis/dil/>

Links to the Trout Stream Fishing Map and a User Guide as well as fishing regulations at <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/freshwater-fishing/regulations> and planned stockings listed by county are available on the DEC website. <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/freshwater-fishing/places-to-fish/trout-stream-fishing-map-guide>

A digital version of the 2024 guide is available to download on the DEC website. Hard copies are available wherever sporting licenses are sold. <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/freshwater-fishing/regulations>



Banner above depicts a recent wild Garden State brook trout that had to eat an Adams dry fly.

March chapter meeting: The chapter's March meeting will take place 7:30 PM Thursday, March 28th at the Boiceville Inn, on NY 28 in Boiceville. Mark Loete will give a PowerPoint presentation on the evolution of modern fly rods.



Fly-tying class: Our 2024 fly-tying class at the Olive Library was well received. There were four Saturday sessions held from Feb. 17th through March 9th. Typically the class featured at least a dozen interested students, many attending all four classes. Plus we had a few chapter members attending who tied their own flies during each class, notably--- but not all--- among these were Forrest Hutchinson, Victoria

Lawrence, and new member Joe Sotis. Many thanks to Mark Loete and Tony Coccozza for organizing/running these classes with help from Jody Hoyt, Russell Martin, and myself. Also special thanks to Judd Weisberg who patiently provided one-on-one assistance to several new tyers who popped in for a single session.

Shandaken Tunnel/NYC DEP SPDES Permit: On February 27th the New York City of Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP) hosted its semi-annual SPDES Permit (State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) review. NYC DEP Assistant Commissioner David Warner facilitated the Zoom meeting. Roughly two dozen people participated including representatives of NYC DEP, EPA, Greene

APW News (From Pg. 29)

County Soil and Water, NYS Dept. of Health, and NYS DEC Regions 3 and 4 plus the Division of Water from DEC Albany headquarters. Tony Coccozza and I represented our chapter, and we might have been the only Trout Unlimited representatives involved in this review.

DEP reported they plan to deliver the Esopus Creek required coldwater plan to NYS DEC by June 1st; it will be in effect from July 1st through sometime in September. It has a target of 70 degrees Fahrenheit as the warmest Portal diversion allowable, although when conditions are extremely dry, it's often far better to keep the Esopus Creek channel between the Shandaken Tunnel and Ashokan Reservoir wet rather than no flow causing exposed rocks to act as heat sinks further exasperating water temperature issues.

DEP also reported that they will need to shut the Shandaken Tunnel down again sometime between mid-November and December 2023 due to unresolved structural issues with tunnel intake gates in Schoharie Reservoir.

DEP informed us they also were having some issues with the High Level Intake (HLI) for the Shandaken Tunnel. When working, this can operate between elevations 1125' and 1080' in the Schoharie Reservoir, or stated in other terms, when the Schoharie Reservoir volume is at least 25% of capacity. The HLI is limited to diverting only 100 mgd or nothing, and this diversion can be blended with diversions from the eight tunnel intake gates. Decreases in Schoharie Reservoir's water volume could lessen the 100 mgd diversion. And use of the HLI must also consider Esopus Creek combined natural flows and Portal diversions, as mandated by the SPDES Permit. When in use, the HLI could be a tool to affect water temperature and turbidity diversions from Schoharie Reservoir into the Esopus Creek via the Shandaken Tunnel.

DEP also reported the High Level Outlet (HLO) for Gilboa Dam is planned to be operational in 2029. This would allow for a 10-15 mgd diversion into Schoharie Creek, downstream of the Gilboa Dam. However, the HLO will be installed at a fixed elevation in Gilboa Dam, thus once reservoir volumes drop below that elevation, diversions via the HLO will no longer be possible. There was a lot of discussion, much of it fostered by Tony and myself, regarding any diversions using the Low Level Outlet (LLO) for the Gilboa Dam as that would withdraw/deplete the small amount of cold water available for the Esopus Creek.

There is a significant environmental tradeoff in this discussion. Currently Shandaken Tunnel diversions support twelve miles of historic high-quality trout waters, before entering NYC's Ashokan Reservoir. Any coldwater releases from Gilboa Dam downstream might only improve six miles of that river, which has had no scheduled releases for over a century at the expense of the Esopus Creek trout fishery. And that minimal release would be absorbed and mixed with warmer water in the Blenheim-Gilboa Pumped Storage Power Station operated by the New York Power Authority before being released further downstream, presumably if that happens. Stay tuned!

Chapter shorts: Below are several different chapter related news briefs.

There will be a memorial service for the late Joe Daidone, a longtime chapter member, on Saturday April 27th at 11 AM at the Veterans' section of the New Paltz Rural Cemetery on 81 Plains Road, New Paltz, NY.

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APW News (From Pg. 30)

Our chapter is a member organization of the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed and recently we joined other organizations signing a letter supporting the annual Congressional non-partisan appropriation for this watershed. FYI: <https://www.delriverwatershed.org/> We thank Peter Marx, our chapter rep to CDRW for bringing this matter to the chapter board's attention and handling it.

On March 17th Forrest Hutchinson joined members of the Mid-Hudson and Catskill Mountains Chapters of TU in hosting a group of West Point cadets who fly-fished the Esopus Creek that day, and caught trout. Thank you Forrest.

On March 6th Tony Coccozza and I met with Town of Olive Supervisor Jim Sofranko and Olive consultant Barbara Restaino to discuss possible uses of the former Stucki property--- behind the Boiceville Market, the town is acquiring via a NYC funded flood buyout program. This could probably lead to public stream access here. Our discussions were very primarily and there is a process the Town of Olive will go through before any plans are finalized.

Mark Loete reports that fin clippings of brook trout taken in June of 2023 were recently sent to a lab in Canada for analyzing as part of the chapter's ongoing Catskill Heritage Brook Trout studies. Mark has gathered data seeking another grant from the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP) for a possible 2024 study on an Ashokan watershed tributary yet to be determined. If undertaken, that would be the chapter's fourth such study since 2019.

A digital issue of the February/March 2024 NYS *Conservationist*, FYI: <https://cloud.3dissue.com/129417/129610/151833/FebMar24NYSConsMag/index.html>

Acid Rain Report: Jody Hoyt reported during February there were 7 *measurable* events recorded in Boiceville. These included 2.5 inches of sleet/snow but only a total of 1.5 inches of liquid precipitation having a 5.8 weighted average pH. Note, snow contains less water content than a raindrop; Jody melts collected snowfall to determine its water content.

NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) recently reported that February 2024 was the warmest February for the earth on record, FYI: <https://www.noaa.gov/news/earth-just-had-its-warmest-february-on-record> The agency went on to report the 2023–24 North American winter was the warmest winter on record across the contiguous United States, with below-average snowfall primarily in the upper midwest and parts of the northeastern United States.

Among other things, rising air temperatures are impacting a longstanding ice harvesting tradition in Maine, FYI: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmdL_k7guMO

Treasurer's Report: Jody reports we currently have \$8,299.74, with \$7,009.22 in the General Operating Fund and \$1,290.52 in the Conservation Fund, dedicated to conservation uses only.

Membership: If you have membership questions or concerns, or know someone who wants to join our chapter, please contact Russell Martin at: rmartintu@gmail.com.

Until next time,
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Governor Hochul Launches \$102 Million Effort to Expand Care and Treatment for New Yorkers with Serious Mental Issues

\$92 Million to Develop 26 Teams Providing 'Critical Time Intervention' for Discharged Patients Receiving Mental Health Care Services

\$10 Million to Expand 'Safe Options Support' Initiative Which Has Successfully Moved Nearly 390 Long-Term Homeless New Yorkers Into Stable Housing

Investments Are Part of Governor Hochul's Nation-Leading \$1 Billion Plan to Transform the Mental Health Continuum of Care

Governor Kathy Hochul today launched a \$102 million effort to broaden wraparound care for individuals with serious mental illness. Governor Hochul announced more than \$92 million will be deployed to develop 26 Critical Time Intervention teams, which provide continued support and care coordination for individuals living with mental illness. In addition, Governor Hochul also announced that up to \$10 million will be deployed to develop additional 'Safe Options Support' teams that focus on youth and young adults; the Safe Options Support initiative has already helped nearly 390 long-term homeless individuals move from the streets into stable housing. This new funding is part of Governor Hochul's nation-leading \$1 billion plan to transform the mental health continuum of care.

"New Yorkers struggling with serious mental illness deserve care, treatment and support," Governor Hochul said. "The mental health crisis is the defining challenge of our time, and New York will deploy every resource at our disposal to address this crisis."

These investments are part of Governor Hochul's \$1 billion plan to strengthen New York State's mental health care system by adding capacity system-wide, expanding existing programs with a record of success, such as SOS, and funding new evidence-based initiatives, including CTI. The Governor's plan will establish 50 CTI teams and further expand the SOS program.

CTI teams are a key component of the proposed OMH regulations setting the expected standard of care for assessing, evaluating, and discharging individuals with behavioral health conditions from facilities the agency oversees. Similar regulations were also proposed by the state Department of Health for certain hospitals the agency oversees.

OMH Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said, "Some individuals living with mental illness may for a period of time need intensive community supports to help them on their road to recovery. By creating Critical Time Intervention teams and expanding the Safe Options Support program, we can provide assistance, work with individuals and families to access the services they need and enable them to thrive in their communities. Through these initiatives, Governor Hochul is fulfilling her commitment to ensure all New Yorkers have access to quality affordable mental health care."

The New York State Office of Mental Health will provide up to \$41.2 million to establish ten Critical Time Intervention teams to serve Upstate counties; \$32.2 million to establish five teams to

serve New York City, Westchester County and Long Island; and \$19.4 million to establish 11 teams to serve rural areas statewide.

The new CTI teams will serve adults with complex mental health conditions - including co-occurring substance use, medical conditions, or co-occurring intellectual or developmental disabilities - and those being discharged from an inpatient psychiatric hospital. The teams will also support individuals being discharged from emergency department or other crisis services who are not engaged in treatment, lack community support, or are at risk of losing their housing. Earlier this year, OMH made more than \$55 million available to establish the first nine Critical Time Intervention teams in New York City and Long Island to serve adults.

In addition, OMH is now accepting proposals for \$10 million in state funding to create two new SOS teams in New York City to serve young adults experiencing homelessness, which puts them at increased risk of victimization, such as through sex or labor trafficking. These teams are staffed by mental health specialists and provide support and care coordination, with a goal of finding them permanent housing.

To date, SOS teams serving New York City have secured stable housing for nearly 390 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, many of whom also suffer severe and chronic mental illness. These teams have had roughly 21,000 outreach encounters and enrolled more than 1,700 clients with serious mental illness into the program since its inception in spring 2022.



