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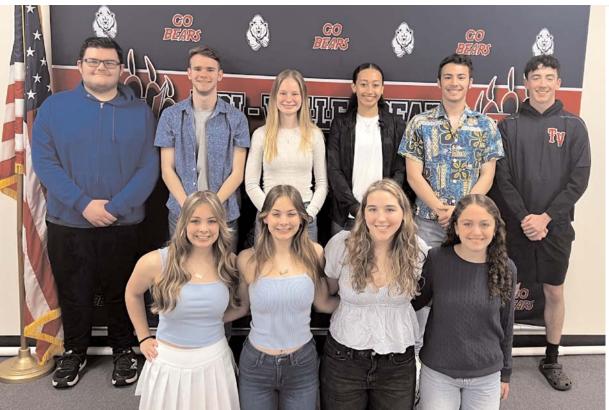
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COUNT DOWN - Just 3 more days to The Tri-Valley Lions 2024 Journey For Sight Walk...May 4th at 8:30 am First 75 registrants to receive Journey For Sight Flashlight keyring

It is that time of year again for The Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk, which will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building, with registration starting at 8:30am. Once again, the Neversink General Store is generously providing breakfast items, such as bagels, rolls, cakes, butter, cream cheese, and coffee. Bottled water will also be available to all Walkers, Volunteers, and anyone else who would like to stop by the First Aid Squad Building. If you just want to know what The Lions are and what we do, feel free to stop in and join us. We expect that the Fire Department will join us again for this year's walk. We hope to take a group photo outside of the First Aid Squad Building at about 8:45am on Saturday, and the Walk will start at 9:00am around the Fairgrounds. The first 75 registrants will receive a Tri-Valley Lions keyring flashlight. Doors will open at 8am for those who want to come early and enjoy refreshments and speak to Lion members. (Contd. Pg. 4)

TVCSD Top 10 Seniors of the Class of 2024! Tri-Valley Central School District is pleased to announce the Top 10 seniors of the Class of 2024! Congratulations to these students

on their achievements. We are extremely proud of all our hard working seniors!



Pictured in top row from left to right: Scott Cole, Craig Costa, Amelia Mickelson, Kendall McGregor, Connor Weyant, and Colin Monell

Pictured in bottom row left to right: Abigail Mentnech, Samantha Mentnech, Emily Rusin, and Lily Siciliano

The Top 10 students and their academic rankings are as follows:

- 1. Abbigail Mentnech-Weighted GPA- 100.14 2. Scott Cole- Weighted GPA-99.74
- Lily Siciliano-Weighted GPA- 99.26
- 4. Craig Costa- Weighted GPA- 99.22
- 5. Amelia Mickelson-Weighted GPA-98.97
- 6. Samantha Mentnech-Weighted GPA-98.48
- 7. Kendall McGregor-Weighted GPA- 97.28
- 8. Emily Rusin-Weighted GPA- 97.25
- Connor Weyant-Weighted GPA- 97.06
- Colin Monell-Weighted GPA- 96.78

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More than ever, thank you for your continued support.

On the Front Burner: Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Psalm 107:8

OBITUARY

Clifford B. Hewlett of Loch Sheldrake, NY a life long area resident, died Thursday, April 25, 2024 at Achieve Rehab. and Nursing Facility, Liberty, NY. He was 88.

The son of the late Walter and Nettie Bowers Hewlett, he was born January 26, 1936 in Hurleyville, NY.

Clifford retired from NYS Corrections Department of Woodbourne, NY; he did carpentry for many years and even built his own home. He was a former member of the Hurleyville Fire Department and Woodbourne Hunting Club. proudly served Our Country in the US Clifford enjoyed bowling, Army. hunting, fishing, gardening, snowmobiling, but most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen Eltz Hewlett, whom he married on August 11, 1962. His children, Kenneth of Honesdale, PA; Karri of Middletown, NY and Kelli of Monroe, NY; two grandsons, Thomas and Clayton; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his son, Clifford Thomas; and all of his siblings and their spouses, Ronald and Marion Hewlett, Chester Hewlett,

Grace and James Norwood, Lillian and Richard Hill, Harvey and Charlotte Hewlett, and Walter and Rose Hewlett.

The Hewlett Family would like to

extend a "thank you" to the loving nurses and staff at the Achieve Rehab and Nursing Facility for their care and compassion.

Visitation and service was Sunday, April 28, 2024 at the Harris Funeral Home/ at 1 PM in the funeral home. Pastor Joseph LeConey officiated. Burial will be in the Hurleyville Cemetery, Hurleyville, NY.

Memorial contributions in Clifford's name may be made to United Methodist Church of Hurleyville, PO Box 64, Hurleyville, NY 12747 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

May 26, 1954

Bids for the construction of a new fire house on the Neversink to Grahamsville Road for the Neversink Fire District were opened last Friday night at the fire house in Neversink. No bids were accepted at the meeting. The bids are now under consideration by the commissioners of the fire district.

Would you like a holiday in the merry month of May?
This long weekend, plan your meals, shop ahead - see how it feels - Not to spend the weekend cooking while other folks are simply looking.
FOR MEMORIAL DAY
WEEKEND
- KUM TO KRUM'S

May 6, 1964

The Vernon Gridley Jr. farm has been sold to Grant Finch. The deal was transacted through real estate agent, Charles Klothe.

Mr. Charles E. Lewis, principal of Delaware Valley Central School, was honored at a dinner given by the Sullivan County School Administrators on Wednesday. Mr. Lewis will retire on July 1st after serving as chief school administrator for thirty years. He will be succeeded by Dr. W. Eugene Ross, former Supervising Principal at Tri Valley Central School.

Miss Linda Knopsnyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kopsnyder of Napanoch, and Earl Coddington Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coddington of Sundown, were married a week ago on Saturday at the Ellenville Reformed Church. After a wedding trip to Washington, D.C. the couple will reside in Napanoch.

May 15, 1974

Tri-Valley Central School has announced the two top students in the Class of 1974. The Salutatorian of this year's graduating class is Valerie Shader, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Shader of Grahamsville. Valerie achieved a four-year average of 95.28. The Valedictorian is John Boncek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boncek of Grahamsville, with an all-time high of 97.93. Both students have exhibited outstanding scholarship in their years at Tri-Valley. (Contd. Pg. 3)

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

(From Pg. 2)

May 10, 1984

State Assemblyman Richard Coombe announced that he will seek a second term as Assemblyman at a fund raising dinner at the Concord Hotel. Dick has stated that if elected he will work for the elimination of tax-exempt property, for the state to assume more of education costs and to help those tax payers on fixed incomes.

An Eagle Court of Honor was held on the evening of April 28th at the Tri-Valley School for Life Scout Daniel Ray Keller of Boy Scout Troop 187 of Grahamsville. Dan is the son of Gerry and the late Ernest Keller and a student at Tri-Valley High School.

LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley Published May 2, 1996

Introducing - my Grandma Davis. Her maiden name was Catherine Hccgencamp; her ancestors were Dutch. She was one of the most loving people I ever knew.

In the eariy 1920's my Dad passed away and I started working at the Hotel Sherwood in Livingston Manor. Grandma lived within walking distance of the hotel. My cousin Wallace Davis lived with her, but most evenings he visited the pool hall, leaving Grandma to spand her evenings alone. Realizing she might be loneiy, I would walk up to her house after work. I usually found her sitting close to her kerosene lamp sewing away on the patchwork quilts she made her living by. In earlier years she had earned her living making rag carpets. She had her own spinning wheel and loom.

I'll always remember, sitting there beside her in the lamplight, how patiently she tried to teach me how to piece a simple nine block. "Keep your stitches close and even," she would say as my stitches laid unevenly at the margin of each square. While her stitches were tiny and dainty, mine seemed a yard long. As we sat there sewing she told me she was saving the little snips of material from the quilts she was working on, planning to some day make a quilt for each of her grandchildren as a rememberance of her; but I could do my own now with her help. Of course I thought it an excellent idea. So she brought out some odds and ends of material she had saved over the years for my quilt. A few I recog¬nized were tiny pieces from my own dresses as a child. As we stitched away she told rne many stories and answered many questions I had often wondered about but never had the courage to ask.

That old quilt is patched and faded now. It has seen much better days, but I plan on leaving it to my children and grandchildren; but before I do I'll show them the block with my dress material as a child, and Grandma's apron material block she made special for that quilt.

Grandma has been gone years and years now, but my memories of her are as vivid as my yard-long stitches are in that old worn-out quilt.

Household Hint:

Remove Black Scuff Marks

Those scuffs will be gone in no time by rubbing them with lemon juice or rubbing alcohol.

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 Vernooy and Carolyn Coombe.

Le Secret du Caporal La Violette

Violets, the little sweet smelling wild flowers have always been kind of "sign" that more sunshine is on it's way.

We are beginning to see some of those pretty sweet smelling violets blooming in our yards, the temperatures are going up and spring is winning the battle over the 'chill' of winter.

Violets are quite special. There are 450 different species of Viola worldwide, and you can eat all of them!

Flowers are usually violet colored, but can vary from deepblue-violet to completely white. These small dainty flowers are edible! They are delicious and decorative in any salad and a love-

ly embellishment to a cake or dessert recipe. A sweet syrup or violet jelly are a great addition to the breakfast table. They are as sweet as they look!

For that reason violets have also been used through the ages in medicinal preparations, culinary concoctions, and perfumes, as well as dyes and cosmetics.



They are the state flower of New Jersey, Illinois, Rhode Island and Wisconsin.

People in ancient Rome and medieval Europe crushed the violets and spread them throughout the castle for their fragrance.

Violets are fond of deep, humus-rich and slightly sandy soil, and prefer moist, shaded locations such as those found in open areas under trees. They are easily propagated from seed, cuttings or by division of the creeping rhizome in spring or fall.

Violets are low-growing leafy plants - about 6" high. You can identify violets by their distinctive rounded, heart-shaped leaves with branching parallel veins. You'll see one leaf per stem coming from the base of the plant. Violets have five petals, the wide lower ones form landing platforms with honey guide lines for pollinating insects.

The first showy flowers on long stems are usually sterile but if you look closer you'll see smaller blooms lower down that develop little three-sided capsules like a tri-cornered hat that contain seeds. Winter cold and frost break down the seed husks for spring germination.

When Napoleon left France for Elba, his supporters wore violets as a secret sign of their allegiance.

During the exile of Napoleon I at Elba, in the year 1814, preceding Napoleon's abdication, the French Bonapartists chose, as their emblem, the violet. They nicknamed Napoleon "Caporal Violet, the little flower that returns with spring". Postcards from a color print by Jean-Dominique Etienne Canu, *Le Secret du Caporal La Violette*, picturing a bunch of innocent looking violets soon flooded France, but when scrutinized closely, the violets in the bouquet revealed the outlines of portraits of Napoleon, Marie Louise and of their three year old son, Charles.

If you have the opportunity to pick a little bouquet of violets, and look closely, maybe you too, will see the face of Napoleon, his wife and his son in the bunch of violets?

And if not, just enjoy the familiar purple flowers of the Violaceae family that mark the coming of springtime's warmer weather.

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If you have any questions about The Journey For Sight Walk or would like to register in advance, please call Lion Esta Jacob, Director and Chairperson for the Walk at 845-985-2927 or email ejacob4848@gmail.com, and she will be glad to answer questions you may have about the Walk. We look forward to seeing you on May 4,2024.

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 47th year of existence, and we are always looking for new members. Just as a reminder, The Tri-Valley Lions bring in donations and funding by selling sodas from our Soda Booth for events at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies, our Annual Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day. Our funding allows us to continue to provide monetary and service support to Local Food Pantries, Tri-Valley School Community Service and Achievement Awards, Children's Eye Screenings, support for Diabetes, Lymphoma and Leukemia organizations, childhood cancer, WSUL Heart-A-Thon, Guiding Eyes For The Blind, and so much more. If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com

See Page 31 & 32 for more information and printable pledge sheet

Tri-Valley Little League "Sausage and Pepper Dinner" Draws Long Lines of Hungry Community Supporters

-William A. Brenner, Esq.

On a chilly Friday evening, April 26, 2024, starting well before the 5 p.m. start,

Tri-Valley Little League held a "Sausage and Pepper Dinner" fundraiser, at the magnificent Town of Neversink Community Field atop the hill on Route 42 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York.

The parking lot was full and the two lines to the sports snack kitchen were long. While young boys and girls were still practicing on the baseball fields, many parents were taking hot takeouts, wrapped in aluminum foils, to enjoy in their warmer homes.

In earlier preparation, the 12 member cooking and serving staff had set up huge cooking pots, outside in the back, to boil the sausage (steam and smoke filled the air) while another long table was staffed by students and parents, cutting fresh peppers and onions and rushing the mixed vegetables to the crew who were cutting and splitting the fresh long sausage rolls, opening them and placing them on paper plates with plenty of napkins. There they waited while the boiled sausages were cooked on the grill. There was lots of rushing and yelling, calling to rush the orders.

Tri-Valley Little League President, chief organizer, cook and bottle washer Larry Whipple was going "nuts."

The tables and benches were full. The young service workers making the Slushies, serving the sodas, distributing the napkins, checking the condiments and, most importantly, cleaning up and hauling garbage made this a monumental, hectic and fun event.

Late in the evening, the cooking crew was seen pouring large pots of boiled water down the main water sewerage drain as the rest of the crew rushed to clean up and go home.

Volunteer fireman, and their children, from Grahamsville, Neversink and Claryville helped out. Members of Woodbourne, Loch Sheldrake and Liberty Fire Departments went home carrying one or two aluminum wrapped dinners. This is also reciprocal with firemen pancake breakfasts.

Every year, for a hundred plus years (or for as long as the fire department existed), at the Grahamsville Little World's Fair, the members of the fire department, with the assistance of the Ladies' auxiliary, prepared hot out of the pot and off the grill hot and sweet sausage and peppers (the Tri-Valley Lions, across the aisle, provided the drinks).

It is reputed throughout New York State that the Grahamsville Fire Department Sausage and Peppers, hot or sweet, are among the best! At the three day fair, the firemen also make breakfast for the carnies, the youngsters exhibiting their cows, horses, goats and sheep and the locals.

Participants in the Tri-Valley Little League dinner were: Larry Whipple, Patty Whipple, Karen Gorr, Marty Carmody, Dana McCarthy, Devon Short, Jody Gozza and Pete DiMilia.

The cooks were: Head Chef Ed McCarthy, Devon short, Patty Whipple and Pete DeMilio.

It's a Town of Neversink Community "thing" and we are so proud to be a part of it!



News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

Well folks it is with sadness that I write this last Parks & Recreation update. As of April 30th, I will no longer be our Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Director. It was a very difficult decision for me as I loved this job. I loved being able to give to the community and to provide events that everyone can enjoy. For those of you wondering, leaving has been my choice. It's time to "pass the baton" to someone a bit younger and with more energy!!!!

I am so grateful that Chris Mathews, our town supervisor, asked me to take this job. He has been great to work with --- and has tolerated me and my crazy ideas! For that I cannot thank him enough. I also can't thank the Town Board enough for believing in me and supporting me thru this incredible adventure. To Ric Coombe, Nicole Gorr, Scott Grey, Keith Zanetti and Jimmie Schmidt-Thank you! For all my co-workers at Town Hall you are the best and I am going to miss our work time together. A big thank you to Preston Kelly and his team for all their work with our Ice Rink and other events. Joe Bagley, there are not enough thank you's to express how much I really appreciated you and all you did to help me out. To this fantastic P&R Board---all the successes we have had I could not have done without you. Valerie Brown, Tina Connolly, Jessica Garigliano, Nicole Grey, Danielle Hartman, Tanya Huggler, Dana McCarthy you have been the greatest group to work with! I know you will be taking Parks & Rec to the next level. And of course to Walt (Zeitschel), my better half-who has given so much of his time to me and to Parks & Rec. I would be lost without him---he is the brawn to my crazy ideas! He has taken our P&R visions and helped to make them reality-of course not without a few minor "debates" along the way. Thank you Walt!

I cannot let my last update go without acknowledging Linda Commando and the Townsman team. Thank you Linda for all your support over these years. I have truly enjoyed working with you and for all the help you've given us with advertising Parks & Recreation.

The town will be advertising for my replacement soon, however until that time Tanya Huggler, chair of the P&R Board, and Tina Connolly, vice-chair of the P&R Board, will continue parks & rec. There are a lot of exciting events they are planning for this year. I know you all will support them as much as you supported me.

It has been truly an honor to serve as your P&R Director these past 5 years! Thank you for allowing me to do that! As for me, I think I am going to finally try my hand at gardening! Altho me and bugs do not get along so this should be interesting!

Cher

Tri-Valley Teachers Association 2024 Color Run

Our TVTA is hosting a Color Run at the school on June 15. We're wondering if The Townsman would be interested in publishing the information below and the flyer (attached)? Please let me know. Thank you!

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association is holding their first TVTA Color Me Crazy 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, June 15. Check in will start at 9:00 a.m. and the race will kick off at 10:00 a.m. The race fee is only \$20, which includes a t-shirt and a color packet. It's going to be a really fun race and we can't wait to celebrate the day with our entire community! You can register for the race here: https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Grahamsville/TVTAColorMeCrazy5KRunWalk

Rep. Molinary Announces Mobile Office Hours in Grahamsville

Liberty, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced his constituent service team will hold mobile office hours from 10:00am to 12:00pm on Thursday, May 2 at the Neversink Town Hall and from 11:00am to 1:00pm on Friday, May 3 at the Norwich City Hall.

During these events, constituents will be able to connect with representatives from Rep. Molinaro's office to share comments and resolve issues they are having with federal agencies like the VA, IRS, and Social Security Administration.

If constituents aren't able to make these events, Rep. Molinaro also maintains offices in Broome County and Greene County. These offices are open from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Rep. Molinaro also has satellite offices in Sullivan County, Delaware County, and Otsego County. These offices are accessible by appointment and can be made by calling (518) 625-2100 or contacting the office online.

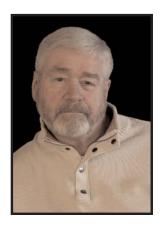
Details for the mobile office hours are as follows:

Sullivan County

Date: Thursday, May 2 • Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Location: Neversink Town Hall 273 Main Street

Grahamsville, NY 12740



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Basil's War

Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 85

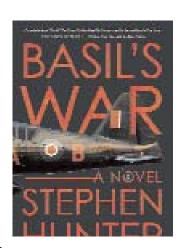
by John Dwaine McKenna

Mysterious Book Report No. 447

Published May 6, 2021

Author Stephen Hunter—who wrote the popular and best-selling series featuring a Viet Nam era sniper named Bob Lee Swagger—has just come up with a new character from an earlier and bigger conflict, whose name is Basil St. Florian. He's a WWII British Army Captain, a master of wit, wine and women . . . as well as a Special Operations Executive Agent, whose derring-do and bravery are unsurpassed.

In the first of what we can only hope is the launch of a new series, *Basil's War*, (Mysterious Press, \$23.95, 240 pages, ISBN 978-1-61316-224-8) by Stephen Hunter, protagonist St. Florian is parachuted one night, into occupied France in the Spring of 1943. His mission: to somehow get from the northern French coast, down to Paris, where his job is to locate a rare copy of a handwritten pamphlet entitled *The Path to Jesus*. It was created by an obscure 18th century Scottish clergyman, and held in the access-controlled rare documents section of the French National Museum. Basil hopes to photograph a half-dozen or so pages . . . then return with them to England. It seems that the pamphlet is being used by a British academic – who's a traitor – to send coded messages back to his masters. The Brits know they have a spy who's operating somewhere in Bletchley Park,



John Dwain McKenna's Books are now available at the NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE



where the code-breakers for the entire Allied war effort work. St. Florian can't just steal the pamphlet, because doing so would let the Germans know that the English are aware of the mole and the code would simply be changed. It's a situation with the direst of consequences – thousands more deaths because the war could go on until 1946 or '47– and the slimmest of chances for success. Can Basil St. Florian survive a mission with almost impossible odds; can he possibly outwit the smartest of German spy catchers and his SS cohort? You'll just have to read Basil's War for yourself and see. You'll be glad you did!

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And Hey! Check out our combined website that's simple to use and easy as pie to leave your comments! We're looking forward to hearing from all of you.

http://Johndwainemckenna.com or http://Mysteriousbookreport.com



The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda The Sea

When my granddaughter and I would ride to the Library story time, we would sing nursery rhymes on our way over to West Shokan.

One of them was:

"A sailor went to sea, sea, sea To see what he could see, see,see, But all that he could see, see, see All around him was the sea, sea, sea." 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



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On a cruise to the Caribbean with my husband, I keep singing that in my head. In a quiet moment, surrounded by the sea, I composed a poem to share with you this week.

The Sea

The sea is an ardent housekeeper Sweeping the shore over and over With waves washing over sins Forgiving the unfaithful lover.

The sea is our faithful friend Who whispers to windy ears Keeping our secrets safe As she has done for many years.

The sea is a loving mother Protecting her child in trouble, Smoothing out the rocky shore And washing away the rubble.

The sea is a wizened father With beard the white waves foamed Sharing wisdom, stories and tales Of past destinations he roamed.

The sea is a handsome lover Pledging safety from all harms. Giving warm kisses and promises With his beguiling charms.

The sea is a fickle mistress, Luring her mates with longing For exotic journeys and places Knowing home is his belonging.

The sea is the Siren's song That has been sung for ageless time; The sea beckons us to visit her shore For the danger and the divine.





Between the Bookends

Spread the Word: DPL's Famous "Boujee" Bingo Tickets and the Ultimate Discount Cards on Sale!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Our first Cheer



Our first Cheer & Charcuterie
Fundraising Event was spectacular! A
huge 'thank you' to Victoria Garigliano of
Garigliano Grazing Co. for sharing her
expertise in designing amazing boards
with our patrons. Everyone went home
with their specially designed boards, new
skills and a delicious cookie made by Tara
of Blu Butterfly Cookie Company.

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to Victoria for
bringing a
beautiful program to our

Charcuterie Fundraising Event was a "cheerful" good t i m e! Participants worked their magic, along-Victoria side Garigliano, of Garigliano Grazing Co., who shared her insider tips for creating stunning charcuterie boards. Everyone's boards came out beautifully-and with their new skillswill be summer BBQ ready! A huge 'thank you' to Victoria for bringing gram to our





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Congratulations to the Secondary Students Who Received Third Quarter Honor Roll

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Principal's Honor Roll

12th Grade

Scott Cole Amelia Mickelson Craig Costa Colin Monell Kendall McGregor **Emily Rusin** Abbigail Mentnech Lily Siciliano **Austin Swett**

11th Grade

Nicholas Bender Jai Patel William Seward

10th Grade

Savannah Chaboty Sophia Richardson

9th Grade

Louis Cholula-Jimenez Jacob Davison Shayden LaForge Aaron Edwards Christopher Prousalis Anna Furman William Richardson

8th Grade

Ava Bush Wyatt Chaboty Avery Carrier **Grace Nichols** Christopher Parken

7th Grade

Mason De La Cuadra

Penelope Papadopoulos Santino Haffner **Brea Sheeley** Sophia Horton Zoey Sullivan Alexander Meade Thomas Verbert Kellan Williams

High Honor Roll

12th Grade

Akerke Bashir Daniella Bell Joyce Brooks Jayden Bush Logan Congelosi Shavne Durbin Noah Edwards Matthew Fanslau Delanie Hoffman Kaytlyn Ingrassia Riley Kelly Nuo Yan Li Samantha Mentnech Dane Meyer Aidan Thomson Maggie Travis Alexander Uciechowski Connor Weyant

11th Grade

Devyn Callahan Dallas LaPolt Jenna Carmody Isabella Maiori Katie Dauch Joseph Metz Nicholas Foley Lilliana Morton-Curry Van Furman

Eden Noren William Graham Jr. Brynn Poley Kristoff Guanzon Abigail Ruef Brandon Huggler Haiden Sanders Mya Ibarra Ariana Small Misha Khodakovski Kaitlin Stungis Madyson Kirkpatrick Chrissy Wachter Ethan Whitted

10th Grade

Kara Carlsen Joniel Cholula-Jimenez Madison De La Cuadra Jordan Dymond Abigele Lawrence Emily Lucak Katricia McLennon Connor Mendez Andrew Papadopoulos Gwenneth Redman Emma Richardson Christopher Rossi Serenity Somers Madison Yonker

9th Grade

Juliana Adams Samantha Altman Allyson Chevalier Karley Davidson Angelina Hinkley Andrew Kelly Caitlyn Monell Diya Patel **Emily Poley** Janiel Prado Hailie Prince Rebecca Squires Hope Woods Yan Zheliazouski

8th Grade

Adam Babcock John Botsford Melany Cando Pilatasig Shelby Carroll Matthew Cuji Angamarca Angelina Flores Timothy Kufert Sanaa Lawrence Troy Magie-Porter Lilia Murden

Jiya Patel Abigail Rusin Elle Stanley Julia Sweetman Jacob Whitted

7th Grade

Ali Bashir Tyler Graham Kayla Bickham **Emily Hadden** Samantha Carroll Logan Hendrickson Jonielis Cholula-Jimenez Wesley Lewkiewicz JoHanna Clarke Andrew McGregor Cristopher Cuji Calle Jordan Steinhilber Caleb Davison Carl Sweatt Austin Delo Justice Whitted Benjamin Elliott-Teri Eli Williams Mason Witthohn

Honor Roll

12th Grade

Rassul Akhmetshin Anthony Chevalier Hunter Curry Sara DePace Taylor Doty Grace Gozza Michael Hillriegel Maria Hinkley Tucker Katz Morgan Leis Isabelle Mentnech Juan Ramirez Jr. Ethan Raykoff Bryce Rogerson Phenix Scurry Jayden Siegler Abigale Smith

11th Grade

Johnathan Allison Nicholas Altman Travis Capawana Dayra Cuji Calle Joselin Flores Galeas Garv Hadden Jorja Kinney Shayne LaForge Matthew Ortiz Jimenez Allison Rogers

Calia Sanders Katelyn Sauer Lauren Stoutenburg V Matthew Trojahn Molly Van Etten John Woods Jr.

10th Grade

Nathan Closs Grace Devo Jacobo Molina Angelia Raykoff Marbella Santiago Guzman Spencer Scanna Shelby Stephenson Antonio Walsh

9th Grade

William Blume Stepan Kurenkov Jayden Cuji Angamarca John Mingo Lorenzo Haffner Johnathan Moore David Hermann Hiram Roman III Meilyn Jimenez Castillo William Rosado-Goetschius Jr. Brady Knight Kaylee Taubl Jacob Van Etten

8th Grade

David Allen Kenneth Green Tammy Altman Cecilia Koskey-Barnes Willow Bivins Logan Noren Kevin Cotto Tyler Pelayes Sage Fiore-Yansick Cheyenne Pen Quentin Goodman Cora Stephenson

7th Grade

Samiyah Allen Thomas Etess Everett Gillman Daniel Lamb Richard Zheliazouski

DEC Announces 2024 Training Academies for New Classes of Environmental Conservation Police Officer and Forest Ranger Recruits

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today announced upcoming academies for the newest classes of Forest Rangers and Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs). The sixmonth training academies will prepare 58 of DEC's newest recruits for careers protecting New York's natural resources in the Divisions of Forest Protection and Law Enforcement.

"With new academies on the horizon, DEC is continuing to grow the ranks of New York's elite force of individuals committed to protecting our environment and public safety," Interim Commissioner Mahar said. "DEC's newest ECOs and Rangers will receive rigorous training to prepare them to meet the environmental challenges of today and tomorrow as they continue to uphold the rich and storied conservation legacies of both divisions."

ECOs, originally called Game Protectors, were first appointed for service in 1880. The first Forest Rangers, originally known as Fire Wardens, were put into service in 1885 when the New York State Legislature established the Forest Preserve of New York State.

The Forest Ranger training starts May 19 at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF) campus in the hamlet of Wanakena. The ECO training begins June 2 at the Pulaski Academy, which has served as the home for these trainings for the last several academies.

ECO job duties are centered on the 71 chapters of New York State Environmental Conservation Law and range from deer poaching to solid waste dumping, illegal mining, the black market pet trade, and emissions violations. In 2023, ECOs and Investigators across the state responded to nearly 31,000 calls and worked on cases that resulted in nearly 16,900 tickets or arrests.

DEC Division of Law Enforcement Director Karen Przyklek said, "In many ways ECOs are the guardians of our environment, enforcing New York's stringent environmental conservation laws protecting our air, water, fish, and wildlife. I am eager to welcome our next class of recruits and challenge them to put in the hard work and dedication required to become a member of our elite group of Officers who work diligently, around the clock, to safeguard our natural resources and hold polluters accountable."

Forest Ranger duties focus on the public's use of DEC-administered State lands and easements and can span from patrolling State properties to conducting search-and-rescue operations to fighting wildland fires. In 2023, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 370 search and rescue missions, extinguished 146 wildfires, participated in 52 prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate more than 1,000 acres, and worked on cases that resulted in hundreds of tickets or arrests.

ECOs and Forest Rangers are full-fledged New York State Police Officers, often called upon to support critical police deployments. Forest Rangers and ECOs were among the first responders on the scene to help in the aftermath of Sept. 11, assisted in the response to Superstorm Sandy, helped in the 2015 search for two escaped felons from the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, supported New York's statewide response to COVID-19 at testing and vaccination sites, and have traveled to battle wildfires in western states and Canada. Upon graduation, recruits will be assigned patrol areas and join the ranks of hundreds of ECOs and Forest Rangers currently serving across the state.

The recruits in this newest class will be selected from an eligible list of qualifications and passing scores generated from the most recent Civil Service exam, which became active in December 2022. To view job qualifications for ECOs, visit the Environmental Conservation Police Officer job description webpage; for Forest Rangers, visit the Forest Ranger job description webpage.

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(From Pg. 8) Our first LEGO program of the spring season was outstanding. The children had so much fun creating the next best amusement park ride. Their designs will be on display on the children's floor for a limited time, so please come check them out! Our next program will be for Tri Valley students in second and third grade on Wednesday, May 8. They will be tasked with using the LEGO pieces to invent new things. Children are so creative; it's going to be so cool to see what they can come up with. Advanced registration is required for this program, which can be done online through our website at www.danielpiercelibrary.com. (Children need to be residents of the Tri Valley CSD to participate.) If, when you register, there is full program notice please contact Miss. Deirdre at 845/985-7233 to be put on the wait list. Also, there is bussing from the school to the library, but there is a limited number of seats, so if you wish for your child to take the bus, please notify the elementary school office no later than the Monday before the program your child is registered for. After the May 8 program, there will be two more: Wednesday, May 15 for children in UPK to first grade and Wednesday, May 22 for Toddlers, and children three to four years old. A special note: for our last program, there is no bussing available (as they are not in school) and a parent or guardian must be present for the entire program for your child to attend.