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Governor Hochul Announces Start of Construction at Sullivan County International Airport

*Project Awarded \$18.5 Million Through
Upstate Airport Economic Development and
Revitalization Competition*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that construction has begun on a project to modernize the Sullivan County International Airport and create a state-of-the-art gateway that will fuel economic growth and foster increased tourism for the entire Catskill Region. The project, which was awarded \$18.5 million from the Governor's \$230 million Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition, will replace the original 55-year-old terminal with a spacious, new 15,000-square-foot, energy-efficient building that will become both a welcoming destination for visitors to the region



and a popular spot for residents to come and enjoy the Catskill Region's scenic beauty. The new terminal will feature plentiful natural lighting, an all-electric HVAC system utilizing high-efficiency heat pumps integrated with geothermal wells, an enlarged restaurant and bar area with an outdoor dining area, a pilot's lounge and other amenities that will enhance the passenger experience and create a modern travel center.

"Airports are the front doors to our Upstate communities and vital economic engines for the region," Governor Hochul said. "This project will provide the Catskills with the state-of-the-art airport it deserves and greet thousands of visitors per year as they explore the region."

The Sullivan County International Airport was one of nine Upstate airports awarded a total of \$230 million in the latest round of Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition funding announced by Governor Hochul in September 2022. The awards are intended to promote, revitalize and accelerate investments in Upstate commercial passenger service airports, helping to create airports for the 21st century.

Constructed in 1969, the Sullivan County International Airport is located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, approximately five miles northwest of the Village of Monticello and 90 miles northwest of New York City. A major feature of the new terminal building will be a two-story glass curtain wall that will offer fabulous views looking across the apron, taxiway and runway to the Catskill Mountains, and also provide natural daylight to most of the occupiable spaces. The restaurant/bar area on the second floor will also have an adjacent deck for outdoor dining and the main first floor waiting area will have an adjacent covered patio for outdoor seating.

The project has a total estimated cost of \$23 million and is expected to create approximately 260 jobs. Work on the airport is expected to be completed by the spring of 2025. Additional improvements include:

- o Relocation of interior spaces including rental car check-in.
- o Creation of pilot lounge, conference office areas and pilot planning areas.
- o New and improved restrooms.
- o Upgraded heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.
- o Geothermal wells to provide heating/cooling systems for terminal building.
- o Upgraded terminal insulation, including windows and doors, to improve energy efficiency.
- o Solar panels to supplement power to terminal building.
- o New furniture, fixtures and equipment.
- o Replacement/upsizing of the existing septic system.
- o Upgraded fire suppression water tank and pump distribution system.
- o New electrical vehicle charging stations.

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- o Repaved and striped main parking lot.

State Senator Peter Oberacker said, "The Sullivan County International Airport is a key part of our local economy, and these upgrades will further heighten the facility's value to the Catskills. With world-class tourist attractions and businesses all within the airport's shadow, it is vital that we invest in this vital infrastructure component. When travelers touch down at SCIA they should know

they have arrived somewhere important. This transformative project will help convey that impression."

Assemblymember Aileen Gunther said, "Investments like this are game changers for my district. This project will invigorate our economy, drive tourism, and highlight the natural beauty of Sullivan County. I extend my sincere thanks to Governor Hochul for recognizing that Sullivan County is not just a pit stop, but rather a destination for travel in New York State."

The Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition is administered by the New York State Department of Transportation and was open to Upstate commercial passenger service airports and airports providing specialized service for commercial aircraft and/or corporate jets. Applicants were encouraged to apply for funding for a single project or a program of projects to help meet the demands of the 21st century. Projects submitted for review by eligible airports were evaluated based on established criteria, including but not limited to innovation in design, passenger amenities and experience, operational efficiencies and economic effectiveness for the airport's region.

In September 2022, Governor Hochul announced \$230 million in awards to nine Upstate airports for revitalization projects that reimagine and further modernize airports across Upstate New York. This funding comes from the Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition, a competitive solicitation which aims to promote, revitalize and accelerate investments in Upstate commercial passenger service airports, helping to create airports for the 21st century. In addition to Sullivan County International Airport, other awardees include: Albany International Airport, Watertown International Airport, Saratoga County Airport, Syracuse Hancock International Airport, Ogdensburg International Airport, Greater Binghamton Airport, Frederick Douglass Greater Rochester International Airport and the Adirondack Regional Airport.

Bold Gold Studios Grand Opening

Liberty, NY - Bold Gold Media Group is excited to announce a BOLD expansion, geared toward content creators and influencers with the Grand Opening of Bold Gold Studios, a brand-new state-of-the-art audio and video podcast and recording studio located in the newly renovated historic Liberty Theater, on Main Street in Liberty. In addition to providing interested podcasters and content creators a place to make their audio and video magic, this studio will also serve as a satellite Radio Studio for Bold Gold Media's four local broadcast radio stations: Thunder 102, 98.3 WSUL, 95.9 VOS-FM, and Catskills News Talk 92.5 & 94.9. Bold Gold Studios will also be available for lease opportunities, and offers brand new professional audio and video recording gear, with experts available to help you record, produce, and even market your branded multi-media podcast or A/V productions.

The Grand Opening of Bold Gold Studios will be celebrated on Friday, April 19th with a live broadcast of Ciliberto & Friends featuring Paul Ciliberto & Special Guests from 6-9AM followed by a Ribbon Cutting and Open House at 11AM with the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce.

"We are grateful to Bruce Davidson at the Liberty Theater for partnering with Bold Gold Media to create and manage this state-of-the-art studio in his historic building. This studio will extend Bold Gold Media's reach in Sullivan & the Catskills, and serve as a new professional space for audio and video content creators." Dawn Ciorciari, General Manager, Bold Gold Media, NY

"The Davidson family is excited to partner with experts at Bold Gold Media on this state-of-the-art recording studio in the Liberty Theater building. This studio will allow much needed local access to the arts community. I would like to thank everyone from Bold Gold Media for making this happen for our community. The Liberty Theater project, and this Studio, is all part of the renaissance going on in the Village of Liberty." Bruce Davidson, Liberty Theater.

For more info about Audio and Podcast Services at Bold Gold Studios visit boldgoldstudios.com or contact, Dawn Ciorciari, General Manager, Bold Gold NY, 845-794-9898 ex 102, dciorciari@boldgoldmedia.com

About Bold Gold Media:

Bold Gold is a Veteran owned and operated company. The mission of Bold Gold Media Group is to provide community focused broadcast and digital media programming for our entire listening area and contribute positively to the growth and development of the region through the power of local radio and digital media.

Locally owned, operated and programmed, Bold Gold was founded in 2005, with the aim of becoming the preeminent radio broadcast group in Northeast Pennsylvania and the Catskill Mountains of New York. Bold Gold serves the following regions: The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre & Pocono Lake Region of Pennsylvania and the Catskill Mountains & Hudson Valley Region of New York. Bold Gold has a total of 15 full power radio stations and 25 total broadcast frequencies as well as Bold Gold Digital Division; dedicated to providing branding, logo and graphic design, website design, photography, videography, consulting and more.

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Are You a Landlord in Sullivan County?

- Share Your Thoughts and Suggestions
- Short, Confidential Survey Will Help County Help Landlords

Liberty, NY - The results of a new survey will guide the County in enhancing processes and services for rental building owners and managers.

"The Sullivan County Department of Social Services aims to better support the relationship between the Department, tenants and landlords," notes Deputy Commissioner of Social Services Giselle Steketee. "We want to bridge that gap in communication between everyone, especially landlords."

The survey is online at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M32PXXN>. Only current and prospective landlords are asked to participate.

Information collected in the survey will not be shared with other entities. Contact information is being requested solely to give additional information that landlords will find useful. Deadline for responses is close of business on April 24.

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DEC Announces 2023 Bear Harvest Summary

Overall Harvest Increased Slightly from 2022; Harvest Density Greatest in Catskills

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced bear hunters harvested an estimated 1,356 black bears (*Ursus americanus*) during the 2023 hunting seasons. Though rarely seen by most New Yorkers, black bears are valued by hunters, photographers, and wildlife watchers alike, and are well established in many areas across the state.

"Black bear populations continue to expand into areas occupied historically," said Commissioner Seggos. "This expansion is a conservation success story and robust populations afford great hunting opportunities. DEC encourages New Yorkers to learn the BearWise basics to help live more responsibly with bears and reduce the likelihood of human-bear conflicts in their backyards."

Hunters harvested an estimated 485 bears in the Northern Zone and an estimated 871 bears in the Southern Zone. This represents roughly six percent more bears harvested in the north and one percent more in the south than in 2022. The total bear harvest in 2023 was approximately seven percent lower than the five-year average.

The Catskill region continued to produce the greatest bear harvest densities, and in Wildlife Management Units (WMU) 3A, 3C, 3K, 4R, and 4W hunters took more than 10 bears per 100 square miles, with hunters taking more than 15 bears per 100 square miles in WMU 3K.

Notable Numbers

16.1: The number of bears harvested per 100 square miles in WMU 3K, the greatest bear harvest density of any WMU.

550 pounds: The heaviest dressed-weight bear reported to DEC in 2023, taken in the town of Windsor, Broome County, WMU 7S. Scaled weights of dressed bears were submitted for 21 percent of bears taken in 2023.

648: The number of hunter-harvested bears from which DEC collected teeth to determine the bear's age in 2023.

25: The age of the oldest bear harvested in 2022. The bear was harvested in the town of West Union, Steuben County, WMU 8X. Bear teeth from the 2023 season are still being analyzed.

1: The number of bears harvested in WMU 7A in 2023. This was the first bear ever reported as harvested in the unit since DEC first began tracking bear harvest information in 1970.

Black bear harvest data is gathered from two main sources: harvest reports required of all successful bear hunters and the physical examination of bears by DEC staff and cooperating taxidermists. Harvest estimates are made by cross-referencing these two data sources and determining the rate at which hunters report bear harvests in each zone. In fall 2023, DEC will send a commemorative 2023 Black Bear Management Coordinator Patch and a letter confirming each bear's age to all hunters who reported their bear harvest and submitted a tooth for age analysis.

DEC's 2023 Bear Harvest Summary report provides tables, figures, and maps detailing the bear harvest around the state. Past harvest summaries are also available on DEC's website. DEC's Black Bear Management Plan provides information on how DEC determines black bear population objectives throughout the state.

DEC Announces 17th Year of Juvenile Eel Monitoring

Area Volunteers, Teachers, and Students Join DEC to Count Hudson River Eels

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the start of the State's 17th year of annual research on migrating juvenile American eels (*Anguilla rostrata*). The research project takes place all along the Hudson River Estuary with partner volunteers including teachers, students, and residents who venture into tributary streams to participate.

"New York's Hudson River Estuary provides habitat that is critical to the life cycle of many important migratory fish species," said Commissioner Seggos. "Each year, the Hudson River Eel Project connects students and local residents

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with nature, serving as environmental stewards gathering valuable data for DEC's future study of this species and its role in our ecosystem."