On May 8 there will be a free live Zoom webinar, "How Money Works," presented by James Farnham. This webinar is intended for anyone who wants to learn more about personal finance. Some topics covered include: how to save money;

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The children had a wonderful time during our first spring LEGO program. There was a lot of creative designing taking place as the students in grades four through six worked their LEGO magic and brought the next great amusement park ride to life. Their designs will be displayed on the children's floor for a limited time, so please come and see! For more information on our upcoming LEGO programs, visit our website at www.danielpiercelibrary.org.

short-term and long, how to invest your money wisely, identify and outline the three "D's" of investing, and how to pay off debt and the effects of compounding (both good and bad!). Those who register will receive an email prior to the event with a link and instructions on how to join.

This week's staff pick by Michelle Gorman: The Return by Nicholas Sparks

"I've always been a sucker for Nicholas Sparks' books. This one was no exception. The story is about a war veteran, recovering from PTSD, who returns to his late grandfathers' house to seek refuge and peace. While questioning the circumstances of his grandfather's death, he meets a beautiful local deputy sheriff and a teenage girl who help him unravel the mystery while opening his heart," Gorman said.

The Return, along with Sparks' other 22 novels, have all been on the New York Times Bestsellers List, with a combined 130 million copies sold worldwide. His 24th novel, Counting Miracles, will be available in September

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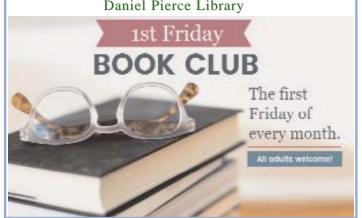
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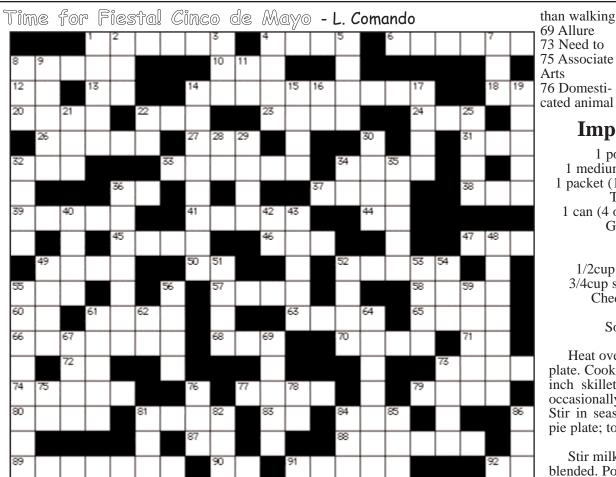
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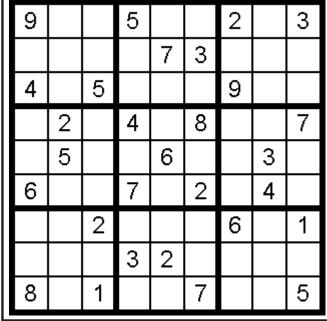
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Heat oven to 400°F. Grease 9-inch pie plate. Cook ground beef and onion in 10inch skillet over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until beef is brown; drain. Stir in seasoning mix (dry). Spoon into pie plate; top with chilies.

Stir milk, eggs and Bisquick mix until blended. Pour into pie plate.

Bake about 25 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake 8 to 10 minutes longer. Cool 5 minutes. Serve with salsa and sour cream.

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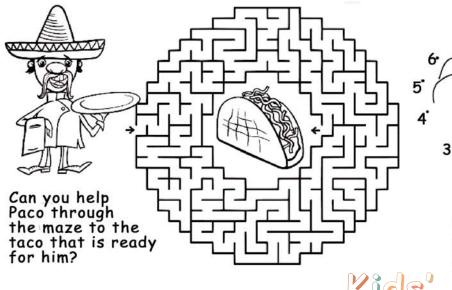
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT GRAHAMSVILLE TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK

APRIL 24, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Tri-Valley Secondary School Lower Library in said District at Grahamsville, New York, on:

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 At 7:00 P.M. (EDT)

for the purpose of presenting the school budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money which will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting, including the VOTE upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2024-2025 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 1:00 and 8:00 P.M. daylight savings time at the Main Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Central High School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, on or before 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 9, 2024. Nominating petitions shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer, and, must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. For 2024, there are three Board seats available. Two seats will be three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027, for seats currently held by the following Board of Education members:

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A third seat will have a term commencing immediately on May 21, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027, which is currently vacant (James McCarthy, who was appointed to replace Danielle Penney-Stroop, resigned from the position). The successful candidate with the highest number of votes will be seated immediately for the term commencing May 21, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Candidates whose names will appear on the ballot will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the public at the Annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Secondary School Library Lower Level.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Wednesday, May 15, 2024, and Thursday, May 16, 2024, in the Administration Building, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 16, 2024, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to May 21, 2024. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote. (Contd. Pq. 18)

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a Military Ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (845) 985-2296, ext. 5102 and normapena@trivalleycsd.org. For a military voter to be issued a Military Ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 25, 2024. Military Voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter by filling out a Military Voter Registration Application, which can also be obtained by requesting an application from the District Clerk. Military Voter Registration Applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2024. Military voters may indicate a preference for receiving a military voter registration, military ballot application, or military ballot by mail, fax, or e-mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. The School District will transmit Military Ballots to military voters no later than April 26, 2024. Completed Military Ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024 in order to be counted.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-a of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee Ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the Absentee Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 14, 2024) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 20, 2024), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education. A list of all persons to whom Absentee Ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. prevailing time, in the District Office on each of the five days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election of members of Education, except Sunday, and will also be available at the polling place at the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-e of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for EARLY MAIL BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the Early Mail Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 14, 2024) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 20, 2024), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their agent. Early Mail Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education. A list of all persons to whom Early Mail Ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. prevailing time, in the District Office on each of the five days prior to the day of the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education, and will also be available at the polling place at the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the vote.

By order of the Board of Education Norma Pena, District Clerk Dated: April 24, 2024 5/2 240

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Daniel Pierce Library Budget Vote

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Library Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Daniel Pierce Library (the "Library") at Grahamsville, New York on: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. (EDST) for the purpose of presenting the Library's budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money which will be required for the following year for Library purposes, exclusive of public money, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Special Meeting. (Contd. Pg. 19)

(From Pg. 18)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a Special Meeting of the qualified voters of the Tri-Valley Central School District shall be held at the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York, 12740, on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. daylight savings time. The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at said meeting:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York, be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of \$458,438, separate and distinct from the School District's tax levy, for the annual support of the Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville, New York, and pay over such monies to the trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library for library services for the benefit of residents of the School District during the 2024-2025 fiscal year and each year thereafter?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. A date for personal voter registration has been set for Wednesday, June 12, 2024 in the Administration Building, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, June 13, 2024 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to June 18, 2024. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this Special Meeting. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the Special Meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a Military Ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (845) 985-2296, ext. 5102 and normapena@trivall-eycsd.org. For a military voter to be issued a Military Ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2024. Military voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter by filling out a Military Voter Registration Application, which can also be obtained by requesting an application from the District Clerk. Military Voter Registration Applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2024. Military voters may indicate a preference for receiving a military voter registration application, military ballot application, or military ballot by mail, fax, or e-mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. The School District will transmit Military Ballots to military voters no later than May 24, 2024. Completed Military Ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2024 in order to be counted.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee Ballots must be applied for unless the voters registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Special Meeting if the Absentee Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, June 11, 2024) OR the day before the Special Meeting (Monday, June 17, 2024), if the Ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their authorized agent. Absentee Ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Special Meeting. A list of all persons to whom Absentee Ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) in the District Office on each of the five days prior to the Special Meeting, except Sunday, and will also be available at the polling place of the Special Meeting. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-e of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for EARLY MAIL BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Special Meeting if the Early Mail Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, June 11, 2024) OR the day before the Special Meeting (Monday, June 17, 2024), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their authorized agent. Early Mail Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Special Meeting. A list of all persons to whom Early Mail Ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. prevailing time, in the District Office on each of the five days prior to the day of the Special Meeting, except Sunday, and will also be available at the polling place at the Special Meeting. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge.

By order of the Board of Education Tri-Valley Central School District Grahamsville, New York Norma Peña, District Clerk

TOWN OF NEVERSINK EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR - PT

The Town of Neversink is accepting applications for a Parks and Recreation Director-PT (Salary \$14,615, no health benefits). This is important work involving responsibility for planning and directing a recreational program. The work is performed under general direction, using administrative policy established by a legislative body, commission, or executive department. FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: good knowledge of theory and practices governing the administration of a comprehensive public recreation program; the ability to promote, plan, organize and carry out all related activities; ability to get along well with others; neatness of appearance; reliability; resourcefulness; good judgement; good physical condition; knowledge of State and local laws.

Minimum Qualifications:

A. Possession of a Bachelor's Degree and one (1) year of experience in a position involving supervision of subordinates and interaction with other; or

B. Five (5) years of experience as described in (A) above; or

C. An equivalent combination of training or experience.

NOTE: This is a civil service competitive position and you will be required to take a civil service test through the County of Sullivan; no test date is currently available.

Employment Application can be found on the TON website, www.townofneversink.org under documents or may be obtained at the Town Hall. Application and a letter of interest are to be received by May 31, 2024. They can be mailed mail to: Chris Mathews, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740, email to: supervisor@townofneversink.org, or hand delivered to: Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main St., Grahamsville, NY 12740. Please address any questions to Supervisor Mathews at 845-985-2262 x301

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TOWN OF NEVERSINK EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BOOKKEEPER TO SUPERVISOR/PAYROLL/BUDGET OFFICER

The Town of Neversink is accepting applications for Bookkeeper to Supervisor/Payroll/Budget Officer. This a full-time position with benefits included. Salary is 50K to 60K depending on experience.

The Duties of the Bookkeeper involves working in a variety of functional areas in a municipality, including budget, accounting, auditing, and payroll functions. The incumbent will work closely with various departments and will make recommendations on the various aspects of budget and office administration. The work is under general supervision of the Town Supervisor, with considerable leeway for carrying out job responsibilities within established policies and

procedures. Typical work activities will include maintaining Town Books per Double-Entry Accounting, preparing financial statements, keep ledger and journal accounts, trial balances, and reviews bank statements. Prepares monthly projection of cash needed and cash available for investments. Maintains written agreements with banks and ensure pledge of securities are maintained. Use of computer applications such as Word, Excel, Outlook, and Town Finance Program.

The duties of Payroll involve processing bi-weekly payrolls and maintain employee payroll files to ensure all necessary forms are authorized and current. Reviews payroll quarterly and annual reports, Federal and State Reports, W-2 for all employees and 1099s.

The duties of Budget Officer involve working with the municipality for the administration of the Town Budget conferring with departmental officials and employees to assist in the preparation of their budget. Prepares tentative, preliminary, and adopted Budget.

Both the Bookkeeper and Budget Officer require attending Public Hearings and Board meeting as needed.

Resume and a Letter of interest are to be received by May 31, 2024. Please either mail to: Chris Mathews, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or email to supervisor@townofneversink.org or hand deliver to the Town Hall, 273 Main St., Grahamsville, NY 12740. Please address any questions to Supervisor Mathews at 845-985-2262 X301.

TOWN OF NEVERSINK EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – (2) TEMPORARY SUMMER MAINTENANCE WORKER

This temporary position involves the performance of a variety of skilled tasks including flagging, road patch-ing, raking, painting, mowing, weedwacking and general maintenance throughout the Town. Applicant must be at least 18 years or older and have a valid driver's license. Experience with various mowing equipment a plus. Drug and alcohol testing is required. The position is from May to September at an hourly rate of \$16.14 per hour, 40 hours per week, paid bi-weekly. Applications must be received as soon as possible. Applications are available at the Town Hall or on the Town of Neversink website. Please send applications to Preston Kelly, Highway Superintendent, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Please address any questions to Preston Kelly, at (845) 985-2281.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESMENT ROLL

NOTICE OF COMPLETION shall be published once in the official newspaper of the Town of Denning and a copy of the published notice posted on the signboard at the entrance of the Town Clerk's office stating that the Assessor has completed the Tentative Roll, where the roll may be examined and when and where Grievance Day will be held (rptl § 506,526(1), 1526).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sole Assessor of the Town of Denning, County of Ulster has completed the Tentative Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left with the Town Clerk at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 where it may be seen and examined by any interested person until the fifth Wednesday in May 2024 during regular business hours or by appointment.

The Board of Assessment review will meet on Wednesday, May 29th, 2024 between the hours of 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on the written application of any person believing themselves to be aggrieved.

I will be available by phone, 845-549-0552, email assessor@denningny.gov or in person by appointment. You may mail any completed grievance form to me at 1112 State Route 52, Walden, NY 12586, or drop it off at Town Hall to be presented on your behalf. Please call to set up an appointment if you plan to attend so the Board can be prepared.

Dated April 22, 2024 PATRICIA MASTERSON Town of Denning Sole Assessor nap

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section §274b of the New York State Town Law, the Town of Denning Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing regarding Proposed Short-Term Rental Special Use Permit application by Owners: Branden and Mary Plank.

Address: 2284 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 SBL: 42.-2-31.100

The Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 pm prior to the regularly scheduled Planning Board Meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

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

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING PLANNING BOARD Chairman Joseph Sibiga April 30, 2024 5/1/2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section §274b of the New York State Town Law, the Town of Denning Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing regarding Proposed Short-Term Rental Special Use Permit application by Owners: Stephen Ellis and Christine Leas. Address: 7 Taylor Road, Claryville, NY 12725 SBL: 50.-1-6.200

The Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 pm prior to the regularly scheduled Planning Board Meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

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Immediate Openings Tri-Valley Central School

Cleaners Maintenance Worker

Please forward resumes and Tri-Valley's application (located at www.trivalleycsd.org) by May 10th To: tri-valley-recruitment@scboces.org Attn: Maintenance or Cleaner Search

District Opening Tri-Valley Central School

Secretary to the Superintendent

Start Date: May/June

Please forward resumes and
Tri-Valley's application
(located at www.trivalleycsd.org) by May 15th
To: tri-valley-recruitment@scboces.org
Attn: Secretary Search EGE

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INDOOR YARD and CLOTHING SALE

Will be opened every Friday from 10 - 3

Something for Everyone!



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LOCATIONS IN WOODBOURNE, LIBERTY, MONTICELLO, LIVINGSTON MANOR & KAUNEONGA LAKE 434-7363 292-7160 794-2700 583-5445 439-4333 http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

MONUMENTS INSTALLED IN ALL CEMETERIES
CREMATION MEMORIALS & BENCHES, MONUMENT LETTERING & CLEANING



Many items from the Indoor Yard Sale will be available for sale at the Supper. Come check them out.

> Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

Grahamsville United
Methodist
Church

First Thrift Sale of the Season! May 4th 9 am to 12 noon

St. Mary's and St. Andrews Church

139 S Main Street • Ellenville, NY 12740

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

8:00 AM Monday through Friday 9:00 AM Saturday

HOLY DAY EUCHARIST

Schedule will be listed in the bulletin https://smsaparish.org/bulletins

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

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R21JYUh yTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09 Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740

Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740
Dial by your location
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.
If you are interested in joining the Bible Study,

please feel free to contact the
Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

Loucks Funeral Home

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

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

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
6317 Rtc. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule:

Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm

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

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

Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI. Administrator

Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator (845) 434-7643

The Church with a friendly welcome Pastor Kenneth Ronk

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

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road Claryville, NY 12725 845-985-2041

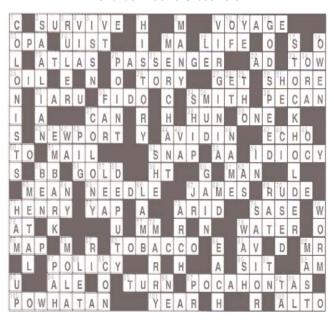


Worship Services @ 10:15 am Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor Church Hall available for rent Call - 845-985-2041 for information

St . Augustine's Chapel

Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY
Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword





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Clip & Save

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

356 Main St. P.O. Box 86 Grahamsville, NY 12740

Dec - 7th Holiday Craft Fair

Thrift Sale Schedule 2024

All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

April - 6th and 20th

May - 4th and 18th

June - 1st and 15th

Sept - 7th and 21st

October - 12th and 26th

Nov - 2nd and 16th

August - 3rd and 17th

July - 6th and 20th

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



Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper

Saturday,

May 4, 2024 5:30 pm at the Church Hall 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)

2024 Journey For Sight Walk

Saturday, May 4, **2024 Journey For Sight Walk** at the **Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building** and **Grahamsville Fairgrounds.** We would love to have you join us this year, and you will see more information about **The Journey For Sight Walk** in upcoming editions of *The Townsma*n.

Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic

Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 2 to 3:30 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds-Pavillion 8320 State Rte 44 Grahamsville, NY FREE - Donations Accepted

Please make sure your pets are leashed or in a carrier Bring prior proof of vaccination with you

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For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/1/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
5/4/24	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon
5/4/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
5/7/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
5/14//24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
5/8/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
5/16/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
5/16/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
6/5/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting

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

April 29 - May 3, 2024

All Legislative Committee Meetings are Livestreamed at https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams

Monday, April 29

o No Meetings

Tuesday, April 30

- o 11:00 AM Ulster County Advisory Committee on Non-Toxic Pest Management, in the Department of Environment, 17 Pearl Street, Kingston, 12401
- o 4:30 PM Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o 6:00 PM (Or Immediately Following Energy, Environment & Sustainability) - Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Wednesday, May 1

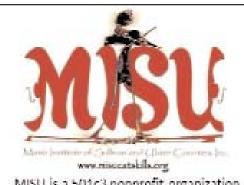
- o 5:00 PM Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston
- o 5:00 PM Ulster County Community Services Board Subcommittees, in the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Kingston
- o 6:00 PM Ulster County Human Rights Commission, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston
- o 7:00 PM Ulster County Planning Board, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, May 2

- o 9:30 AM Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Reform Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 3:30 PM Health, Human Services & Housing: Housing Subcommittee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 4:30 PM American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream o 5:00 PM - Health, Human Services & Housing Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Friday, May 3

o No Meetings



MISU is a 501c3 nonprofit organization

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All ages and abilities are welcome!

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For more information visit our website

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The participant cost for this event is \$10 in advance or \$15 on the day of the show. If you wish to pre-register please fill in the form below and mail it to our office along with a check or money order written to Disabled American Veterans

Thank you for your support, we look forward to seeing you there!

Vehicle Type (Please Circle One):
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Vehicle Year:
Vehicle Make:
Vehicle Model:
Applicants Signature:

Upon signing this form, the applicant agrees to release Sprague & Killeen, Inc. and anyone connected with this show, from any and all known and/or unknown damages, injury, losses, judgements, and/or claims that may be suffered by the entrant to his/her person or property.

The applicant assumes full responsibility for his/her vehicle.

Fallsburg CSD Announces Honor Roll and Superintendent's Honor Roll List

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District is proud to announce their middle and high school honor roll and superintendent's honor roll lists for the third marking period. Honor roll students achieved an average of 85-91, and superintendent's honor roll students earned an average of 92 or higher. The following students were recognized for their academic accomplishments:

7th Grade

Honor Roll list: Yasmina Bache-Seraphin, Xzander Berrios, Abdiel Cabrero, Adriel Canales Gonzales, Estrella Canales, Evangeline Capicchioni, Joseph Cerone, Michael Damms, Michael DeMondo-Gernant, Alyssa Florence, Sara Flores Ramos, Leily Garcia Menjivar, Daniella Gutierrez Aleman, Katherine Juarez Cadena, Angelina Lara-Jones, Lindsay Lopez Landaverde, AngelicaEsperanza Martinez-Lopez, Carlos Mazariego Pena, Maria Nardi, Om Patel, Daniel Perez Martinez, Easton Pugh, Franklin Reyes-Rodriguez, Cristopher Rivera Flores, Alessandro Salguero Navarro, A'miyah Sellers, Mason Stafford-Martinez, Samuel Vega Rosales, and Honor Wilson.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Jack Bensimon, Nicolas Ciorciari, Dina Gottlieb, Leyna Greenberg, Rebecca Moocz, Jeybi Rodriguez Canales, and Samantha Saciolo.

8th Grade

Honor Roll list: Keily Brizuela Fuentes, Ilana Burke, Deysi Diaz Hernandez, Jancarlos Guardado, William Hamilton, Stephon Harris, Senaida Jeronimo Sanchez, Alisson Lagos Guardado, Yasmel Leon Mota, Nazareth Manjarrez Paredes, Brandon Mariaca, Madelyne Maxwell, Paola Melendez Deras, Ronny Mendoza, Melina Ortiz, Tatiana Parada, Shiv Patel, Pedro Pineda Ortiz, Eliana Ramos, Keily Rosales Charuc, Kayden Saravia, Kiara Sauer, Marion Sesay, Luca Sinigaglia, Zayd Amir Snead, Helen Vasquez, and Lavante Ward.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Addison Alvarado, Autumn Rain Atkinson, Sophia Cordova, Maddelynn DeMondo-Gernant, Natalia Evangelista, Mariama Gai, Melanie Gomez Perez, Isabella Gonzales, Eriberto Gonzalez Jr., Layla Hermann, Camdyn Hoefling, Kate Islas Escamilla, Sophia Jacobs, Dayana Mendoza-Gallo, Kileen Milligan, Evelyn Molina Ax, Dillan Padilla Avila, Payton Pisaniello, Jiahnny Sebastian, and Joslyn Smith.

9th Grade

Honor Roll list: Oscar Carranza Pineda Jr, Jordyn Cerone, Ashleigh Fuentes Ardon, Fatoumata Gai, Riley Gorr, Chanel Han, Adryana Kozachuk, Shelby Lyons, Conner McManus, Jozyr McNeil, Heysel Mejia Corcio, and Dayana Murillo Madrid.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Sarah Blume, Emina Cenovic, Carissa Ciorciari, Eric Moocz, Fabio Narkaj, Robert Perrera, Efrain Rodriguez, Alisha Tremper, and Peyton Varner.

10th Grade

Honor Roll list: Edison Bastidas, Marcos DerasLopez, Jonathan Dias Paredes, Sebastian Fowler, Natalie Fuentes Blandon, Hector Jami Cocha, Joey Ketcham, Eric Li, Johnarris LopezLandaverde, Tyiese Mack, Carmen Montes Velasco, Joslyn Odell Schreier, Axel ReyesRodriguez, Jansel Rosa Gonzalez, Isis Santos Berrios, and Noelle Varner.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Angelina Alvarado, Saladin Basic, Karrine Bennett, Andrew Bensimon, Xzavier Berrios, Bintou Darboe, Lee-Ann DiNapoli, Jaecob Espinoza, Emmabella Ferreira, Douglas Medina Carcamo Jr, Madeline Pantel, Allison Rojas, Marilyn Santos, and Skylar Wright.

11th Grade

Honor Roll list: Jefferson Banegas Gallo, Rubin Bonilla Jr, Esdras Canales Aguilar, Nehemiah Damon, Luciano Esposito, Adrianna Garcia, Isaac Hernandez Martinez, Hayden-Marie Herrera, Mayline Maldonado, Jamin McCollough, Rozana Narkaj, Brianna Noller, Danielle Olsen, Mauricio Ordonez Nunez, Dalila Ortiz Fuentes, Keven Padilla Perdomo, Kaitlyn Pedersen, Julianna Ramos, Marco Reyes Mansanarez, Dulce Rubio Granados, Emy Sierra Mejia, Nicholas Storms, and Ioannis Vernezos.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Bryan Baker, Maya Ballard, Isabelle Batista, Kimberly Diaz, Jeffrey Evangelista Jr., Kaelyn Fuentes, Nicole Jimenez, Hannah Johnson, Daris Koljenovic, Erli Maldonado Garcia, Nancy Martinez Cadena, William Martinez Martinez, Brianna McManus, Rachel Montenegro Sandoval, Bella Muscia, Vivian Ordonez Cabrera, Cecilia Riker Lainez, Jennifer Rios Nunez, Jaily Sebastian, and Jordyn Wall-Carty.

12th Grade

Honor Roll list: Jasmine Acevedo, Ezekiel Acosta, Gustavo Avila Morales, Jordan Batista, Emily Bou, Sherlin Bruno Pinzon, Kassandra Damms, Emma DeGraw, Alaina Dinkel, Joash Fernandez Taveras, JeanCarlos Galeas Iraheta, Adira GreerPadilla, Kevin Hernandez Martinez, Lidia Hernandez Ponce, Jefferson Jami Cocha, Catherine Pena, Angela Pineda Loja, Semaj-zae Potter, Cindy Romero, Rugiatu Sesay, Christopher Yautentzi Reyes, Isaiah Young, and Lukas Alexander Zelaya.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Meredith Anderman, Asly Avila Reyes, Nikolas Bonner, Anngeleena Bruno, Alexander Depuy-McBride, Chloe Doolittle, Miya Ennist, Jaedon Espinoza, Brandon Fierro, Mia Irlbacher, Jane Islas Escamilla, Angelina Levner, Adam Mednick, Cecelia Norris-Yanes, John Padilla Orellana, Emily Perna, Jalysa Poindexter, Elizabeth Rivas-Ferrufino, Alexandra Ruiz, Besart Selimaj, and Charlotte Steingart.

Fallsburg CSD Proposes Sixth Consecutive Budget with No Tax Levy Increase

FALLSBURG - On April 16, 2024, the Fallsburg Central School District Board of Education approved a budget proposal of \$63,443,785 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, which will lead to a 0% increase to the tax levy. Taxpayers in the district will be happy to learn that this will be the sixth consecutive year the district has proposed a budget without an increase to the tax levy.

"This is a remarkable accomplishment for the district and speaks to the hard work of our board of education, administration, staff and our business official," said Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ivan Katz.

The budget vote will take place on May 21, 2024 in the Board of Education meeting room at the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School. Polls will be open from 8:00AM to 8:00PM.



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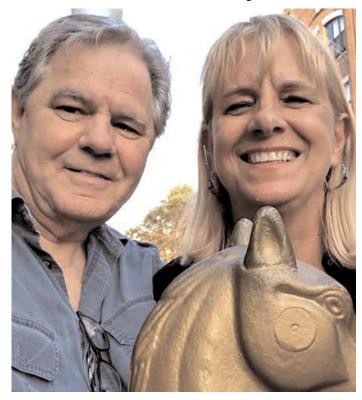
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See you at the show!

Enjoy an Afternoon of Americana, Bluegrass County Museum Continues Its Popular Performance Series on May 5



Hurleyville, NY - Join your neighbors at the Sullivan County Museum on Sunday, May 5, at 2 p.m. for an afternoon of songs drawn from the rich legacy of traditional Americana and bluegrass music. The free performance is sponsored by the Frederick Cook Society.

Kevin Ege has been playing guitar since he was 9 years old, inspired by the great bluegrass and folk guitarists of the sixties. His influences include everyone from Doc Watson and Arlo Guthrie to Lyle Lovett, Peter Rowan and Bob Dylan.

Nine years ago, Kevin and his wife Sue Stegmeyer began performing together. Sue is a classically trained pianist, who later learned to play the bass guitar. She is also a professional horse trainer and instructor. Her first horse was an Arabian Stallion that she won at the The National Horse Show at New York City's Madison Square Garden, when she was 18 years old. Since then, she has owned a Thoroughbred, Hanoverian and a Trakehner, and has trained all breeds from a Friesian to a Fjord. And for those interested in Dressage, Sue's book, "Keys to the Kingdom of Dressage," will be available for sale at the concert.

Little Sparrow will host the concert and perform a set featuring Jeff Anderson on bass (Esther Phillips/Ben E. King), and Henry Simon on guitar (a Sullivan West senior). And in the tradition of the Grand Ole Opry, the two bands will perform together to close out the show.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. The event is free. Donations are welcome. For more information call 845 434-8044 or visit https://www.facebook.com/littlesparrowny.

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Helena Clare Pittman Painting Exhibit: "SPRING" at The Old Stone House

Saturday, May 4th, 2024, through Sunday, May 26th Opening Reception: May 4th, 4-7PM

A showing of recent oil paintings of flowers, by painter and childrens book writer and illustrator, Helena Clare Pittman.

Shown, too, will be six collaged, linen aprons, inspired by the history of woman's clothing, brought forward in time. Some of Helena's books, and her hand, block-printed cat note cards will also be available for purchase.

The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck is located at 282 Hasbrouck Road, Woodbourne, New York, 12788. Show hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 3-6 PM, or by appointment at: 845-292-3638.

ARTIST'S STATEMENT – I began painting at age fourteen. I majored in art in High School and went on to Pratt Institute to

study Painting, my BFA is in Painting and Art Education. Later I took my Masters of Art at Antioch University, and majored in Art, Writing and Education. I drew as a child. My father, who was an industridesigner, engineer and teacher, watched me draw on napkins on the kitchen table and encouraged me. I remember the quiet that came over him. It was a kind of awe and respect I sensed he had for my young art. It told me that my work had importance. I certainly inherited art from him.



I began teaching art at summer camps at age fourteen. My father taught at Queens College, where there was a good art department. Queens was a city school, no tuition. Of course my father wanted me to go to Queens. But I had painter friends, older than I, who went to Pratt. That's where I wanted to go. Pratt was not free, but cost \$500 a semester. If I went to Pratt I'd have to figure out how to pay for it. I borrowed the money through the National Student Defense Loan program-reason to be of the program: educating teachers to educate children would



build a strong country. The interest was one percent. I lived at home and commuted from Queens to Brooklyn. I paid back my loan, which covered art supplies and books. It took me eleven years. Those were different times. I am so grateful that my degree included Art Ed, my concession to my father. Teaching is as much a call as painting. After graduation from Pratt, I took my New York City teaching exam and taught Junior High School Art in Lower Manhattan.

I found painting lonely. Still, I kept working. In the 1970s I met Daniel Pinkwater, who was a children's book writer and illustrator. He encouraged me to sub-

mit my art to his editors, and I did. Through building a portfolio I became interested in the visual conjunction of words and pictures. That was the beginning of my journey into writing stories and illustrating them for children. Eventually, in the eighties, one of Daniel's publishers, Hastings House, acquired "A Grain of Rice". That book was acquired by Random House. It's still in print though I have written a number of others which can, thankfully, now be found online.

Even as an illustrator my work was "painterly". I found it difficult to adjust to the concept of illustration. It was an editor who suggested I try watercolor, a new medium for me, because it reproduced well. Thankfully, she gave me some mentoring. I found I loved the medium. Except for "A Grain of Rice," the illustrations for which are drawn in a full range of graphite pencils, all my books are illustrated in watercolors.

The children's book market was floundering by the late nineties, with the development of computers. At the same time I moved up to Liberty, from Long Island, and transformed my house into a studio. And, while the book market rocked, I turned back to painting, now experimenting with Pastel. Pastels are so beautiful, but they are also fragile, so I learned to frame them. Eventually I turned back to the medium I love most of all, Oils.