The project was initiated by DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program and Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve to gather data for multi-state management plans for eel conservation. Eel collection takes place at most sites daily from mid-March through mid-May. Since the project began, volunteers have caught, counted, and released more than one million juvenile eels into upstream habitat.

This spring, students, local volunteers, DEC staff, and partner organizations will monitor glass eels at 11 sites on the Hudson River from New York Harbor to the Capital Region. American eels have one of the most unusual life cycles of any fish. The eels are hatched in the Sargasso Sea in the Atlantic Ocean and arrive every spring in estuaries like the Hudson River as translucent, two-inch long "glass eels." DEC and volunteers check 10-foot, cone-shaped nets (fyke nets) specifically designed to catch these small eels during this life stage. Volunteer and student researchers then count and release the glass eels back into the water and record environmental data on temperature and tides. Most of the eels are released above dams, waterfalls, and other barriers so that the eels have better access to habitat. Eels will live in freshwater rivers and streams and for up to 30 years before returning to the sea to spawn. Coastal states from Florida to Maine monitor the young-of-the-year migrations of American eels, using Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission protocols. Hudson River Eel Project participants are trained in these field collection protocols to ensure useful data is collected.

Those interested in volunteering for the eel project, can email eelproject@dec.ny.gov and should include their resident location to accommodate a nearby site. For more information on the eel project, visit the eel project website and watch the eel project video on DEC's YouTube channel.

The Daniel Pierce Library

Spring Children's Programs 2024

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

The following children's programs are open to caregivers and their children ages 12 months to 5 years who are residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District. The spring eight-week long session begins the week of April 8th.

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

Mother Goose Time (12-23 months) Beginning Wednesday, April 10th

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

Toddler Time (24-35 months) Beginning Thursday, April 11th

Stories, felt stories, crafts, music and friendship-building geared for wee ones ages 24-35 months. Two programs will be held each Thursday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Must be 24 months by 12/1/23.

Story Hour (3, 4 and 5 year-olds) Beginning Friday, April 12th

Our classic, beloved program for three, four and five year-old children, featuring the "Magic Bag," a read-aloud, felt stories, craft projects, homework and music. Two programs will be held each Friday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Must be 3 years or older by 12/1/23.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour

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

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Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org by April 1st. If you have any questions, please email dmchugh@rcls.org or call (845) 985-7233 x105.

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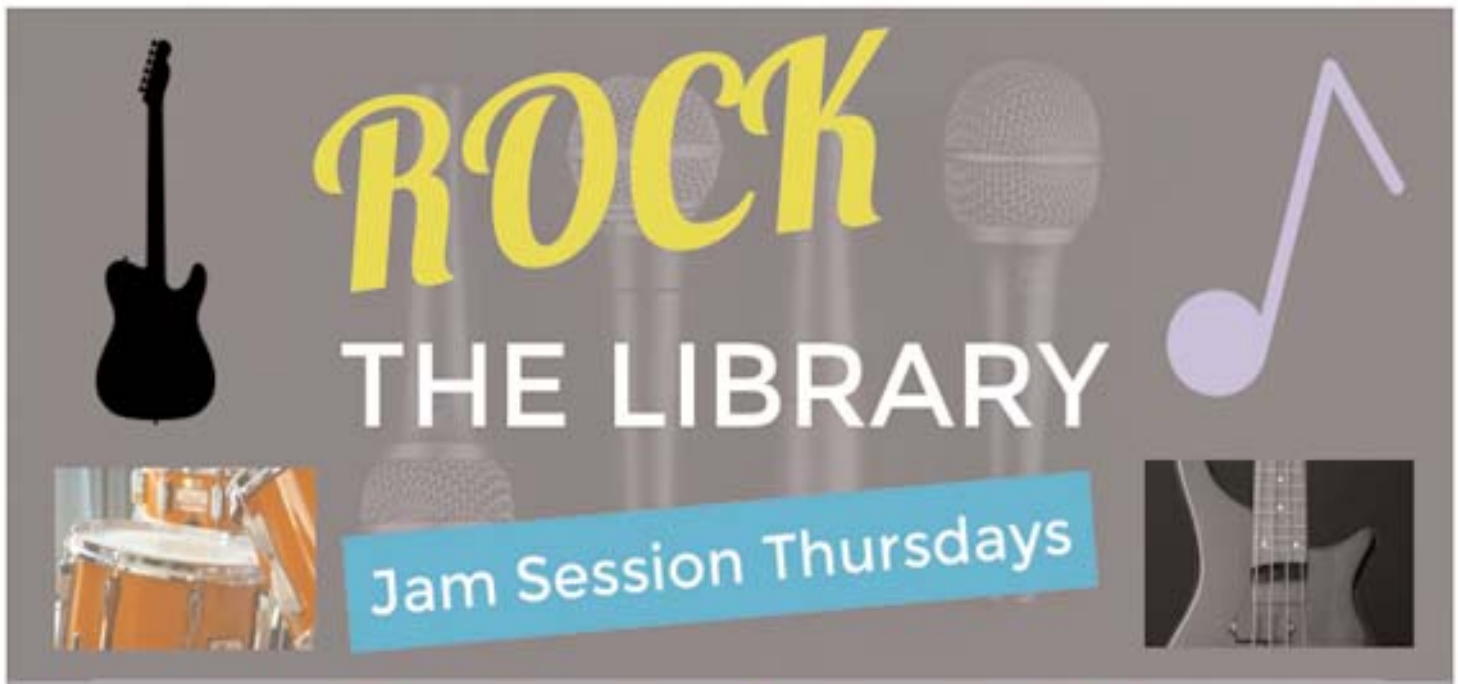
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UC Receives State Grant to Reduce Lead Exposure in Rental Housing

The UC Department of Health and Planning Department has received \$326,000 to implement the New York State Leading in Lead Prevention Pilot Program

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Department of Health and Planning Department has received \$326,000 to implement the New York State (NYS) Leading in Lead Prevention Pilot program to conduct lead remediation in multi-family rental units serving low- and moderate-income tenants, helping protect residents and at-risk populations from the dangers of lead poisoning.

The program will focus on helping tenants in State-designated "Communities of Concern," which includes the area within Ulster County's 12401 Kingston zip code. The County Health Department has identified 100 properties in this zip code with confirmed lead hazards. This program serves as a first step to help the County and local municipalities prepare for a more comprehensive lead remediation effort as part of the NYS Department of Health's Lead Hazard Rental Registry. The new State registry, to be launched in 2025, will include inspections and enforcement mechanisms to remediate lead exposure in all residential dwellings with two or more rental units built prior to 1980 and located within "Communities of Concern."

The Ulster County Department of Health has done a significant amount of work to reduce lead exposure for residents through their Environmental Lead program and EPA-licensed lead-based paint risk assessors. The Department also provides medical surveillance through the Department's Patient Services Public Health Nursing Division as well as through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Renovation, Repair, and Painting Training for contractors and homeowners. However, a lack of funding remains a significant barrier preventing homeowners and property owners from undertaking lead remediation work. The Leading in Lead Prevention Pilot Program will provide an exciting opportunity for property owners to complete this important work. The County will be issuing a Request for Proposals to work with a housing-focused community organization to help administer this program.

"The older the home, the more likely it contains lead paint, and the dangers of lead poisoning, especially for children, continue to pose a threat because of our aged building stock," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "This award from New York State Homes and Community Renewal will address a major barrier to lead remediation by providing direct funding to building owners to help ensure these dangers are addressed and children's health is protected. I want to thank Governor Hochul for this funding award as the County works to implement the Lead Hazard Rental Registry, and I applaud our Departments of Planning and Health on this collaborative effort to eliminate the threat of lead poisoning in qualifying rental apartments."

"As Chair of the Ulster County Legislature, I applaud



Workers installing new window

Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State legislature for their proactive stance in leading comprehensive lead poisoning prevention efforts," said Chair of the Ulster County Legislature, Peter Criswell. "With the grant we've been awarded, and our active participation in the Leading in Lead Prevention program, Ulster County is poised to protect our communities, especially our youngest residents, from the harmful effects of lead exposure. This initiative underscores our shared commitment to fostering safer living environments and brighter futures for all."

Studies show that no amount of lead exposure is safe for children. Lead can harm a young child's growth, behavior, and ability to learn. It can also cause anemia, kidney damage, and hearing loss. The health effects of exposure are more harmful to children under six years of age because their bodies are still developing and growing rapidly. Young children are also at higher risk of being exposed to lead contamination because they tend to put their hands in their mouths and are more likely to ingest lead dust after touching objects.

For more information on the health impacts of lead exposure, visit the Center for Disease Control website here: <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/prevention/health-effects.htm>.

To learn more about the NYS Leading in Lead Prevention program and identified Communities of Concern, visit <https://hcr.ny.gov/leading-lead-prevention>.

Sullivan 180 Empowering a Healthier Generation Grant Awards Healthier Generation Competition Grants

[Liberty, NY] Sullivan 180 is pleased to announce the Healthier Generation Competition Grant recipients for the 2023-2025 grant cycle. The \$10,000 Healthier Generation Competition Grants boost schools to a higher level of health and wellness; and encourage the creation of a campaign to promote specific goals of the District's Wellness Policy throughout the school community.

The Sullivan County schools that have been awarded grants include:

Eldred Junior Senior High School (Eldred): #EldredWasteWarriors Composting Program

George L. Cooke Elementary (Monticello): Outdoor Learning Space and Trail

Kenneth L. Rutherford Elementary (Monticello): Student Support Room Update, Trail Signage and Snowshoes

Livingston Manor Middle/High School (Livingston Manor): Composting Program, Nature Trail Signage, And Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Club Support

"The schools continue to raise the bar when it comes to health and wellness and have brought the Healthier Generation Competition to a whole new level," said, Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Director of Health at Wellness at Sullivan 180. "Their work is going beyond building-led initiatives, they are making district Wellness Policy change and are improving the culture of their entire school community."

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

For more information about Sullivan 180, visit www.Sullivan180.org or call (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, Manor Ink, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat and WJFF Radio Catskill. Learn more at Sullivan180.org or Facebook.com/Sullivan180inc.