Mid-Hudson Misfits Roller Derby - 2024 Season Opener Vs Dirty Jersey



ACCORD, NY - Get ready for some hard-hitting roller derby action, with the Misfits 2024 Season Opener, as we take on Dirty Jersey on Saturday, May 11, at Skate Time, in Accord.

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Register at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 4, 2024

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For additional pledge sheets or questions about the Journey For Sight Walk, please call Esta Jacob 845-985-2927 or Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981.

Thank you.

- Anyone under 18 years of age must have the signature of parent or guardian on the form.
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- Pledges must be collected from your Sponsors and turned in at Registration or no later than June 1 to any Lion.
- The Journey For Sight will begin at 9:00 am. Participants must sign in between 8:30 am and 9:00 am at the GRAHAMSVILLE FIRST AID BUILDING (where the walk will begin and end). Refreshments will be available during this time.
- The event will be held rain or shine.
- All food and drinks given before, during, and after the event are free.
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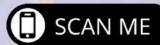
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Governor Hochul Awards \$10 Million through New York's Regional School Food Infrastructure Grant Program

North Country and Western New York Projects Awarded in Round One; Additional Rounds of the Program Will Reach all Regions of New York State in the Coming Years

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that \$10 million has been awarded through round one of New York's Regional School Food Infrastructure Grant Program. Projects in the North Country and in Western New York were awarded \$5 million each to improve meal preparation and distribution for Kindergarten through Grade 12 students. First announced in the Governor's 2023 State of the State, the program will provide \$50 million over five years to eligible applicants in all ten regions of New York State to facilitate the on-site processing and preparation of fresh, nutritious meals, increase the use of more healthy, local New York food products, and provide a boost to New York farmers.

"As Governor, I want to make sure that all New Yorkers have fresh, locally grown, nutritious foods to eat," Governor Hochul said. "The Regional School Food Infrastructure program tackles this challenge head on by ensuring that our schools have the equipment they need to cook from scratch. This is just one great example of how we're connecting the dots within our food systems, reducing food insecurity while increasing market opportunities for farmers, and strengthening the resiliency of our state's food system."

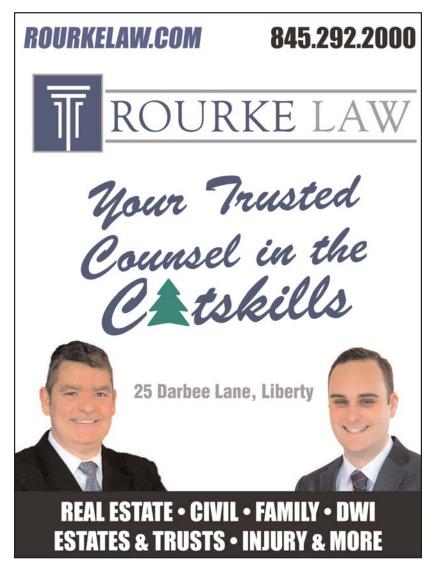
In each round of the program, two regions will be awarded \$5 million each. Two additional regions will be awarded \$5 million each in subsequent rounds, until all regions are awarded through five rounds. The projects awarded in round one are:

o Buffalo City School District (Western New York) is being awarded \$5,000,000 to assist in equipping a commissary that provides nutritional support to 97 schools. Grant funds will be used to establish a vegetable preparation and processing area, ingredient room, packing system, and additional infrastructure necessary to establish contracted delivery of products prepared and packaged using New York ingredients. This award will also support community engagement through a test kitchen and chef brigade passing on locally sourced cooking recipes.

o Champlain Valley Educational Services (Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington BOCES) (North Country) is being awarded \$5,000,000 to establish a central food hub, two state-of-the-art educational facilities, and retrofit existing school cafeterias in the North Country region. The project will consolidate school food processing and preparation at the new food hub, while also reducing staffing pressures faced by schools and increasing the nutritional value and local focus of the foods served at 16 component school districts and at CVES BOCES.

Administered by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, the Regional School Food Infrastructure Grant Program is providing the resources schools need to aggregate, store, process, and prepare farm products, and making it possible to cook fresh, nutritious, scratch made meals for school children. The program also encourages workforce development by providing training to schools, communities, and students for culinary arts, food processing, safe food handling and storage, logistics, delivery, and more, based on community need.

The Regional School Food Infrastructure program builds on New York's many programs that prioritize local foods in



schools, including tools to help school districts procure and purchase farm products from local producers, ensuring that New York remains New York's first and best customer. The FY 2024 Enacted Budget raised the discretionary threshold for food purchasing for schools to \$150,000, a significant increase from the previous threshold.

Additionally, the successful Farm-to-School program connects schools with local farms and food producers to strengthen local agriculture, improve student health, and promote regional food systems awareness. Through the program, the Department of Agriculture and Markets provides financial, technical, and promotional assistance to schools, farms, distributors, and other supporting organizations to bring more local, nutritious, seasonally varied meals to New York students.

The 30 Percent New York State Initiative further facilitates the provision of healthy New York sourced food products to children as part of their lunch meal in school. The initiative increases the reimbursement schools receive for lunches from 5.9 cents per meal to 25 cents per meal for any district that ensures their school lunches are made up of at least 30 percent eligible New York produced and processed products. Since the Department of Agriculture and Markets took over administration of the program as part of Governor Hochul's 2022 State of the State commitment to better connect farms and schools across New York, the program has seen increased participation from school food authorities, with a total of 59 school food authorities approved to receive enhanced reimbursement during this school year, up from 51 approved for reimbursement last year. In total, more than \$8 million was spent on New York agricultural products during the 2022-2023 school year by schools applying for the incentive.

Governor Hochul Celebrates Bacl to Basics Initiative to Improve Reading Proficiency in NYS

• As a Part of the FY 2025 Enacted Budget, the Governor Signed Legislation to Ensure Evidence-Based Reading Instruction is Used in the Classroom to Improve Reading Proficiency

• Part of Governor Hochul's Record Budget Investments in Education; Provides Nearly \$36 Billion in School Aid, Including \$24.9 Billion in Foundation Aid

Governor Kathy Hochul today celebrated her 'Back to Basics' legislation signed into law as a part of the FY 2025 Enacted Budget. The Governor highlighted this crucial initiative at the Albany School of Humanities today where she visited a first grade class using instructional best practices grounded in the Science of Reading. Governor Hochul's 'Back to Basics' plan ensures every New York classroom uses this type of evidence-based instruction to improve reading proficiency rates in New York State. This is part of Governor Hochul's record investments in education through the FY 2025 Enacted Budget, which increases school aid by \$1.3 billion to nearly \$36 billion, including \$24.9 billion in Foundation Aid.

"Reading is one of the most fundamental skills students need to learn, but currently our kids are not meeting basic reading proficiency levels," Governor Hochul said. "With this Budget, we're throwing out debunked reading instruction practices and getting back to basics, using phonics, reading comprehension and other effective techniques to set our kids up for success."

The ability to read by third grade is an important indicator of a student's future success. Students who do not achieve proficiency by the end of third grade are four times more likely to drop out of school, with dropout rates even more pronounced for students of color and students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Additionally, failure to ensure reading proficiency at an early age has a cascading effect, potentially derailing a student's academic trajectory, impacting future earning potential, health, and wellbeing. Recognizing the urgent need to improve reading proficiency and ensure student success, more than 30 states have transitioned to a 'Back to Basics' approach.

Governor Hochul's 'Back to Basics' reading plan ensures every school district utilizes instructional best practices grounded in the science of reading to improve reading proficiency among New York's children. The State Education Department (SED) will provide instructional best practices to school districts in the teaching of reading to students in prekindergarten through grade three by January 1, 2025. School districts will be required to annually review their curriculum and instructional practices for alignment with those issued by SED, and verify by September 2025.

The Budget also includes \$10 million to train 20,000 teachers in these instructional best practices through NYSUT's Education and Learning Trust. Additionally, the Budget expands the State University of New York and the City University of New York's microcredentialing programs for teachers focused on the science of reading to ensure current and future teachers seeking advanced education are best prepared.

As a part of Governor Hochul's celebration of the 'Back to Basics' plan, members of her Administration will read to classes throughout the state and highlight the importance of using evidence-based best practices in the classroom.

State Education Commissioner Betty A. Rosa said, "Literacy is the cornerstone of education, unlocking worlds of knowledge and imagination. Empowering our educators with the resources to provide evidence-based reading instruction will give our students the tools to comprehend, analyze, and synthesize information effectively, laying the foundation for lifelong learning and success."

SUNY Chancellor John B. King Jr. said, "Governor Hochul's Back

to Basics initiative will enable generations of students to be strong readers and successful citizens. SUNY is New York State's largest teacher preparation provider, and we look forward to scaling the successful SUNY New Paltz Science of Reading microcredential to further enhance the skills of our teachers and the success of our students."

CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez said, "CUNY is proud to contribute to Governor Hochul's 'Back to Basics' plan by training current and future teachers to incorporate the science of reading in their classrooms. CUNY prepares nearly a quarter of New York State's classroom teachers, and we are committed to equipping them with the skills, practices and credentials to ensure that all students can become proficient readers, an objective that is fundamental to advancing educational equity in our state."

NYSUT President Melinda Person said, "Since we announced this plan in January, I've talked to countless educators who are thrilled to have another tool to enhance literacy in our classrooms. These policies are guided by breakthroughs in brain science and backed by strong evidence from hundreds of studies. Our educators want to give every student the opportunity to feel the joy that comes with literacy, and increasing access to Science of Reading instruction is another way to support them in this empowering work."

City School District of Albany Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter said, "We are grateful to Governor Hochul for coming to Albany School of Humanities - a National NSEA Distinguished School - to highlight this incredibly important literacy initiative for our entire state. The science of reading is working for students throughout our school district. We believe wholeheartedly in this approach, and we thank Governor Hochul for her leadership on this critical educational initiative for all of New York's students."



DEC Announces Walleye, Northern Pike, Pickerel, and Tiger Muskellunge Fishing Season Opens May 1

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today announced the fishing season for walleye, Northern pike, pickerel, and tiger muskellunge begins on May 1.

"New York is home to exceptional coolwater fishing opportunities, with many lakes and rivers renowned for abundant walleye and aggressive pike and pickerel," said Interim Commissioner Mahar. "We hope that all anglers find the time to enjoy these fishing opportunities in 2024 and encourage those with more experience to share their

enjoyment by introducing someone new to the sport."

Walleye are challenging to catch and delicious to eat, making them one of the most prized sportfish in New York. As the largest member of the perch family, adult walleye typically weigh one to three pounds, but they can get much larger. The state record is a remarkable 18-pound 2-ounce giant caught from the St. Lawrence River in 2018. Anglers don't have to look far to find exciting walleye fishing opportunities in New York, as they are found in more than 140 waterbodies across the state. Northern pike are another popular spring target for anglers. These fish can also be found throughout much of the state, and opportunities for trophy-size fish are available in a number of waters, especially in the northeast and west.

Visit DEC's website for information on where to go fishing for walleye, pike, and other coolwater sportfish and check out the Tacklebox feature of the HuntFishNY app. Anglers who enjoy eating their catch are encouraged to check the latest New York State Department of Health Fish Advisories for 2024. Changes include more

protective statewide advice for some species.

DEC's Bureau of Fisheries recognizes catches of big sportfish, including state records, through the Angler Achievement Awards program. This program was updated for 2024 with new rules, prizes, and ways to submit entries. The list of eligible species has also been expanded and now includes an award category for youth anglers. More information is available on DEC's New York Angler Achievement Awards Program webpage.

DEC reminds New Yorkers that boats, trailers, waders and other fishing equipment can spread harmful aquatic invasive species from waterbody to waterbody unless properly cleaned after use. DEC regulations prohibit boats from launching or leaving sites without first draining the boat and cleaning the boat, trailer, and equipment. Furthermore, many New York counties, towns, and villages also have laws in place that prohibit the transport of aquatic invasive species on boats, trailers and equipment.

To avoid spreading invasive species, follow the 'Clean. Drain. Dry.' method for properly disinfecting boats and equipment before launching. If needing help, many public boat launches have boat stewards on

site to inspect watercraft and gear.

DEC also encourages anglers to commit to responsible fishing practices by following guidelines. To prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), anglers are advised to always clean, drain, and dry boat/fishing equipment and practice proper use and disposal of unwanted baitfish. Report any invasive species to the iMapInvasives website. DEC and partners, including the New York State Canal Corporation, are continuing to support comprehensive efforts to protect New York's waters.

For information on freshwater fishing regulations, visit DEC's website. Information on fishing access is available through the DECinfo Locator and in the Tackle Box feature of the HuntFishNY app.

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- > Catskill Mountainkeeper: beth@catskillmountainkeeper.org
- > Mamakating Environmental Education Center: <u>Jackie.Broder@mamakating.org</u>
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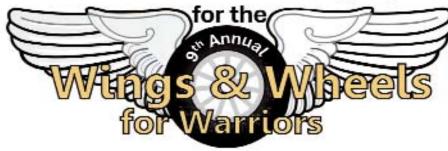
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Community Art Series Exhibit

Starting in May, we will be hosting a monthly art exhibit in our RDN Community Room, featuring a rotation of local New York Artists.

This month's exhibit...

"The Re-Creation of Hassina Brodie"



Opening Reception will be held on Saturday, May 11th, from 1:00pm — 3:00pm

Please join us as we welcome Hassina and her beautiful artwork.

Refreshments will be provided.

Exhibit Viewing from Friday, May 3rd - Friday, May 31st

For viewing availability, please call the front desk before planning your visit.

Hassina Brodie is a local artist who grew up in Monticello, New York. She became interested in art when her father taught her to draw. Her mother took her to Les Kristt art shop for lessons, and she studied at the Art Students League in Manhattan for three years.

Her work has been shown in the BCA Gallery, and more recently in the Catskill Arts Society virtual show. She paints with acrylics, oils, and watercolor.

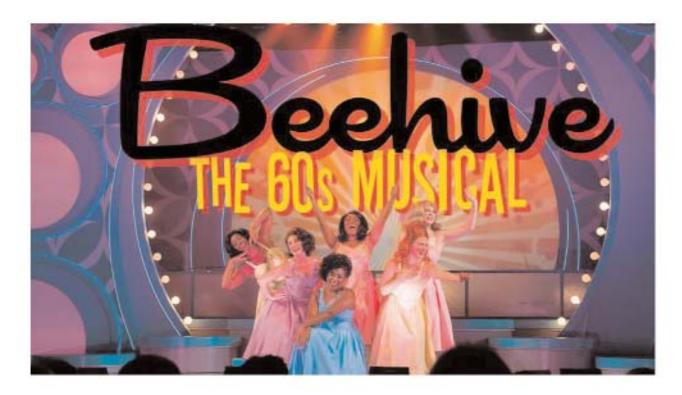
Her style is varied and depicts everything from racial oppression to animals and beautiful landscapes.

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Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary Presents:

"A Taste of Broadway III"

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Date: Sunday, August 25th - Lunch at 11:45, 2 pm show.

Price: \$99 includes lunch, show and fundraiser.

*If you are a paid season subscriber to Shadowland, your price is \$74.

(Please make check payable to: "ERH Auxiliary" along with your phone #, choice of entrée and if you are a season subscriber.

Mail to Helene Morris, PO Box 105 Spring Glen, NY 12483

Call 845-210-7120 with any seating requirements or questions.