Sundown
United
Methodist
Church



April 6, 2024

5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share
Enjoy good food and fellowship

and don't forget to check out the tables
filled with a variety of collectibles,
household items and more
that will be available for sale

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

(Intersection of Sundown Rd., Peekamoose Rd. & Greenville Rd., Sundown, NY 12740)

Governor Hochul Celebrates Start of Spring Season with Launch of New York Blooms Report

Weekly Report Will Help New Yorkers Identify the Best Places to See Lilacs, Roses, Tulips, Magnolias and Cherry Blossoms at Over 30 Partner Attractions Statewide - Interactive State Map Available Here

<https://iloveny.com/blooms>

For things to do go to: <https://www.iloveny.com/things-to-do/nature/blooms/>

Governor Hochul Also Reminds New Yorkers of Spring-Themed Hikes, Maple Sugar Programs, and Nature Programs at New York State Parks - Calendar of Upcoming Events Available Here: <https://parks.ny.gov/events/>

Governor Kathy Hochul celebrated the start of spring with the launch of the New York Blooms Report, a weekly report to help New Yorkers identify the best places to see roses, lilacs, tulips, cherry blossoms, and magnolias at more than 30 partner attractions across New York State. The reports, managed by I LOVE NY and designed to encourage and help travelers plan a spring getaway, feature on-site information from staff at a variety of botanical and public gardens, farms, State Parks and historic sites across New York. The first reports are online starting today, March 20, and will update every Wednesday afternoon through June, exclusively on iloveny.com/blooms. Governor Hochul's announcement marks the start of spring tourism in New York and builds on the Governor's commitment to supporting New York's \$123 billion tourism industry.

"Spring is an exciting time in New York as the temperatures get warmer, the birds return from their winter migration, and the flowers bud and bloom in both our own gardens and in the many parks and botanical gardens throughout the state," Governor Hochul said. "I encourage residents and visitors to stop and smell the roses - and a host of other flowers- while also discovering all that our parks, farms, historic sites and gardens have to offer."

The new New York Blooms Reports will be compiled weekly using the on-location field observations from the arborists, gardeners and caretakers at over 30 sites throughout the state's 11 vacation regions. The reports track the stages of bloom for each of this year's five selected blooms, ranging from "no activity yet" to "full bloom" to "past peak/done blooming." Partner sites will also share photos to be featured in the report, and information about any unique or exciting flowers in their given locations. Additionally, reports will provide news about springtime flower events to encourage travel, from renowned celebrations like the Rochester Lilac Festival and Albany Tulip Festival, to smaller garden shows and exhibitions. A full listing of Blooms Report partner sites is available here.

The New York Blooms Report will also be supported by digital and social media advertising efforts, featuring examples of the picturesque spring flowers. Travelers are invited to share their best New York State flower photos on social media using the #NYBloomsReport hashtag for a chance to be featured on the I LOVE NY website and official social media accounts, reaching more than two million followers on Instagram, Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), and Threads.

Additionally, New York State Parks and Historic Sites will offer an array of opportunities to enjoy the changing season in the Empire State. From spring-themed hikes and bird walks to

maple sugaring demonstrations to hidden egg hunts, State parks and historic sites offer a variety of family-friendly activities and unique ways to enjoy the great outdoors. Visit the State Parks calendar of events for more information and registration details: <https://parks.ny.gov/events/>

In 2024, New York State Parks is celebrating its Centennial, and visitors are encouraged to take in the Centennial Challenge. The challenge includes a list of 100 activities to get outdoors and discover state parks. Visitors who complete 24 out of 100 activities earn a commemorative Centennial prize, as well as an entry into a random drawing for additional prizes. For more information, visit <https://parks.ny.gov/100/challenge/>

New York State Parks Commissioner Pro Tempore Randy Simons said, "Discover what many New Yorkers already know: Visiting a state park is a fun and affordable way to get away - in every season of the year. As we celebrate our Centennial in 2024, I encourage New Yorkers to visit us and see all that New York State Parks and Historic Sites have to offer."

Governor Hochul recently announced that New York State welcomed a record 291.5 million visitors in 2022, the largest number of visitors in New York State's history, generating more than \$78.6 billion in direct spending and \$123 billion in total economic impact. The Governor has continued to support state tourism through I LOVE NY marketing efforts to encourage travel throughout New York and tens of millions of dollars in direct support to tourism organizations and venues for tourism-related marketing efforts and capital projects.



AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN TRADES COURSE WITH ASE CERTIFICATION

Receive training to become an automotive technician at no cost to you!
CLASSES STARTING APRIL 9TH!

Classes will run for 8 weeks, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30pm to 9pm at Sullivan County BOGES in Liberty, NY sponsored by Sullivan County and the Center for Workforce Development.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 18+ Years Old
- Valid Driver's License and reliable transportation
- Sullivan County NY Resident
- Willing, ready, and able to work upon completion

**ONLY 15 SEATS AVAILABLE!
RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!**

845-794-3340
linda.kalman@sullivanny.us



COMMUNITY TAKEOUT CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, May 18, 2024
4 to 6 p.m.

Museum and Library Parking Lot
332 Main Street, Grahamsville

*Supports the
Time and the Valleys Museum's
Educational Programs*



Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740
845 985-7700 info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org

Claryville Vol. Fire Department Craft and Vendor Fair & Community Yard Sale



All Vendors are wanted!

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

When: Saturday, August 24th, 2024

Rain or Shine

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

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

Setup start time: 8 AM Break Down by 3 PM - *vendors must stay until 3pm*

Regulations for Sellers:

- Open to all sellers, artisans, antique dealers, and crafts on a first come first serve basis.
- Food will be available for sale throughout the day
- **FEE** \$20 per table. Tables are 8ft long or 8ft picnic table (If you require the use of an outlet \$25 per table)- **tables are provided.**
- ****Claryville Fire Dept is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen merchandise****

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

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



CLARYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 65

1500 DENNING ROAD · CLARYVILLE, NEW YORK 12725
845-985-7270

Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 24th, 2024

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: _____

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

Telephone number: _____ **Email:** _____

Description of Merchandise: _____

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

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

Please check if you would like to be either outside under the pavilion or inside the building.

*****spots inside the building are first come first serve based on postage date of application*****

Pavilion: _____ **Inside the building:** _____

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

Signature of vendor: _____ **Date:** _____

Cost: \$20.00 per 8ft table or \$25.00 an 8ft table with *electricity*. **Please note vendor spot fee is nonrefundable* * Initials _____ Donation for door prize (an item raffled off for vendors) Yes ___ No ___

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

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

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

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

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

**Make checks payable to Claryville Volunteer Fire Department
1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725
Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello**



ELEMENTARY SOCIAL SKILLS

Registration is open for Grades K-5.

Action Toward Independence offers fun and interactive Social Skills groups for children with Autism and other developmental, learning, emotional, and behavioral disabilities. These informative sessions cover topics that promote positive behavior, improve interactions with others and build confidence.

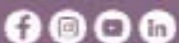
- Manners
- Listening
- Hygiene
- Emotions

Social skills classes will be held in person at ATI Main Office at 309 E Broadway in Monticello, NY. Parents may be required to attend some sessions with their child to offer guidance and support.

Funding is provided by OPWDD. There is no cost to the student or family of students on the Autism Spectrum who receive or are eligible to receive OPWDD services.

Visit our website at

atitoday.org



SCAN ME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

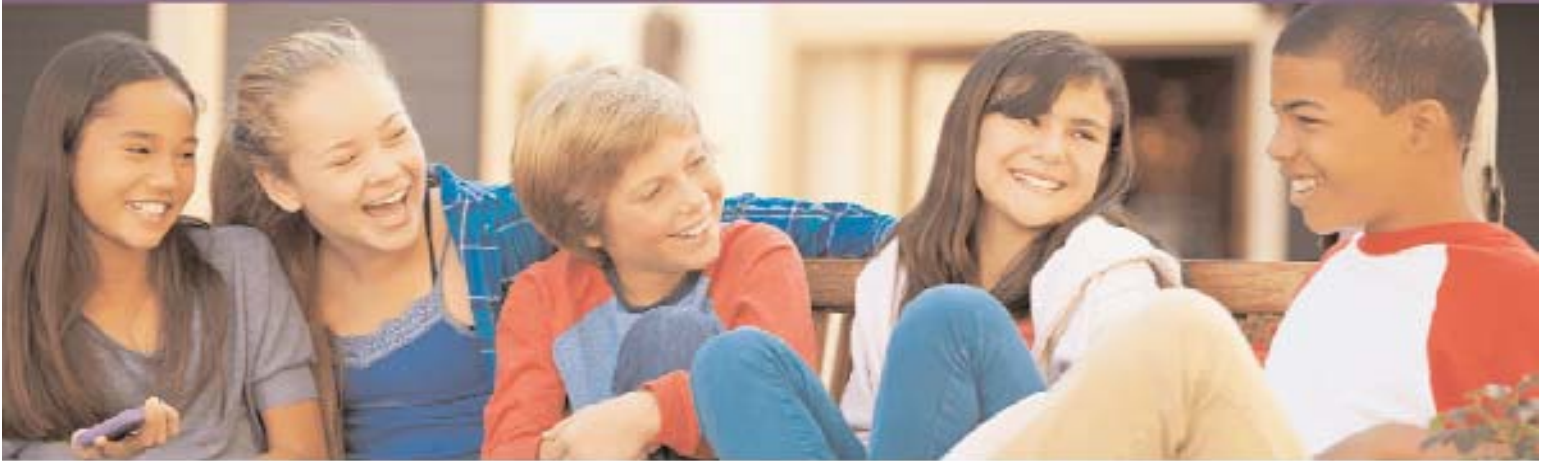
Family Peer Advocate

(845) 794-4228

info@atitoday.org



Middle School Social Skills



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

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

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

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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*

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**VET 2 VET OF SULLIVAN COUNTY
PFC JOSEPH P. DWYER VETERANS
PEER SUPPORT PROJECT**

WEEKLY WARRIOR WALK

**NO DOG REQUIRED TO WALK
WALNUT MOUNTAIN
LIBERTY, N.Y.**

THURSDAYS @ 1500 (3 PM)

**VETERANS AND THEIR
FAMILIES ARE WELCOMED**

**ALL ANIMALS ARE ENCOURAGED, BUT
MUST BE ON A LEASH.**

For more information, or to register,
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**STARTS JANUARY
2024!**

Are You Ready?



Life Skills Group

WORK READINESS EDITION

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

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

309 East Broadway

Monticello, NY 12701

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After a busy week, I wanted to provide another update on how I'm fighting for Hudson and Delaware Valley priorities: **FIGHTING TO PROTECT OUR FAMILIES FROM TOXIC LEAD**

In the Hudson Valley we are quite literally stumbling over toxic lead cables abandoned by mega telecommunications corporations.

Yet AT&T and Verizon are turning a blind eye to the environmental threat they've created and continuing to claim this isn't their problem to deal with. It's unacceptable.

Last week in Cornwall, I joined with environmental groups, elected officials, and concerned citizens with a straightforward demand: you're making billions of dollars on the backs of hard-working families, the least you can do is be honest about where the toxic cables are located.

And if Verizon and AT&T won't clean up their mess on their own, we will compel them to.

PROTECTING THE HUDSON RIVER FROM DANGEROUS OIL BARGES

Last week, my Hudson River Protect Act passed through the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee - a huge step towards ensuring that big corporations will never again be able to turn our Hudson River into a parking lot for dangerous barges.