"A TASTE OF BROADWAY III"

Sunday, August 25, 2024 Lunch at Gaby's Café before the Show

11:45 Start/Open Seating (Cash Bar)

Menu
Chips & Salsa
Gaby's House Salad
Choice of Entrees

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

Pernil al Horno

Roast Pork, Gaby's Style

Pasta Primavera

Roasted Vegetable over Pasta

Dessert

Assorted Cookies,

Soda/Coffee/Tea Included

(Please call Helene Morris. Auxiliary Event Coordinator at 845-210-7120 with your selection)



May 4, 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)

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Time and the Valleys Museum



- Murray's Chicken, BBQ'D to perfection by the Neversink Fire Department
- · Delicious sides of baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and split top roll from Wilson's Deli
- . Brownie from Frost Valley YMCA

Name:		
Address:		
Amount Enclosed:	# of Meals:	
Email:	Phone:	

Please send this form with your check to: Time and the Valleys Museum P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740

Order online at: https://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/product/chicken-bbq-takeout/ or call 845 985-7700

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 Merchandi	se:				
# of tables needed:	_ Electricity needed (inside	the building only):	Yes No		
Choose type of table: 8	ft table or	8ft picnic table (outside)		
	d like to be either outside und ng are first come first serve b		No.		
Pavilion:	Inside the building:				
Amount Duc:	Check if paid: cash:	<u> </u>	check #:		
Signature of vendor:		Date:			
	or \$25.00 an 8ft table with electric Donation for door prize				
Event tim	e: is 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Set Up is 8:0	00 AM		
	ville Fire Dept shall not be he ials: date:		or any lost, damage or		

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



Rabies Clinic Hosted by the Tri-Valley Lions Club



When: Saturday June 22, 2024 From 2-3:30pm

Where: Grahamsville Fairgounds-Pavillion

8230 State Rte 55 Grahamsville, NY

Cost: FREE - Donations Accepted

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PETS ARE LEASHED OR IN A CARRIER BRING PRIOR PROOF OF VACCINATION WITH YOU



Daniel Pierce Library

Rock the Library Jam Session Thursdays

> Starting May 9th for Tri-Valley Teens! 3:15 - 4:45 pm



SHANE RENNISON

SONGWRITING WORKSHOP

Bring your instrument and explore alongside local artist, Shane Rennison as he sheds light on his songwriting process.

Goals:



- · Demonstrate how music can become a true expression of emotion
- · Learn what it means to write a song
- Create songs together as a class using what you've learned

For registration and bussing students should contact the TVCS guidance department.

Programs will run on May 9th, May 16th and May 23rd.



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SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



NICK NEEDS KIDNEY -TYPE O

(IN SOME CASES TYPE A BLOOD COULD WORK)

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

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

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

For any other questions 845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

Follow Nick
@nickneedsokidney

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, May 12th

Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$13

Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs: \$13

Call 845-985-7270

Pancakes, French Toast, 3 eggs any style, Hash brown, Sausage, Man-n-moon, Spud-eggo, Oj, Coffee / Tea

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



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3:00 to 4:30 p.m.



Great Adventure (Grades 4-6) Wednesday, April 24

Join your friends and become mechanical engineers for the afternoon.

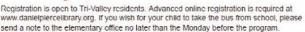
Create the next amusement park ride!

Magic School Bus Ride (Grades 2-3) Wednesday, May 8 Jump aboard for an afternoon of wild adventure and invent new things!

Construction Crew (UPK - Grade 1) Wednesday, May 15 Put on your hard hat and share your creativity! Join us for an afternoon of adventure, building with I EGO!

Buddin' Builders (Toddlers Ages 3 & 4 years) Wednesday, May 22 Developing our young engineers, architects and construction workers of the future with LEGO. This is sure to be an adventure! PLEASE NOTE: A parent or guardian must be present for your child to attend.

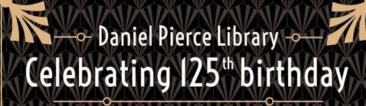
Imagine, create and learn with LEGI





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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

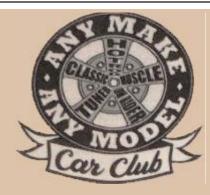
Sullivan County Youth Book Festival

Door Prizes
Musical Guests
Face Painting & Crafts
Character Meet & Greets
Author & Illustrator Signings
Teen & Children's Books for Sale
Interactive Performance from Farm Arts Collective
And More...

This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant. Program, a program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State begistature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.



Sunday, May 19th | 10:00–3:00 Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library 479 Broadway, Monticello scybookfest.org



ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB BOX 25

CLARYVILLE, NEW YORK 12725
PHONE: 845-985-2943 or 845-985-7162
EMAIL: bungst01@gmail.com GLENN
EMAIL: tmatthewsm88@gmail.com TOM

THURSDAY 7/4/24: LIBERTY RISING STREET FAIR

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT, NORTH MAIN STREET, LIBERTY, NY 12754

SHOW TIME: 9:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 3:00 PM PARADE LINE UP 11:30 AM

PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 25: KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. **RAIN DATE 7/6/24**

SATURDAY 7/13/24 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, MAIN STREET WURTSBORO, NEW YORK 12790

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 3:30 PM PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 30; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; BOARD OF TRADE CHOICE; CLUB PICK AND BEST OF SHOW.

SUNDAY 8/11/24 MONTICELLO BAGEL FEST

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, BROADWAY MONTICELLO, NY 12701

SHOW TIME 10 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 3:30 PM PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 40; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW

SATURDAY 9/21/24 NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION SHOW

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, FAIR GROUNDS GRAHAMSVILLE NY 12740 SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 6:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 3:30 PM PRICE PER VEHICLE \$15.00 TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 25; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; NRAMA CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW RAIN DATE SUNDAY 9/22/24

Daniel Pierce Library Fundraiser



Ultimate Discount Card Sale

The Ultimate Discount Cards are a great way to save money all year while helping support the Daniel Pierce Library!

Please order one or more for each member of our family and share with your friends and co-workers. We have cards available for Ellenville, Liberty, Monticello, Kerhonkson, Kingston, Middletown and Port Jervis.

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Stop by the library where cards are available

-or-

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The 2024-2026 Sullivan County Poet Laureate Inaugural Event -Saturday, May 4th 2:30pm

Kevin Scot Graham will be recognized as the county's fifth Poet Laureate at a ceremony on Saturday, May 4th, at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello. The public is welcome to attend the ceremony, which will

take place on the outdoor stage at 2:30 p.m. In case of rain, the ceremony will be moved indoors.

Outgoing Poet Laureate Sharon Kenney-Nolle will pass the torch to Kevin Scot Graham, the new Sullivan County Poet Laureate for 2024-26. Kevin will be reading an original poem inspired by Sullivan County.

Kevin is an artist through and through. Not only a poet, he is also a musician and a visual artist. While poetry has been a common thread throughout his adult life, Kevin also plays several musical instruments including guitar and a 6-string ukulele. After earning a degree in music, he moved to New York City where he worked on numerous projects both as a performer and producer. His documentary photography was featured in an issue of Art in America, and he won two Emmy awards for lighting direction as part of a studio technical team. Eventually in 2016 he moved to Narrowsburg where he exhibited his art at the Narrowsburg Union and performed in the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance Salon Series.

He spent every summer of his teenage years in the Canadian wilderness with an experiential education program and was certified as a guide to lead groups of younger teenagers through difficult terrain. Key to this experience was his education about nature-focused native spirituality, personal accountability, and group dynamics, all of which significantly shaped his core values and primed his interest in working with young people. He attributes his deep connection to nature and his experi-

ence in the wilderness as foundational sources for his love of poetry. It was also this strong kinship with the natural world that drew him to Sullivan County, where the forests and "the smell of the pines" inspire him.

Kevin is an avid writer and reader of poetry. He is currently compiling a book of his poems to be produced hopefully in early summer. He is a strong advocate for inclusion in the arts and has a particular interest in those who feel marginalized. In his own words, "Sharing my love for reading and writing poetry, I feel reverence and honor when I get the opportunity to inspire someone." He is convinced that everyone has the capacity to create and is passionate about encouraging others to realize their creative potential. He sees art as a powerful way for people to connect and he is looking forward to using the platform of poet laureate to help create those connections among various groups throughout the county.

The Poet Laureate position is made possible in large part with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council of the Arts, with the support of the NYS Governor's Office and the NYS Legislature and administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. The Project is administered by the Sullivan Public Library Alliance, with additional support from libraries, the Friends of local public libraries and individual supporters of the arts.

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. For more information, call (845) 794-4660, extension 7.

Music on Market Coffeehaus presents "Betty and the Baby Boomers" Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 pm

Based in New York's Hudson Valley and together for more than 35 years, Betty and the Baby Boomers (Betty Boomer, Jean Valla McAvoy, Paul Rubeo, Steve Stanne, and Robert Bard) have been recognized regionally - they "sing and play old-school folk like it was brand spanking new" (Kingston's Daily Freeman); nationally - "a refreshing reminder of the halcyon days of American folk music" (Sing Out!); and internationally, with many bookings over the years for Clifden Arts Week, a well-known festival in Ireland. The group wraps distinctive fourpart harmonies and sparkling guitar and Dobro licks around songs from Pete Seeger, Phil Ochs, and others who inspired their generation, plus original and contemporary material in that tradition.

Suggested donation \$10.

MISU is located at 40 Market St. in Ellenville.

We hope to see you there.





You are cordially invited to join

Monticello Rotary

In Celebration of its

Golden Anniversary

Celebrating 100 Years of Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Monticello Centennial Celebration Gala

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Albella Restaurant

50 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY 12701

Cocktail Hour with hors d'oeuvres 6:00 p.m.

(Cash Bar)

Centennial Program 7:00 p.m.

History of Club
Honoring of Past Presidents
Special Presentations
Recognition of Paul Harris Fellows

Buffet Dinner to Follow

\$75 per person

RSVP to RotaryMonti@gmail.com by May 13, 2024



After another busy week, I wanted to provide another update on how I'm fighting for Hudson and Delaware Valley priorities:

SUPPORTING OUR CRITICAL ALLIES AND PARTNERS IN DEMOCRACY

My number one job is to keep the American people safe. That means strengthening our allies and ensuring we have the ability to deter and defeat enemies abroad, many of whom are actively working to destroy our country.

Last weekend, I proudly voted to do just that.

By delivering for our allies in existential fights across the globe and providing humanitarian aid to those in need, including in Gaza, we are reasserting the United States as the leader in the battle for global freedom and democracy.

We must be clear-eyed that Trump and the far-right's dangerous embrace of Putin and retrenchment from the world poses a direct threat to the safety of our kids and future generations. They want to put their head in the sand at the very moment the world is more dangerous than it's been in my lifetime.

To protect this country, we must show the forces of evil around the world that there is no greater friend and no worse foe than the United States of America.

PUSHING FOR FEDERAL FUNDS FOR OUR COM-MUNITIES

https://patryan.house.gov/services/community-project-funding-requests

The federal government works best when it works directly on behalf of the communities that it serves. Last Congress, the House Appropriations Committee announced a new Community Project Funding initiative to allow Members of Congress to request federal funds towards projects and programs that will address the most significant needs facing the communities we represent.

I was proud to secure nearly \$17 million for NY-18 initiatives this past round of funding in fiscal year 2024. These were remarkably deserving initiatives that will uplift the lives of Hudson Valley families. I'm looking forward to again delivering this critical funding to local governments across the Hudson Valley for the 2025 fiscal year requests.

The deadline for local governments to apply is Monday, April 29, 2024 at 5:00PM EST.

Please visit my website here for eligibility criteria, application guidance, and to submit an application.

Please call my office at (202) 225-5614 with any questions.

CELEBRATING EARTH DAY BY GETTING PFAS 'FOR-EVER CHEMICALS' OUT OF OUR WATER

I'm proud that another major step from my PFAS Action Act is being implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to crack down on these toxic forever chemicals.

Last week, the EPA announced it will designate two PFAS compounds, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), as "hazardous substances."

This will help hold PFAS polluters accountable by requiring that polluters report any discharges of PFAS into our waterways and that they pay for the investigations and clean-up of their pollution.

I will keep fighting for every part of the PFAS Action Act to become law and protect our families from dangerous PFAS exposures.

FIGHTING FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE AND FREEDOM

This week marked Infertility Awareness Week, and I remain committed to ensuring that treatments like IVF remain affordable and accessible.

I was proud to join with colleagues to protect health insurance coverage of IVF for federal employees and will always always safeguard women's reproductive rights.

https://patryan.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency

WISHING YOU A BLESSED PASSOVER

I want to wish everyone in NY-18 a blessed Passover spent with loved ones.

I was lucky to be able to celebrate Passover this year with my two boys, Cam and Theo, and my wife, Rebecca. But this year's Seder wasn't about who was at my table. It was about every single Jewish person who wasn't able to celebrate the miracle of Passover.

That's why I left an empty chair at my table, for the 1,200 murdered on October 7th, the Haggai and Bibas families, and all the hostages still held by Hamas.

I'll continue thinking of the families with empty chairs of their own, desperately hoping and praying their loved ones will come home safe.

More than ever before, Passover 5784 is a time for us to reflect on how fortunate we are to be free, and double down on the fight for freedom of all those still in bondage across the world.

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

This week, we wrapped up our April CARES Van events with great visits to Warwick, Lloyd, and Marlboro.

If you need assistance with a federal agency and missed one of our April events, reach out to my office at (845)443-2930 or here on my website.

Stay tuned for the calendar of May CARES Van events coming soon!

FIGHTING TO SAVE THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

Today, internet access is a necessity - for telehealth appointments, paying bills, and kids doing homework.

Yet funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program, that 46,000 families in NY-18 rely on to access the internet, is set to run out at the end of April.

I'm pushing urgently for the critical program to continue, including again joining with colleagues to call on House Speaker Mike Johnson to allow us to vote on the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act to continue the crucial program.

Do you use the ACP? I want to hear from you! Tell me about how the end of the ACP would impact you with my survey here . $https://iqconnect.house.gov/iqextranet/EForm.aspx?_cid=NY19 PR\&_fid=100037$

CHAMPIONING HEAD START AND EARLY EDUCATION

Head Start provides crucial support for families and prepares our kids for bright futures.

Maria from my team was honored to join the Celebration of the Children at the Head Start of Eastern Orange County.

A huge thank you to the teachers and staff for your amazing work and dedication!

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Pat Ryan

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SUPPORTING OUR NATIONAL PARKS

From the oldest section of the Appalachian Trail, to President Franklin Roosevelt's Hyde Park home, NY-18 has some amazing places you can visit to celebrate this National Parks Week.

Learn more about visiting our National Parks here . https://www.nps.gov/index.htm

ENCOURAGING VOLUNTEERISM

his week isn't just National Parks Week, it's National Volunteer Week, too!

Find out how you can celebrate both at the same time by volunteering at our nation's public lands at volunteer.gov.

CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY

Tree coverage is an absolute necessity for a thriving city.

I'm proud that the more than \$1.5 million in federal funding I brought home last fall to start a Youth Tree Corps in Port Jervis and for Kingston to expand its tree canopies will help make this and future Arbor Days greener in NY-18 for generations to come.

WISHING HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE ARMY RESERVE

A huge Happy 116th Birthday to the U.S. Army Reserve this past Tuesday!

Thank you for your huge sacrifices and selfless service to ensure that our families are safe and our nation is secure every day.

Go Army!

GRANTS CORNER - APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

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 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!



Condemning Anti-Semitic Protests on College Campuses

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQeVhEsIXOs

Let's make one thing clear: these protests swarming college campuses across the country are pro-Hamas protests that are calling for the death of Jewish students. These "protests" have nothing to do with self-determination for Palestinians or "peace." This is about supporting Hamas and encouraging terror. Jewish students are fleeing their schools and dorms in fear for their lives. This appalling situation at Columbia is a direct result of the University's President Minouche Shafik's lax policy enforcement and clear double standards.

These anti-Israel protests can not continue without consequences. It's time to take away the privileges these anti-Semitics benefit from. We must:

Fire the professors fueling these protests
Take away the tax-exempt status of these Universities
Deport student protestors here on visas
Force the resignation of President Shafik

We can not allow this hatred and anti-Semitism to continue on college campuses or in our county.

It's Time to Shut Down our Borders & Restore Law and Order!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qm-eAsj2luE

President Biden has the power to close our borders today, yet he refuses!

Due to his failure to act, our communities are being infiltrated by illegal immigrants using our taxpayer-funded resources and causing chaos in our communities. We've seen firsthand in NY-24 how illegal immigrants are using the Biden and Albany Democrats' woke policies to their advantage to get away with crimes. In our state, there have even been numerous reports of rape committed by illegal immigrants.

We also must not forget about Laken Riley, whose killer was set free under New York's Detainer Law. If it weren't for Albany Democrat's disastrous pro-crime policies, she would still be alive today.

It's time to shut down our borders and

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House Passes Rep. Molinaro's Bipartisan Bill Supporting Entrepreneurs with Disabilities

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) today announced the Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Reporting Act has passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support. Rep. Molinaro introduced this bill alongside U.S. Rep. Morgan McGarvey (D-KY-03). This is the 34th Molinaro-authored measure to pass the House.

The Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Reporting Act requires the Small Business Administration (SBA) to submit a report to Congress on the challenges entrepreneurs with disabilities face to assess needs, understand current resources available, and recommend action to address the challenges identified.tu

Rep. Molinaro said, "Every person, of every ability, deserves to pursue their dreams and have a shot at success. Passing this bipartisan legislation is a huge step in the right direction for the disability community by providing much needed clarity for entrepreneurs as they navigate the complex web of Small Business Administration resources and services."

This bill builds off Rep. Molinaro's successful 'Think DIF-FERENTLY' initiative, which breaks down barriers for the disability community. Rep. Molinaro held a Think DIFFERENTLY Day of Action in Broome County earlier this year, in which he called on Congress to pass legislation he authored to support individuals with disabilities.

Rob Salamida, Maker of State Faor Spiedie Sauce, to Join Rep. Molinaro in DC for Small Business Showcase

Washington, DC - Today, during National Small Business Week, U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) announced Rob Salamida, owner of the Rob Salamida Co., makers of State Fair Spiedie Sauce in Johnson City, has accepted his invitation to participate in the Small Business Showcase on May 1. The event is hosted by the House Committee on Small Business and is an opportunity for committee members to invite one local business owner from their district to showcase their products on a national stage and discuss solutions to challenges they face.

Cooking Spiedies on a charcoal grill in front of a tavern and later becoming a vendor at the New York State Fair. Rob started his own business in 1976, coming up with the idea of bottling his famous marinade sauce and seasoning. His company continues to be family owned and now offers sauces in over 12,000 locations across 40 states.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Spiedies are a staple in our community. The nation, and world needs to know about them. I am beyond excited to have Rob Salamida in DC for the Small Business Showcase. He understands firsthand the challenges and rewards

that come with entrepreneurship. Turning his small stand at the New York State Fair into a renowned business and local phenomenon, Rob will share his story with other local business owners and the House Committee on Small Business."

Rob Salamida, Founder of Rob Salamida Co. said, "For many people, the American Dream began with owning your own business and persisting through the obstacles of financial risk. Like many startups, I quit a corporate job to start my business, bottling a homemade marinade recipe on top of a pool table in my parent's basement. I sold cases out of the trunk of my car and barely got by that first year, but we grew to grocery stores across the nation. American small businesses are the backbone of our nation's economy with six million independent owners employing over 61 million workers. These enterprises are as vital as any large corporation today."

Rochelle Layman, Regional Director of NYS Small Business Development Center at Binghamton University said, "The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Binghamton University is thrilled to help celebrate National Small Business Week in Washington DC, joining long-time Broome County small business person and prior SBDC client Rob Salamida, of Rob Salamida Co. We look forward to the opportunity to advocate for all entrepreneurs and start-ups as we strive to provide small businesses with the highest quality confidential counseling, training and industry research at no cost."



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

Here's what she's been up to this week:

1. Strengthening our cybersecurity

As cyber threats increase, Kirsten is working to develop the cyber workforce with the nation's brightest minds.

This week, Kirsten toured the St. John's University Cybersecurity Center and joined university staff, students, and cybersecurity experts for a roundtable discussion on how to enhance our cybersecurity preparedness. Read more.

https://www.torchonline.com/news/2024/04/24/sen-kirsten-gillibrand-st-johns-university/

Kirsten has been a fierce supporter of strengthening our nation's cybersecurity. To boost our national defense, she created the Cyber Service Academy scholarship program, which grants students free college in exchange for public service in cyber and tech disciplines in the Department of Defense or the Intelligence Community. Learn more about the program here.

https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/cyberacademy/

2. Long Island workers

Kirsten has long supported and fought for New York's workers. On Long Island, she joined the Long Island Federation of Labor to keynote their annual reception and discuss how she is fighting for New York's workers. She will continue to work with them to improve conditions for all American workers.

3. \$\$\$ _ expanding STEM education

Kirsten is dedicated to bringing federal dollars home to New York. (Contd. Pg. 60)

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Just this week, she delivered nearly \$1.2 million for Binghamton University to help recruit and train STEM teachers and expand STEM education in the Southern Tier.

4. Supporting international allies

This week, Kirsten voted to send crucial aid to our allies in Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan, and vital humanitarian aid to civilians in Gaza, Sudan, and Haiti - a clear message to the world that the U.S. will do everything in its power to defend democracy and always stand with its allies.

5. Combating plastics pollution

This week, Kirsten traveled to Ottawa on a congressional delegation trip to meet with international representatives and discuss ways to address the global plastics pollution crisis and its impacts on human health.

6. Helping New York's teams

When a New York sports team needed help with a visa to ensure a recently added player could travel to the U.S., they contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's staff contacted the player's local U.S. Embassy office, and he was able to travel to New York in time for practice with his new teammates.

Individual casework is Kirsten's top priority. If you need help with a federal agency, contact her here.

https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-york-

Gillibrand Applauds Biden Administration Move to Reclassify Marijuana

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement about the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) moving to reclassify marijuana from a Schedule I to a Schedule III substance:

"I'm grateful that the DEA is heeding my call to reclassify marijuana as a Schedule III substance," said Senator Gillibrand. "As most Americans realize, marijuana is simply not comparable to other Schedule I substances like heroin and LSD. And while I continue to believe that marijuana should be descheduled entirely, this is an important first step to remedying decades of unjust federal marijuana policy. I applaud this move and will continue working in Congress to legalize marijuana and expunge the records of Americans with prior marijuana possession convictions."

Gillibrand has repeatedly called on the DEA to reclassify marijuana. She has also cosponsored the Marijuana Justice Act, landmark legislation that would legalize marijuana and help reverse decades of failed drug policy that has disproportionately hurt communities of color and low-income communities, and the SAFE Banking Act, which would ensure that legal cannabis businesses have access to critical banking and financial services.

UC Executive Jen Metzger and Elected Officials Unite in Call to Hold Central Hudson Accountable

County Executive Metzger Pens Joint Letter to State Regulators Requesting Action on Civil Penalties

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has called on the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) to take action and move forward with the prudence review and penalty measures before issuing an Order on the current rate case. A letter penned by the County Executive was filed with the Department of Public Service yesterday, and included a long list of Federal, State, County, and local elected officials as co-signers: Congressman Pat Ryan (D-18), State Senator Michelle Hinchey (D-41), Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha (D-103); Chair Peter Criswell (D-7), Majority Leader Abe Uchitelle (D-5) and Minority Leader Kevin Roberts (D-12) of the Ulster County Legislature, and Legislators Aaron Levine (D-1), Jeff Collins (D-23), Megan Sperry (D-17), Limina Grace-Harmon (D-20), Debra Clinton (D-16), Joe Donaldson (D-8), Eric Stewart (D-18), Thomas Corcoran (D-11), Kathy Nolan (D-22), Gina Hansut (D-10) and Richard T. Walls (D-13); City of Kingston Mayor Steve Noble, Hurley Town Supervisor Mike Boms, Gardiner Town Supervisor Marybeth Majestic, Village of New Paltz Mayor Tim Rogers, Town of New Paltz Mayor Neil Bettez, Rosendale Supervisor Jeanne Walsh, Town of Esopus Supervisor Danielle Freer, Town of Lloyd Supervisor David Palvchak, and Town of Marlborough Supervisor Scott Corcoran.

"While important steps have been taken by the Commission following DPS's December 2022 Investigation Report of the Fortis/Central Hudson billing fiasco, including ending the utility's use of estimated billing and installing an Independent Monitor to verify the correction of billing errors, Fortis/Central Hudson has yet to be held to account for management's reckless actions," said Ulster County Executive Metzger. "A prudence review and civil penalty assessment should be undertaken now, before the PSC approves a new rate plan, to justly compensate customers and give us the confidence that management failures of this magnitude will not be tolerated and will not be repeated in the future."

"From day one I've been fighting to hold Central Hudson accountable," said Congressman Pat Ryan. "It's outrageous that Central Hudson is seeking to raise rates without facing real consequences for its failures. I'm proud to join with County Executive Jen Metzger in calling for a prudence review and civil penalty assessment - strong steps in holding Central Hudson responsible for the egregious mismanagement that resulted in the harm of countless Hudson Valley families. I will keep pushing to ensure that every Central Hudson customer that was wronged is made whole before any rate increase is even considered."

"Hudson Valley residents are still calling my office today for help dealing with the fallout from Central Hudson's billing mistakes and bad business decisions," said State Senator Michelle Hinchey. "Central Hudson made a mess with its billing system, and they - and they alone - should be responsible for cleaning up that mess, restoring trust, and paying back Hudson Valley customers for the economic and emotional hardships they've caused. We thank the PSC for its thorough investigation into the company and urge for a Prudence Review and civil penalty assessment to hold Central Hudson accountable."

"Central Hudson is actively under investigation for large scale billing errors that affected thousands of ratepayers, many of whom are our constituents," said Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha. "During this investigation and in the months of scrutiny leading up to it, (Contd. Pg. 61)

UC Executive Jen Metzger and Elected Officials Unite in Call to Hold Central Hudson Accountable

(From Pg. 60) Central Hudson has not demonstrated the ability to adequately stabilize its operations, including the hiring and training of staff to provide satisfactory customer service that is needed to alleviate the anxiety and stress of our constituents. Given that questions persist around billing issues, and the determinations of the ongoing investigation are unlikely to be known soon, the PSC should deny rate increases to Central Hudson."

"As elected officials, it is our duty to hold companies accountable for their actions, especially when those actions directly impact the well-being of our constituents," said Peter Criswell, Chair, Ulster County Legislature. "The failures of Fortis/Central Hudson in implementing their billing system cannot go unaddressed."

The full letter is posted under public comment on the New York State Department of Public Service website for the following matters - Case 22-M-0645 | Cases 23-E-0418/23-G-0419, and can be viewed HERE

https://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMa ster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=22-M-0645&CaseSearch=Search

Apply Now for Youth Bureau Funding Another Round of Grants Available to Serve Children

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

The Youth Bureau receives monies annually from the Sullivan County Legislature to fund youth programming within Sullivan County. Eligible applicants include private nonprofit organizations, schools and municipalities.

"We encourage applications from any local nonprofit or government agency that serves our children," says Legislature Chair and District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz. "Consideration will be given to organizations that are focused on intergenerational activities, as well as outdoor activities for youth. Applications can be found at https://sullivanny.us/Departments/Youthbureau/Apply."

Organizations that would like to be considered for funding are requested to submit completed applications by Friday, May 10, 2024 by the close of business. All applications must be submitted electronically to Catherine.paci2@sullivanny.us.

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

Welcome to the Catskills The Welcome to the Catskills webpage is the place to go if you

are interested in learning more about the Catskills. It provides information about the Forest Preserve and conservation easement lands, outdoor recreation opportunities, and Leave No Trace. Check out the links to additional information and tips for recreating safely and minimizing your impacts on natural resources, recreational infrastructure, and other backcountry users in the Catskill Mountains.

Catskills Visitor Center

The Catskills Visitor Center is open Fri, Sat, Sun, and Mon

9:30 am- 4:00 pm, Be sure to stop by for a visit before your next adventure. Have your questions answered, get trip planning advice, or pick up maps and local information and more!

Contact the Catskills Visitor Center for more information: 845.688.3369 or info@catskillcenter.org.

For the local trail conditions, visit the Catskills Visitor Center Trail Conditions webpage. https://catskillsvisitorcenter.org/hiking-andcamping/trail-conditions/

General Notices

Check the Weather: Check the National Weather Service for current conditions and forecasts for the locations where you plan to recreate. Check both daytime and nighttime temperatures. Expect conditions to be colder and more exposed on mountain summits.

Mountain Summits: Check the National Weather Service to prepare for the current summit weather conditions in the Catskills. https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=42.0842&lon=-74.3166#.YboJfjj-imQ

Manage your time wisely: Keep in mind, it gets dark early. Be mindful of sunrise and sunset times, and plan accordingly. Start long hikes early to maximize sunlight hours and always bring a headlamp with extra batteries in case you are out longer than expected.

Mountain Biking: There are many great opportunities for mountain biking in the Catskills. Please keep in mind that as we begin to transition into spring, the trails are more susceptible to erosion and trail widening. Please do your best to avoid riding muddy, wet trails. When encountering patches of mud, ride through the center of the trail to avoid damaging trail side plants and contributing to potential impacts to the trail.

Water crossings: As a reminder, never attempt to cross high, fastmoving water, especially following rain or significant snowmelt events. If there is precipitation forecast during the day, be mindful of how water crossings might swell between your first crossing and your return trip. Remember, always check the weather before your trip. If conditions aren't favorable, consider rescheduling.

Recent Notices

Sundown Wild Forest-DEC Operations staff have begun construction of a new expanded parking area located within the Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor in the Sundown Wild Forest. The project is located within the former Trailer Field Parking Area on Peekamoose Road (Ulster County 42) and is designed to centralize parking in the corridor and accommodate approximately 55 cars. The parking area will accommodate visitors to the Peekamoose Blue Hole, provide access to the Long Path foot trail system and general access to adjacent State lands for anglers, hunters and other recreationists pursuing their respective activities. It is anticipated that the parking area will be completed by late May/early June.

Kaaterskill Wild Forest-Expect all trails in the Kaaterskill Falls area to be covered in a combination of ice and snow between the months of November and April even if there is no snow or ice elsewhere. Hikers should use extreme caution, especially on icy stone staircases and other rock surfaces. For your safety, be prepared with microspikes or crampons.

The Molly Smith parking area on Route 23a in the Town of Hunter has been closed in an effort to improve visitor safety. Visitors can access Kaaterskill Falls from Laurel House Road, Schutt Road, or North South Lake Campground. Visit DEC's website for directions to these parking areas.

Kaaterskill Clove Visitor Use Management Project Updates-A time lapse video showing conditions of the Kaaterskill Falls and Clove area during a typically busy summer weekend in August 2023 has been posted to the project website. Members of the public are encouraged to continue checking the project website for updates and can provide feedback, comments and questions to the planning team. Seasonal Roads (Contd. Pg 62)

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(From Pg. 61) Platte Clove Road (Town of Hunter)-The easterly 2.5 miles of Platte Clove Road is a seasonal limited use highway. The road is scheduled to be closed from November 1st through May 30th. The re-opening date is weather dependent. For updates, please visit the Town of Hunter website.