This victory proves that when our community stands up with one voice to demand change, we can accomplish anything.

Getting anything through this Congress is not easy. But we owe it to our kids, our seniors, and future generations to fight tooth and nail to protect our Hudson River and get this bill across the finish line.

BATTLING BACK AGAINST GOP'S ANTI-UNION, PRO-POLLUTION AGENDA

I'm fighting for our entire Hudson Valley community, from the family-run business that got Inflation Reduction Act funds to bolster their energy efficiency and hired union workers to get the job done, to the parents that don't want their kids drinking toxic PFAS riddled water.

Yet last week, far-right Republicans passed a series of bills that will gut union jobs and boost profits for the very corporate polluters destroying our environment. They even unanimously rejected my amendment to decrease PFAS pollution.

They're selling out Hudson Valley families to appease the oil billionaires and corporate elites. For your kids and mine, for my friends in labor that are the backbone of our Hudson Valley economy, I promise I will keep working for you, not the special interests.

DEMANDING AID FOR OUR UKRAINIAN ALLIES

I'm calling on my Republican colleagues to show even a sliver of the courage that our Ukrainian allies show every single day. For our national security, the survival of our Ukrainian allies, and for democracy around the globe, I signed a discharge petition to bring aid to Ukraine to a vote in the House.

Decades from now, our grandchildren will ask us if we did everything in our power to stand up to Putin's authoritarianism. We must act now in defense of democracy.

EXPANDING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
I had a great time meeting with the Ulster BOCES team to discuss the expansion of BOCES programming in the Hudson Valley and across the state.

Looking forward to continuing to work together to support NY-18 students with top-notch career and technical education!

SUPPORTING LOCAL FOOD BANKS

I was honored that Maria from my team was able to attend the "topping off" ceremony for the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley's new facility in Montgomery and signed the final steel building that will hold it up.

Congratulations to the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley - this expansion will have a huge impact alleviating food insecurity across the Hudson Valley!

WORKING TOWARDS COMMON SENSE GUN REFORM

"Zombie" guns originate from guns that are retired, seized or bought back by law-enforcement agencies are routinely sent to gun-disposal companies to be destroyed. However, for the firearms to be considered legally destroyed, only one piece, like the receiver or frame, needs to be crushed or otherwise destroyed. Some companies then take the remaining functional parts and sell them as part of build-it-yourself kits used to make untraceable "ghost" guns that can skirt background checks.

I was proud to join on crucial legislation to close the Zombie Gun Loophole, require that the whole firearm be destroyed, and stop companies that profit from selling untraceable gun kits.

I'll keep working every day to end the gun violence epidemic in this country.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Poughkeepsie's very own Louise Barbour served overseas in WWI with the Army Signal Corps, a unit critical to directing communications for combat operations.

This Women's History Month, I'm proud to cosponsor the bill that will honor her and the women of the Army Signal Corps with the Congressional Gold Medal!

EMPOWHER-ING WOMEN

RECAP does amazing work providing critical services to Orange County families and empowering women through supportive programs.

I'm grateful that Maria from my team could join RECAP's annual EmpowHER luncheon to celebrate International Women's Day.

SHOUTING OUT NY-18 FARMERS

This past Tuesday we celebrated National Agriculture Day and I want to shout out our NY-18 farmers!

Your hard work day in and day out keeps Hudson Valley families fueled with nutritious meals, our local economy thriving, and our environment healthy.

And a special shout out to Ulster County orchard owners and operators Joy Crist of Crist Bros Orchards and Helene Dembroski of Dembroski Orchards Inc. that were in D.C. last week with US Apple to discuss issues important to the apple industry, like bolstering specialty crop research, with my team.

MAKING COLLEGE MORE AFFORDABLE

The FAFSA is a critical document for aspiring college students to submit to receive federal financial aid. This Thursday, March 28, at 8:00PM EST, the U.S. Department of Education is hosting a free How to Submit a FAFSA webinar! Learn more and register here ! (Contd. Pg. 54)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 53)

GRANTS CORNER

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds regional and local initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and injuries. Application webinars are available here . The FY2024 application has multiple deadlines depending on the grant type:
April 4: Deadline #1 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.

May 16: Sole deadline for Implementation Grants. Deadline #2 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.

August 29: Deadline #3 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.

The Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) Competitive Grants Program supports the development of urban agriculture and innovative production through planning and implementation activities. Planning activities will initiate, develop, or support the efforts of farmers, gardeners, citizens, government officials, schools, members of tribal communities, and other stakeholders in areas where access to fresh foods are limited or unavailable. Implementation activities will accelerate existing and emerging models of urban and/or innovative agricultural practices that serve multiple farmers or gardeners. Applications are due April 9, 2024.

The NYS ConnectALL Broadband - Municipal Infrastructure Program will assist municipalities, non-profits, and other entities to construct open and accessible public broadband infrastructure to provide New Yorkers with high-quality, reliable, and affordable service options. The Municipal Infrastructure Program will prioritize projects that address unserved and underserved locations.

The Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant Program provides critical funding to strengthen volunteer fire departments and districts statewide. Eligible applicants can apply for up to \$1,000,000 if proposing projects for construction, renovation, or purchase costs for critical facilities (buildings, training facilities, etc.) that support fire operations, or up to \$500,000 if proposing projects for allowable fire service equipment to upgrade and improve their response capabilities. Application due April 30. See the following for more information and resources: Request for Applications (RFA) , Application Worksheet , Frequently Asked Questions , E-Grants Tutorial

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) provides support to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. The AFG Program is holding application webinars-

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion in Inflation Reduction Act funding available through its Community Change Grants Program to support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy. This opportunity will be available for a year, closing on November 21, 2024, and EPA will review applications on a rolling basis. This allows applicants to utilize technical assistance and possibly resubmit a new application if not initially selected. EPA encourages applicants to apply as early as

possible.

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!



Opposing Another Excessive Spending Bill in Congress

Once again, instead of instituting a serious cut to excessive federal spending, Congress was forced to vote on a massive spending bill that perpetuates President Biden's policies that are detrimental to hardworking Americans. That's why this week, I voted against the H.R. 2882, the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024, which includes funding for Defense, Financial Services and General Government, Homeland Security, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, the Legislative Branch, and State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs.

Crafted at the last minute, this sprawling 1,012-page bill allocates \$1.2 trillion of taxpayer funds and fails to include numerous priorities House Republicans advocated for during the appropriations process. This includes critical initiatives to bolster border security, such as reinstating the effective Trump era policy of "Remain in Mexico," and it fails to end Biden's disastrous Catch-and-Release policy, fails to sufficiently curtail funding for President Biden's woke agenda, and fails to halt Biden's unlawful proposed student loan program. While this bill had positive aspects, including a \$27 billion increase to critical national defense efforts, this legislation was not enough to protect the American people. I could not, in good faith, support legislation that did not provide relief to hardworking families in NY24.

This bill:

- Fails to include my amendments to defund the salaries of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre

- Does not include funds for President Trump's Border wall or any key policies in H.R. 2 especially by ending Biden's dangerous Catch and Release policy and re-instating Trump's effective Remain in Mexico policy.

- Continues to allow universities to host CCP-controlled Confucius Institutes

- Fully funds the Department of Defense (DOD) abortion travel fund

- Continues to fund woke DOD policies, such as DEI programs and transgender surgeries

- Violates the Hyde Amendment and funds Planned Parenthood

- Continues to fund the World Health Organization

- Fails to defund the Biden administration's woke executive orders

- Funds radical Green New Deal programs

- Subsidizes Biden's student loan bailout scheme (Contd. Pg.55)

This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 54) Continues to fund Executive Order 14019 which turns federal agencies into Democrat vote harvesting operations

Includes funds for radical organizations like Briarpatch Youth Service, which provides gender transition services to minors without parental consent, and the Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center that provides free needle and syringe exchanges for illegal drugs

Voting to Lower Energy Prices and Unleash American Energy Dominance

Since President Biden took office energy costs have soared, leaving families in New York and across the country unable to afford the energy that powers their lives. In November 2020, the price of heating oil in our state was \$2.41 per gallon. Just over three years later in February 2024, the cost has skyrocketed to \$4.24 per gallon. This 75% increase is a result of Biden's disastrous decisions to kill the Keystone XL pipeline and terminate countless natural gas and oil leases on federal lands. His administration's woke policies continue to cost many Americans their jobs and financial stability. This week, I reaffirmed my commitment to advocating for lower energy prices for all New Yorkers by supporting these pro-American energy bills on the House Floor.

The key bills I supported this week include:

H.R. 1121 - Protecting American Energy Production Act, which passed the House by a vote of 229-188.

H.R. 6009 - Restoring American Energy Dominance Act, which passed the House by a vote of 216-200.

H.R. 7023 - Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act, which passed the House by a vote of 213-205.

H. Con. Res. 86 - Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy, which passed the House by a vote of 222-196.

H. Res. 987 - Denouncing the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden administration, and for other purposes, which passed the House by a vote of 217-200.

H.R. 1023 the Cutting Green Corruption and Taxes Act, which passed the House by a vote of 209-204.

Impeaching Joe Biden

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KDkai712mJo>

In December, Hunter Biden demanded a public hearing. The House Oversight Committee, motivated to uncover the truth, hosted one. Yet, Hunter Biden refused to attend this week's hearing!

Tony Bobulinski, Hunter Biden's ex-business partner, did show up for this hearing, and his testimony proved that Joe Biden is the "Big Guy" and "the Brand." He gave remarks detailing Joe Biden's role in influencing peddling while he was Vice President, putting his family's wealth above our country. He reiterated what we all know: The President has committed high crimes and misdemeanors.

We must immediately impeach Joe Biden.

Transparency in Congress and a well-informed electorate are vital to preserving our self-governing Constitutional Republic. My constituents deserve to know how their members of Congress vote, which is why I have explained every vote I have cast in Congress since I was first elected.

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

I voted "No" on H.Res. 1102, the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024. H.Res. 1102 includes funding for Defense, Financial Services and General Government,

Homeland Security, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, the Legislative Branch, and State and Foreign Operations. Crafted at the last minute, this sprawling 1,012-page bill spends \$1.2 trillion of taxpayer dollars and fails to include numerous priorities House Republicans supported during the appropriations process. H.Res. 1102 does not include critical initiatives to bolster border security, such as reinstating President Trump's effective policy of "Remain in Mexico," and it fails to end President Biden's disastrous catch-and-release policy. Further it fails to sufficiently curtail funding for President Biden's woke agenda, and fails to halt President Biden's unlawful student loan program. Once again, instead of instituting a serious cut to excessive federal spending, Congress was forced to vote on a massive spending bill that perpetuates President Biden's policies that are detrimental to hardworking Americans. While this bill had positive aspects, including a \$27 billion increase to critical national defense efforts, this legislation was not enough to protect the American people. I could not, in good faith, support legislation that did not provide relief to hardworking families in New York's 24th Congressional District. H.Res. 1102 passed the House by a vote of 286-134.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1023, to repeal section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund. H.R. 1023 would repeal the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and its proposed natural gas tax that would increase energy costs for all Americans. In 2022, the Inflation Reduction Act provided the EPA with \$26.97 billion, three times the EPA's entire FY23 budget. However, with a spending deadline of September 2024, there have been concerns this rushed timeline will lead to the EPA spending these funds on bad projects, wasting taxpayer money. There have also been concerns the EPA is giving much of these funds to politically well-connected groups whose founders support Democrat politicians. Regarding the natural gas tax, there are concerns that the annual cost will amount to as much as \$65 billion, while only reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions by 2.6 percent. This will be an extraordinary cost to the average American's energy bill without any noticeable environmental benefit. It will also make many wells in the United States uneconomical, requiring our nation to focus on energy produced in countries with fewer environmental regulations. These policies are wasteful, poorly designed, and harmful to American taxpayers; they deserve to be repealed. H.R. 1023 passed the House by a vote of 209-204.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 987, Denouncing the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden administration, and for other purposes. H.Res. 987 reaffirms House Republicans' uniform opposition to the Biden administration's disastrous energy policies. On President Biden's first day in office, his administration, along with fellow Democrats in Congress, launched an unprecedented war on American energy. This included eliminating the Keystone pipeline, a pause on all pending approvals of liquefied natural gas exports, and an attempted ban on gas-powered vehicles. At a time when energy prices have increased by approximately \$10,000 per American household in three years, we must do everything possible to drive down prices for consumers. The Biden administration attempting to force through radical Green New Deal policies at the expense of Americans' wallets is wrong. H.Res. 987 passed the House by a vote of 217-200.

I voted "Yes" on H.Con.Res. 86, Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy. H.Con.Res. 86 reiterates the sense that a carbon tax would pose great harm to American energy production and our economy as a whole. A tax on emissions from sources that comprise approximately 80 percent of all the United States' energy supply and production would have severe effects across all sectors, resulting in diminished economic growth and higher costs for households and consumers. (Contd. Pg. 56)

This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 55) American leadership and innovation in energy production, including from carbon-based sources, has grown the economy while simultaneously reducing consumer costs. A carbon tax would only serve to hurt Americans and cause consumer prices to rise. H.Con.Res. 86 passed the House by a vote of 222-196.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1836, the Ocean Shipping Reform Implementation Act of 2023. H.R. 1836 combats Chinese influence in the United States' shipping industry. Specifically, the bill prohibits port authorities from using Chinese state-affiliated transportation logistics platforms. It is essential that we enhance the Federal Maritime Commission's authority to address market manipulation, especially from bad actors like China. H.R. 1836 addresses these issues, and establishes standards to help facilitate the voluntary sharing of supply chain data among carriers, port authorities, and other shipping industry leaders. This bill will help policymakers and the private sector strengthen supply chains against possible future disruptions. H.R. 1836 passed the House by a vote of 393-24.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7023, the Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act. H.R. 7023 supports our nation's clean water resources, while reducing regulatory burdens for the approval of energy and infrastructure projects. Specifically, the bill would modernize certain requirements under the Clean Water Act, including water quality criteria, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), and the definition of waters of the United States. This bill will provide greater regulatory certainty for energy producers, farmers, builders, and water utilities. H.R. 7023 passed the House by a vote of 213-205.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7520, the Protecting Americans' Data from Foreign Adversaries Act of 2024. H.R. 7520 would ban data brokers from providing Americans' personally identifiable information to foreign adversaries or entities controlled by those countries. Data brokers are entities that specialize in collecting personal data from public records, social networking sites, online purchase histories, and other third-party sources. They then compile this data and sell it to organizations interested in performing background checks, market research, fraud detection, risk mitigation, and other services. Because of the sensitive nature of this data, it is vital it does not fall into the hands of foreign adversaries who could use it for nefarious purposes and undermine the privacy of Americans. Allowing the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to enforce a ban on these sales will ensure Americans' personal data does not fall into the wrong hands. H.R. 7520 passed the House by a vote of 414-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1121, the Protecting American Energy Production Act. H.R. 1121 would prohibit the Biden administration from suspending the use of hydraulic fracturing unless Congress deems appropriate. Additionally, the bill expresses the sense of Congress that states should maintain primacy for regulating hydraulic fracturing. Fracking is a regulated and safe process that has allowed energy producers to access hard-to-reach oil and gas deposits, boosting domestic energy production and making energy more accessible to Americans. This bill continues the work of House Republicans to protect our domestic energy production from the Biden administration's war on American energy. H.R. 1121 passed the House by a vote of 229-188.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6009, the Restoring American Energy Dominance Act. Since taking office, the Biden administration has used every tool at its disposal to stifle oil and gas production, increasing costs for hardworking Americans. It's clear that the administration's rush to green energy and short-sighted attempts to force production away from oil and gas has been devastating to Americans' wallets. H.R. 6009 addresses another recent attack from the Biden administration on American energy by requiring the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to withdraw its proposed rule entitled "Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process." BLM's

proposed rule would make harmful changes to oil and gas leasing on public lands, granting the administration even more power to decide which land is available for exploration, preventing us from taking advantage of our nation's plentiful natural resources. It is vital we support domestic energy production and the ability of every American to power their daily needs. H.R. 6009 passed the House by a vote of 216-200.

I voted "No" on H.R. 4723, the Upholding the Dayton Peace Agreement Through Sanctions Act. H.R. 4723 would allow the Biden administration to sanction those deemed to jeopardize the peace, security, stability, or territorial integrity of Bosnia or those interfering in efforts to stabilize the Western Balkans. While I fully support efforts to stabilize the Western Balkans, as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina, this bill is duplicative of existing authority to sanctions those who seek to destabilize foreign countries. Further, the Biden administration's policies in the Western Balkans have been one-sided and disastrous, leading only to further division and conflict. The administration must seek to work with all parties in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the larger Western Balkans, to promote peace, economic cooperation, and stability. As co-chair of the Congressional Serbia Caucus, I understand the importance of regional stability in this area of the world. However, this bill is unlikely to achieve this goal and will only make conflict more likely. H.R. 4723 passed the House by a vote of 365-30.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 149, Condemning the illegal abduction and forcible transfer of children from Ukraine to the Russian Federation. H.Res. 149 condemns the ongoing Russian practice of kidnapping Ukrainian children and relocating them inside Russia. This is a clear war crime and violation of the Geneva Convention. The United States must stand against horrific crimes against humanity, such as the mass kidnapping of children, and continue to call out Russian President Vladimir Putin's egregious atrocities. H.Res. 149 passed the House by a vote of 390-9.

REP. MOLINARO DELIVERS SMALLER, SMARTER,



MORE SECURE GOVERNMENT WITH PASSAGE OF FINAL FUNDING BILLS

Molinaro: This Long-Awaited Bipartisan Deal Is The Result Of The Good Governing Approach I've Pushed For Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today voted to pass the remaining Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations bills. The bills passed with strong bipartisan support and included many of the priorities he has been advocating for.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Throughout these negotiations, I said I was fighting for a government that was smaller, smarter, and more secure. We got all three principles included in these bipartisan bills. I stood up and fought for more border patrol agents, stopped deep cuts to vital programs like Head Start and LIHEAP, and found savings by cutting wasteful programs like the one to hire more IRS tax agents. This is a step in the right direction and was the result of honest and earnest conversations. This is what good governance can and should look like."

A list of provisions Rep. Molinaro fought to include in the bill can be found below:

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will receive funding for 22,000 more border patrol agents.

The Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (988) will receive \$520 million, an increase of \$18 million.

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Marc Molinaro

(From Pg. 56)

Programming through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act will receive \$15.5 billion, an increase of nearly \$1 billion.

Head Start will receive \$12.3 billion in funding, an increase of over \$1 billion.

The Child Care Development Block Grant program will receive \$8.75 billion, an increase of over \$2.5 billion.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP) will receive \$4 billion, an increase of \$25 million.

Rescinds \$10.2 billion from President Biden's effort to hire over 80,000 new IRS tax agents.

The Small Business Development Centers program will receive \$140 million.

Members of the military will receive the largest pay increase in over 20 years.

As part of the first tranche of Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations bills, earlier this month, Rep. Molinaro announced he secured \$27.6 million in federal funding for community projects in Upstate New York.

REPS. MOLINARO & SUOZZI PUSH STATE DEPARTMENT TO SECURE RELEASE OF OMER NEUTRA AND OTHER AMERICAN HOSTAGES HELD BY HAMAS

Washington, DC - U.S. Reps. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) and Tom Suozzi (D-NY-03) today called on the Department of State to secure the release of Omer Neutra, a Binghamton University student and Long Island native, and the over 100 hostages held by Hamas terrorists.

Last month, Rep. Molinaro spoke on the House Floor to raise awareness on the kidnapping of Omer Neutra and Congressman. Rep. Suozzi visited the Neutra parents in Tel Aviv and hosted them at the State of the Union.

In a letter to Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Reps. Molinaro and Suozzi wrote, "As Secretary of State, you oversee the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs which was created to secure the freedom of American hostages and wrongful detainees held abroad and assist their families. It has been over 160 days since this attack and hostage return negotiations have flatlined, leaving hundreds of civilians trapped in dangerous, deadly conditions. It is imperative that the United States remains committed to providing diplomatic support and resources to Israel as the country works to free all the hostages and hold Hamas accountable for its war crimes and violations of international law."

The full text of the lawmakers' letter:

Dear Secretary Blinken,

We are incredibly concerned about the hostages being held captive by Hamas. There are still 130 hostages in captivity, including Binghamton University student and Long Island native, Omer Neutra. The grandson of Holocaust survivors, Omer is 22 years old and continues to endure unthinkable torture and trauma at the hands of the Hamas terrorist group. As Secretary of State, we urge you to facilitate swift and effective negotiations to bring Omer and the remaining hostages home.

On October 7, 2023, Iran-backed Hamas launched an unprovoked attack on Israel that led to the deaths of thousands of innocent civilians and hundreds being held hostage. These hostages, including women and children, continue to bear the brunt of the stalled rescue negotiations between the Biden Administration, the Israeli government, and Qatari and Egyptian officials. Those who have been released have shared horror stories about abuse, sexual assault, torture, and heavy drugging from their Hamas captors.

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Now is the time for Omer and the remaining hostages in Gaza to return home. Given your public commitment to the safety of Americans abroad and support for human rights, renewing hostage return negotiations between all parties and ensuring the safe return of all those in captivity must be a priority.

MOLINARO DEMANDS HOCHUL WITHDRAW PLAN TO CUT DISABILITY SERVICES

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today demanded Governor Kathy Hochul withdraw her proposed plan to cut specialized care services for individuals with disabilities across Upstate New York.

A proposal in the Governor's Fiscal Year 2025 budget will cut funds from the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), which allows individuals with disabilities and those with chronic illnesses to have a family member or trusted friend as their caregiver. These caregivers are able to provide specialized services at home and get reimbursed by Medicaid.

In a letter to Governor Hochul, Rep. Molinaro urged the Governor to rescind the proposal and work with lawmakers to ensure CDPAP continues to operate and provide the necessary support to individuals with disabilities.

Rep. Molinaro said, "The Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program helps people with disabilities achieve independence. If this federally supported program is gutted, those with disabilities will be pushed into the shadows of society or forced to enter costly nursing homes that lack specialized care. Unbelievably that's exactly what Governor Hochul is trying to do. These heartless cuts are despicable. Yet again, the disability community is being forced to shoulder another Governor's fiscal irresponsibility. Governor Hochul, withdraw this plan."

The full text of Rep. Molinaro's letter can be found below:

Dear Governor Hochul,

As you know, the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) has served as a lifeline for thousands of vulnerable New Yorkers, particularly those with chronic illnesses and disabilities. A proposal added to your 30-Day Amendments to the FY25 Budget would give the Department of Health increased regulatory oversight over the CDPAP and effectively ban Designated Representatives (DR) from acting on behalf of those whose disabilities prevent them from registering for CDPAP and the necessary services they need.

Since DRs are a reasonable accommodation for those with disabilities, please reconsider this proposal and ensure that those with disabilities have the resources necessary to obtain services, such as CDPAP, to live healthier, fuller lives. As a service designated under New York State's Medicaid Plan, CDPAP must be offered statewide to any individual who meets the eligibility criteria. Furthermore, the Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits the use of eligibility criteria to screen out individuals based on their disability. Prohibiting an individual with a disability from having a DR would seriously implicate their ability to obtain CDPAP services and would deny many from the program.

DRs have played a critical role in CDPAP and are an important resource for children, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and those who are non-verbal or face a language barrier. (Contd. Pg. 58)

Marc Molinaro

(From Pg. 57) Exacerbated by the current home-health aid workforce shortage, especially in the Upstate communities like the ones I represent, your proposed change would leave tens of thousands of people suddenly ineligible for CDPAP with no other way for them to receive services. Many will be forced to utilize Private Duty Nursing or be placed into nursing homes; both far more costly to the State and quality of life for the consumer if they can find that service at all.

Without DRs, many of whom are family members or relatives, CDPAP enrollees would not have access to personalized and timely care and services that suit their specific needs. As a father of a child with a disability and longstanding advocate for our IDD community, your illegal proposal harms our most vulnerable New Yorkers. Given your commitment to ensure those with disabilities have access to resources and services to lead more independent lives, I urge you to immediately reconsider this proposal and work with state lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to ensure the CDPAP continues to operate as it was intended.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your response.

Molinaro Memo

Welcome to the Molinaro Memo: catching you up on my latest moves and work for Upstate New York!
First Republican To Back Bill Protecting IVF

I was troubled by and opposed the Alabama State Court's ruling to limit IVF. I'm a parent who has personal experience with IVF and support all women and families who choose IVF to bring life into this world. That's why, I became the first Republican to back a bill to establish a statutory right to IVF. Protecting it is just commonsense.

My Think DIFFERENTLY About Emergencies Act Passed The House With Bipartisan Support

Individuals with disabilities are more likely to be critically injured or die during natural disasters. My bill, the Think DIFFERENTLY About Emergencies Act, passed the House with bipartisan support. It ensures no one is left behind by working to get individuals with disabilities specialized support to safely evacuate & recover after a disaster strikes.

Rallied Against Education Cuts

At Chenango Valley High School, I held a roundtable discussion with school faculty, students, parents and teachers about the massive needs schools have, including more mental health resources & more disability education support. None of this is possible if Governor Kathy Hochul's education cuts go through, cutting millions of dollars from New York schools. We need more education funding, not less.

Southern Tier Community Center

Pushed State Department To Secure Release Of Binghamton University Student Omer Neutra

I teamed up with Democrat Congressman Tom Suozzi from Long Island in calling on the State Department to secure the release of Omer Neutra and the over 100 hostages still being held by Hamas terrorists. Omer is a Binghamton University student and Long Island native. We must bring Omer and all the hostages home.

Breaking Down Barriers For Individuals With Disabilities

The Disabled Access Credit has helped small businesses make modifications that open the door to employees and customers with disabilities. We know there's plenty of untapped potential. That's why I introduced a bipartisan bill to expand the credit and help more small businesses break down barriers.

Providing Support For Family Caregivers

Family caregivers selflessly provide care to others. So, I am proud to see my Lifespan Respite Reauthorization Act get sent to the House Floor. Caregivers should not have to choose between supporting a loved one and leading a balanced life. It's only right for us to continue providing them with relief & assistance.

Sounded Alarm On Biden's Secret Undocumented Immigrant Relocation Program

President Biden has been secretly transporting undocumented immigrants across the country without notifying the public. New York has become one of the epicenters of the border crisis, with counties in New York's 19th Congressional District declaring states of emergency to prevent undocumented immigrants from being transported there. I called on the President to end his secret relocation program.

Combating Learning Loss

Very little attention has been given to the educational needs of students with disabilities and the setbacks they endured during COVID-19. As a father of a child on the autism spectrum, I saw learning loss firsthand. I introduced a bipartisan bill that will ensure students with disabilities get additional support to address the learning loss that occurred.

Investments In Upstate New York

I secured \$1,150,104 for the Family Health Network of Central New York Inc. in Cortland County. Families in rural and medically underserved areas are facing difficult choices and daunting journeys to get the care they need. I'm proud to fight for community health centers and secure investments like these to ensure Cortland County residents have continued access to comprehensive care.

Is Your Broadband Slow or Nonexistent? Let New York State Know Before April 11 Survey Results Will Guide Funding to Create Internet for All

Monticello, NY - New York is finalizing its broadband Internet service map, and Sullivan County has a brief opportunity to ensure it's accurate. The map can be viewed at <https://register.broadband.ny.gov/map-correction>.

"The State has more than \$664 million in Federal funding to expand high-speed broadband infrastructure to homes and businesses, and we need to be in the mix of recipients," stated Legislature Chair and District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz. "They're calling it the ConnectALL program, the goal being to extend broadband Internet service to unserved and underserved places Statewide."

Only locations that have been officially designated as unserved or underserved on New York's map will be eligible for these grants, and between now and the deadline of April 11, the public can make sure those spots are accurate.

"People should pay special attention to locations on the map - including homes and businesses - that are incorrectly shown to have broadband service when in reality, no service (or only slow service) exists," noted Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek.
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Is Your Broadband Slow or Nonexistent? Let New York State Know Before April 11 –Survey Results Will Guide Funding to Create Internet for All

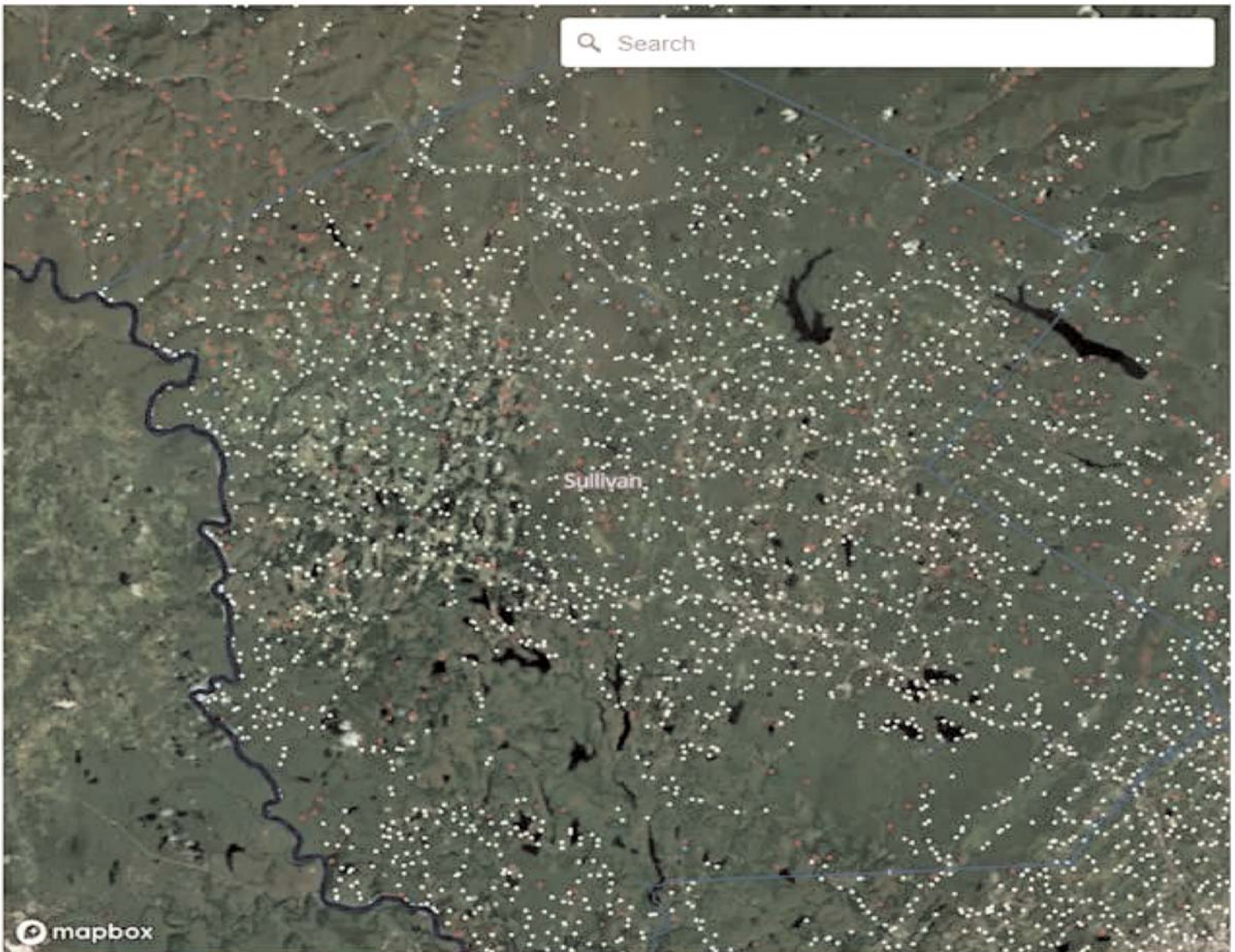
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“Comments and supporting evidence provided by the public will be shared with the County to help us submit formal challenges.”

How to Submit a Public Comment

1. Visit <https://register.broadband.ny.gov/map-correction> and enter an address in the search bar on the map. The map will indicate the location's broadband service status (served, underserved, or unserved).
2. If you find an error and wish to submit a comment to challenge the service status, select the location on the map and click the “Next” button on the bottom of the page.
3. Follow the instructions carefully and provide the requested details about your comment. Click the “Next” button at the end of each section.
4. Upload supporting evidence related to your comment. Appropriate supporting evidence will greatly improve the chances of your comment being submitted as an official challenge.
5. In the final section, check the box agreeing to share your comment and contact information with local governments and nonprofits. Click the “Submit Comment” button.

For more information about ConnectAll and the challenge process visit: <https://broadband.ny.gov/new-york-state-broadband-challenge-process>.



The dots on this interactive map represent homes and businesses in Sullivan County. State officials are seeking the public's help in determining whether these properties are accurately listed as being served, unserved or underserved by broadband Internet providers.

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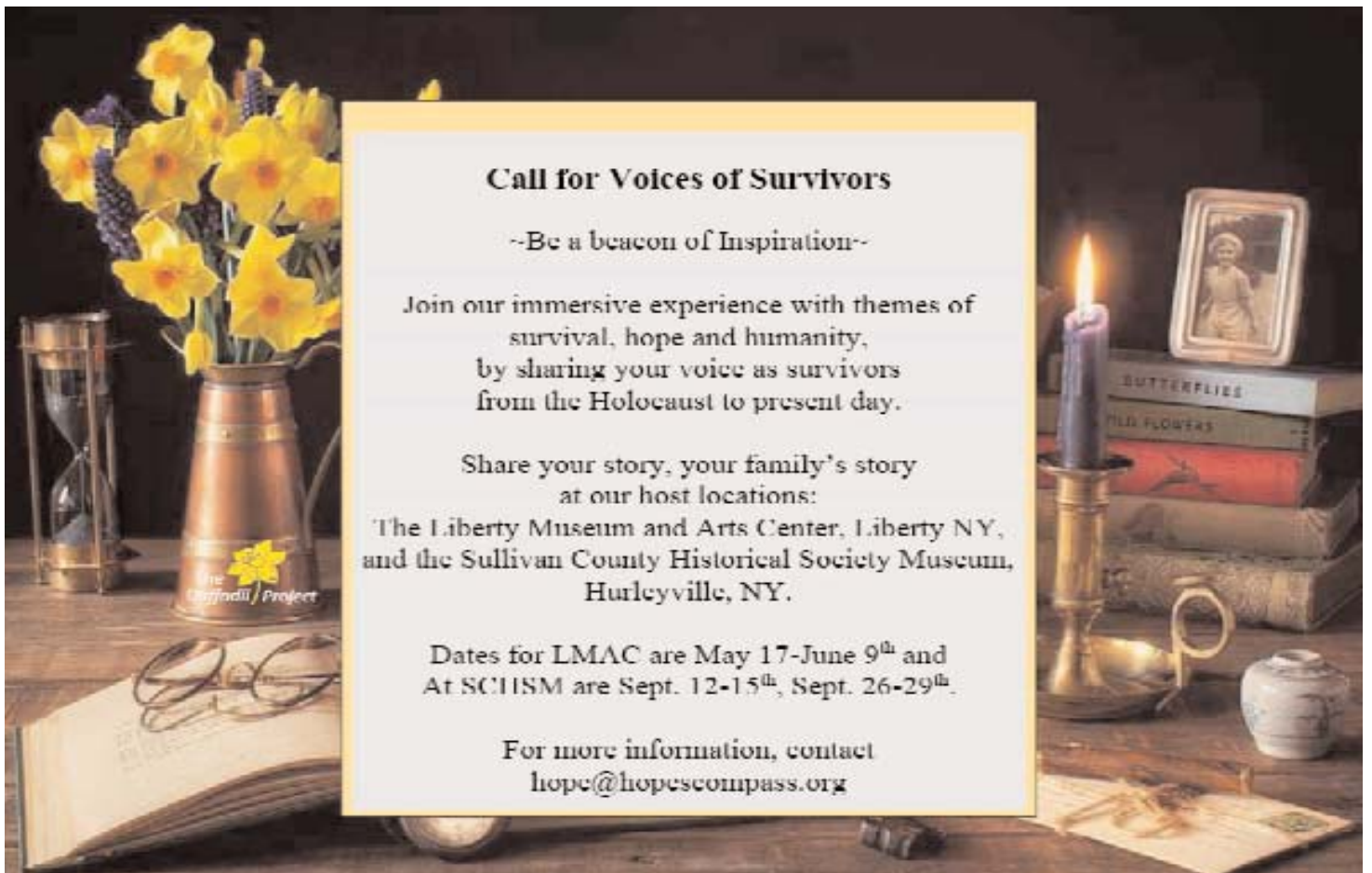
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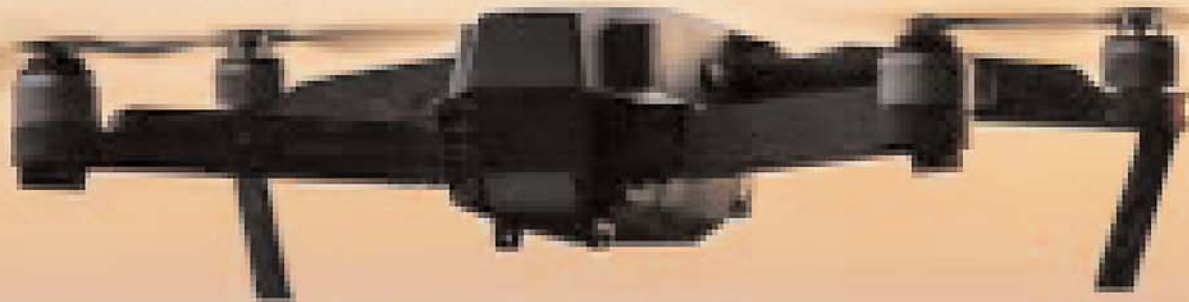
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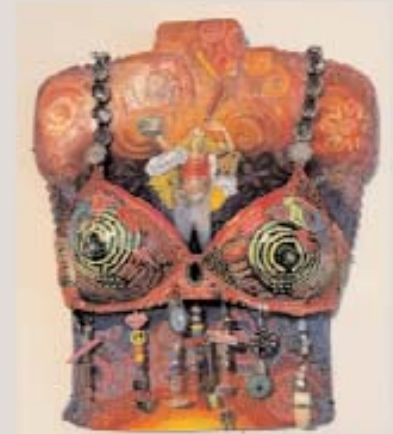
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Daniel Pierce Library

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As we prepare to welcome spring, the Olive Free Library is excited for this season of renewal and growth. It is a privilege for us to be a continuous hub for learning, imagination, and shared cultural and historical treasures, and we're so grateful for your support!

In that spirit, we are proud to share our new partnership with FreeWill, [a free online estate planning tool](#) that allows you to create your legacy with ease. It's our way to encourage our community to plan ahead for a brighter future and to thank you for being the heart of this library. FreeWill is simple to use, and in 20 minutes, you can:

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Teach our Teens

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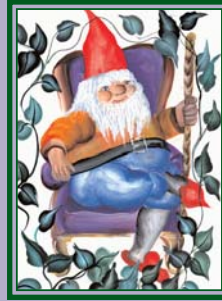
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Jesus of Nazareth

(TV-G / 6h 22min / Drama / TV Mini-Series 1977)
Genre Biblical Based on *The Gospels*

Jesus of Nazareth (Italian: Gesù di Nazareth) is a 1977 British-Italian television drama serial directed by Franco Zeffirelli and co-written by Zeffirelli, Anthony Burgess, and Suso Cecchi d'Amico which dramatizes the birth, life, ministry, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. It stars Robert Powell as Jesus, and features an all-star cast of European and North American actors, including eight who had won or would go on to win Academy Awards: Anne Bancroft, Ernest Borgnine, Laurence Olivier, Christopher



Plummer, Anthony Quinn, Rod Steiger, James Earl Jones, and Peter Ustinov.

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

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

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: **Blazing Saddles**

This weeks' Trivia question: What legendary sports figure did John Goodman lay in 1992?

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**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S
ON AMAZON PRIME / IMOB
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BEN-HUR

(G · 1959 · 3HR 32MIN · ADVENTURE / HISTORY)

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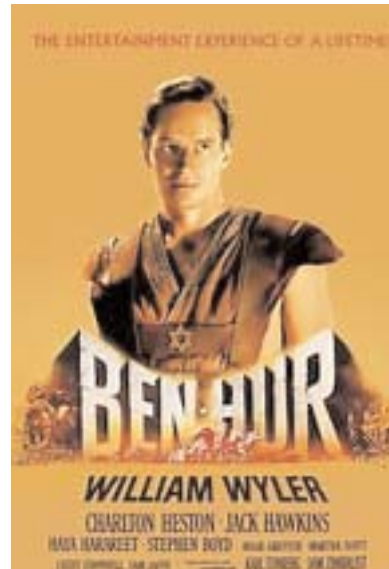
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Ben-Hur is a 1959 American religious epic film directed by William Wyler, produced by Sam Zimbalist, and starring Charlton Heston as the title character. A remake of the 1925 silent film with a similar title, it was adapted from Lew Wallace's 1880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

Ben-Hur had the largest budget (\$15.175 million), as well as the largest sets built, of any film produced at the time. Costume designer Elizabeth Haffenden oversaw a staff of 100 wardrobe fabricators to make the costumes, and a workshop employing 200 artists and workmen provided the hundreds of friezes and statues needed in the film. Filming commenced on May 18, 1958, and was completed on January 7, 1959, with shooting lasting for 12 to 14 hours a day and six days a week. Pre-production began in Italy at Cinecittà around October 1957, and post-production took six months. Under cinematographer Robert L. Surtees, executives at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer made the decision to produce the film in a wide-screen format. Over 200 camels and 2,500 horses were used in the shooting of the film, with some 10,000 extras. The sea battle was filmed using miniatures in a huge tank on the back lot at the MGM Studios in Culver City, California. The nine-minute chariot race has become one of cinema's most famous action sequences, and the score, composed and conducted by Miklós Rózsa, is the longest ever composed for a film, and was highly influential on cinema for over 15 years. Following a \$14.7 million marketing effort, *Ben-Hur* premiered at Loew's State

Theatre in New York City on November 18, 1959. It was the fastest-grossing, as well as the highest-grossing film of 1959, becoming the second highest-grossing film in history at the time,



after *Gone with the Wind*. It won a record eleven Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director (Wyler), Best Actor in a Leading Role (Heston), Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Griffith), and Best Cinematography – Color (Surtees); it also won Golden Globe Awards for Best Motion Picture – Drama, Best Director, and Best Supporting Actor – Motion Picture for Stephen Boyd. In 1998, the American Film Institute named it the 72nd best American film and the

second best American epic film in the AFI's 10 Top 10.



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

Happy Easter

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