I Love My Park Day Saturday, May 4, 2024

Join us for the 13th annual I Love My Park Day on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Parks & Trails New York (PTNY), in partnership with DEC and New York State Parks, hosts I Love My Park Day on the first Saturday in May. This event brings together thousands of volunteers from across the state to participate in cleanup and improvement events at New York State parks, historic sites, and public lands. Help celebrate and protect New York's park system and prepare our public lands for spring by cleaning up litter, planting native plants, restoring trail and wildlife habitat, removing invasive species, and working on various site improvement projects. Gather your friends and family and join your community in helping to preserve and protect New York lands!

Kenneth L. Wilson Campground and Day Use Area

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Mt. Tremper, Ulster County

Project: Facility and campsite cleanup, garden maintenance and weeding. All ages welcome.

Annual Residential Brush Burning Prohibition In Effect

The annual statewide ban prohibiting residential brush burning is in effect through May 14. Since 2009, DEC has enforced the annual brush burning ban to prevent wildfires and protect communities during heightened conditions for wildfires.

Since the ban was established, the eight-year annual average number of spring fires decreased by 42.6 percent, from 2,649 in 2009, to 1,521 in 2018. Warming temperatures can quickly cause wild-fire conditions. Open burning of debris is the single-largest cause of spring wildfires in New York State. When temperatures warm and the past fall's debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily, further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation. Each year, DEC Forest Rangers extinguish dozens of wildfires that burn hundreds of acres. In addition, local fire departments, many of which are staffed by volunteers, all too often have to leave their jobs and families to respond to wildfires caused by illegal debris fires.

Check the Fire Danger Map for daily conditions.

https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/wildfires/fire-danger-map and https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2825/

Stay Tick Free!

Spring is here and so are the ticks. Follow these helpful tips to stay tick free,

- Wear light-colored clothing with a tight weave to spot ticks easily.
- o Wear enclosed shoes, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt.
- o Tuck pant legs into socks or boots and shirt into pants.
- o Check clothes and any exposed skin frequently for ticks while outdoors.
- o Consider using insect repellent.
- o Stay on cleared, well-traveled trails and walk in the center of trails.
- o Avoid dense woods and bushy areas

Check out DEC's website for additional tips for tick prevention.

2024 Catskill Fire Tower Challenge

Annual Hiking Challenge Highlights Catskills Region and Provides Prizes to Participants

The 2024 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge highlights the worldclass tourism destinations and recreational opportunities in the Catskill Park. Launched in 2019, the Challenge draws participants from every region of New York, as well as 11 other states and countries, including Canada.

The Catskills Fire Tower Challenge encourages experienced hikers to visit the region's remaining fire towers located on:

- o Balsam Lake Mountain (Hardenburgh);
- o Hunter Mountain (Hunter);
- o Overlook Mountain (Woodstock);
- o Red Hill Mountain (Denning);
- o Tremper Mountain (Shandaken); and
- o The 80-foot-tall Upper Esopus Fire Tower (Catskills Visitor Center in Mt. Tremper)
- This is the newest and sixth fire tower which opened in fall 2019 and provides an opportunity for visitors who may not otherwise be able to undertake more challenging hikes to experience a fire tower on the high peaks in the Catskills.

How to participate in the challenge:

- o Visit all six Catskill Fire Towers between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.
- o Fill out the log of completed hikes along with one favorite photo via SurveyMonkey or by downloading and emailing the 2024 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge Survey (PDF) to catskillschallenge@dec.ny.gov. This can also be submitted via mail to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Outdoor Recreation, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1020. Entries must be postmarked by January 6, 2025. Prizes:
- o All finishers will receive a commemorative patch and be entered into the grand prize drawing*. The first 1,000 finishers will also receive a one-year subscription to DEC's Conservationist magazine. Finishers who have completed the challenge in multiple years will receive an additional commemorative Catskills Fire Tower Challenge prize!
- o To receive a bonus prize entry, submit a photo showing yourself practicing Leave No TraceTM while participating in the Catskills Fire Tower Challenge (e.g., picking up litter, carrying out, planning and preparing for their hikes, staying on trail).

Leave No Trace

Spring has sprung! Check out these tips on how to Leave No TraceTM while enjoying your time outdoors this season.

Travel on Trails: With spring weather comes the potential to encounter muddy sections of trail. Plan in advance and wear appropriate footwear like durable boots that will allow you to stay on the trail even through the muddy sections. Stepping off trail contributes to trail widening, erosion and damage to sensitive trailside plants.

Spring Trout Fishing Season

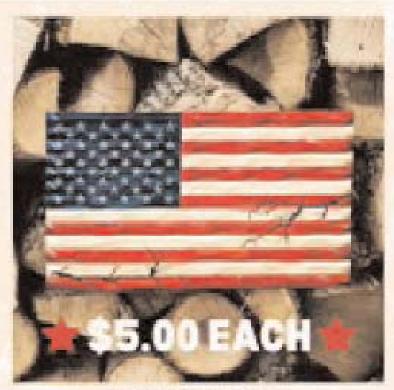
April 1 marked the opening of the harvest season after year-round fishing was greenlit on most streams in 2021, with the implementation of an Oct.16 to March 31 "artificial lures only, catch-and-release" season.

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.

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. Visit the DEC website for more information.

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2ND PLACE:

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Assistant Chief Eric Akerley 845-707-1483

> Drawing Date Thursday, June 13, 2024



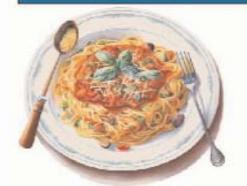
Stop by the firehouse any Thursday Drill Night at 7 pm to purchase 2 Green Ave Woodridge, NY 12789 845-434-6893



4th of July Committee 2024

Spaghetti Dinner

Sat., May 11th



From 4pm-7pm

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MONOCHROMATIC 7th annual summer group show

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July 20 - September 7, 2024 submission deadline: monday June 3, 2024

more info: olivefreelibrary.org/call-for-art

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2024 SULLIVAN COUNTY D schedule

mobile unit on location 10:00am - 3:00pm



JEFFERSONVILLE

Tues April 2

Tues May 7

Tues June 4

License & Registration Appts

19 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, NY

LIVINGSTON MANOR

Tues April 9

Tues May 14

Tues June 11

Registration Appts Only

95 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY

WURTSBORO

Thurs April 18

Thursday May 23

Thursday June 20

Registration Appts Only

2948 US 209, Wurtsboro, NY

NARROWSBURG

Tues April 16

Tues May 21

Tues June 18

Registration Appts Only

210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY

HORTONVILLE

Thurs April 11

Thurs May 16

Thurs June 13

Registration Appts Only

104 Lower Main Street, Hortonville, NY

GRAHAMSVILLE

Thurs April 4

Thurs May 9

Thurs June 6

License & Registration Appts

273 Main Street. Grahamsville, NY

LIBERTY

Tues April 23

Tues May 28

Tues June 25

License & Registration Appts

15 Sullivan Ave Liberty, NY

BLOOMINGBURG

Thurs April 25

Thurs May 30

Thurs June 27

License & Registration Appts

13 North Rd. Bloomingburg, NY

Schedule an appointment on the county website sullivanny.us | County Clerk Russell Reeves



Daniel Pierce Library Community Blood Drive

Thursday, May 30, 2024 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to make your lifesaving appointment today!

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Free Live Zoom Webinar

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Presenter: James Farnham, MS, MBA, Licensed Agent

This webinar is for anyone who wants to learn more about personal finance. Whether you're just starting out or looking to improve your financial skills, this program will provide you with the information you need to make sound financial decisions.

Topics covered (and much more):

- · How to save money for short-term and long-term goals
- · How to invest your money wisely and avoid the high cost of waiting
- Identify and outline the three "Ds" of investing
- · Uncover and illustrate the Rule of 72
- · Paying off debt and the effects of compounding (both good and bad!)

re details, please check out our website at www.danielpiercelibrary.org. Advanced online registration required.



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County Provides Necessary Training for New Local Fire Commissioners • Class Covers Protection of Taxpayers, Authority of Board

Swan Lake, NY - The Sullivan County Emergency Services Training Center recently held a commissioner training class presented by Greg Serio from the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York.

Over 50 local fire commissioners, several secretaries and treasurers, and a few chiefs from Sullivan County - plus a number from outside



A room packed with fire commissioners listens to Greg Serio as he talks about their role and authority during a class at the Emergency Services Training Center near Swan Lake.

the County - attended the class.

Fire districts are governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners. The commissioners create a budget to raise monies for the district, which translates to the fire tax on property tax bills. Each year in December, one seat is up for election for a five-year term, and all newly-

elected commissioners are required to take a training

An experienced instructor, Serio emphasized that the Board of Commissioners is the official Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) in all matters concerning the fire district. The fire department answers to the AHJ, and the chief and their assistants are approved by the Board before they can assume office.

He stressed that the AHJ has an obligation to use funds wisely and legally to protect the taxpayer. The dis-

trict can enter into contracts for services provided to the district and can also create and monitor equipment funds, capital improvement funds and more. As a result, the district must conduct an internal audit of their monies.

Serio also discussed the municipal laws that govern commissioners. He used examples to illustrate how some of the rules came about because of misuse of funds or powers.

Serio concluded the class by going over current State and Federal legislation and how that may affect the fire districts - in particular, updated OSHA rules.

"This training is absolutely critical for fire commissioners to understand and perform their role," noted Sullivan County Fire Coordinator John Hauschild. "Their job is distinct from that of a firefighter's or even a fire chief's, but it's no less important to the people and communities we serve. I'm glad the Bureau of Fire and the Emergency Services Training Center can provide the space and instructor for this valuable and necessary class."

Calling All Aspiring Educators: Ignite Your Passion for Teaching in Sullivan County!

LIBERTY - Are you passionate about making a difference in young lives? Do you have a desire to inspire and educate the next generation? The Mid-Hudson School Study Council, along with Mount Saint Mary College and Sullivan BOCES, invite you to consider a rewarding career in teaching right here in Sullivan County!

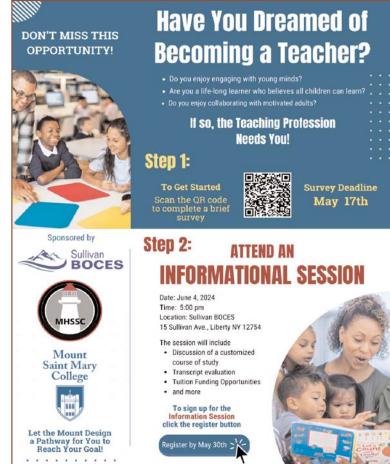
If you have college credits or a degree and dream of stepping into the classroom-or if you're contemplating a career change and think teaching could be your calling-this is your opportunity to explore a fulfilling path.

Attend our upcoming open house event and complete a brief survey to express your interest. Your credentials will be reviewed by Mount Saint Mary College, who will design a customized program tailored to your goals and aspirations.

Whether you're embarking on a new journey or seeking a fresh direction, we're here to guide and support you every step of the way. Together, we can shape a brighter future for Sullivan County through education.

Don't let this chance pass you by! Take the first step toward a rewarding career in teaching. Join us at the open house and discover how you can make a meaningful impact in our community. For more information and to register, please visit https://www.scboces.org/press-releases.

Let's build the future together!



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8-9 PM

RTE 42 GRAHAMSVILLE

Help us Light up the Town of Neversink Rte 42 Park for a community night walk.

- -Click on the QR code below to purchase a light for \$20.00
- -We will line the walkway with flashlights.
- -Bring your friends and join us for a night of food, fun, music and walking.
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2024 Sullivan 180 Municipal Partnership Grants Announced Grants Support Care of Public Spaces, Recreation and the Arts

[Liberty, NY] - Sullivan 180 is pleased to announce the 2024 Municipal Partnership Program Grant recipients. The Municipal Partnership Program offers grants up to \$20,000 to local governments to care for public spaces, creation of youth initiatives and building healthy communities. Several projects will also have a paid seasonal intern to support their work.

"The Municipal Partnership Program encourages municipalities to invest in their public spaces while developing strong partnerships with their youth, volunteer groups and community organizations to implement creative and lasting projects," said Shannon Cilento, Sullivan 180 Community Development and Communications Manager.

The 2024 Municipal Partnership Grants are:

Town of Bethel: Beautification at 22 sites in Town and installation of new playground equipment and chess/checker tables at 3 Town Parks.

Town of Callicoon: Installation of a new basketball and pickleball court at Town Park in Callicoon Center.

Town of Fallsburg: Renovation of the O&W Rail Trail trailhead on River Road, including parking area, signage, seating and beautification.

Town of Highland: Beautification at locations and installation of new Town welcome signs.

Town of Liberty: Beautification of public spaces throughout Town and Village; creation of community-led murals in Parksville.

Town of Mamakating: Installation of new tennis and pickleball courts at Town Park.

Town of Thompson: Beautification at locations throughout Town and installation of street pole banners created by local artists to enhance new Route 42 traffic circles and East Broadway gateways.

Village of Woodridge: Installation of a new basketball court at Krieger Park.

The Hound sof the Baskervilles

BY Sir Arthur Conan Doyle ADAPTED BY Steven Canny & John Nicholson DIRECTED BY Brendan Burke MAY 31 - JUNE 16

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We are thrilled to partner with the Borscht Belt Museum to host their Borscht Belt Comedy Club events! The next comedy show on April 27th is SOLD OUT! Click the link below to learn more! CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BORSCHT BELT COMEDY

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SCDW Presents "Blithe Spirit"

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is thrilled to revive Noel Coward's comic play, "Blithe Spirit" - the very first play performed by the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop in 1950! The author described this play as "an improbable farce in three acts." The play concerns the socialite and novelist Charles Condomine, who invites the eccentric medium and clair-voyant Madame Arcati to his house to conduct a séance, hoping to gather material for his next book. The scheme backfires when, after the séance, he is haunted by the ghost of his willful and temperamental first wife, Elvira.

What follows is highly amusing!

Director Albert Santiago is excited to have his directorial debut with this classic. Mekayla Rayne is Producer with Dawn Perneszi as Stage Manager/Tech. Samantha Berry is the Costumer. The extremely talented cast includes Mako San, Alexandra Recknagel, Stalina Huberchenko, Jean Eifert, Nickoloz Backra, Samantha Berry and Mariah Kravitz.

Performances of "Blithe Spirit" are on Fridays & Saturdays, May 10, 11, 17, &18, at 8:00pm and Sundays, May 17 & 19 at 2:00pm at the Rivoli Theatre, Main Street, South Fallsburg. General admission is \$15; for Seniors, Students, Military \$12. For tickets on-line, go to www.scdw.net. Or at the box office of the Rivoli Theatre.

The New York Times review said, "Blithe spirit" "can still keep an audience in a state of tickled contentment."

DVAA & Bar Veloce Present 2024 Retro Cinema Series "Robots Are Our Besties"

DVAA and Bar Veloce are excited to announce the new season of Retro Cinema at the Tusten Theatre. The monthly series of Friday Night flicks begn on April 26th, and runs through mid-November. This year's theme, "Robots are our besties," will have us all questioning... are they really?

Movie tickets are \$15 and include a complimentary beverage. After the show, stroll over to Bar Veloce for wine and cheese, chat with your fellow moviegoers and feel a little more connected for having experienced the film together.

ROBOTS ARE OUR BESTIES

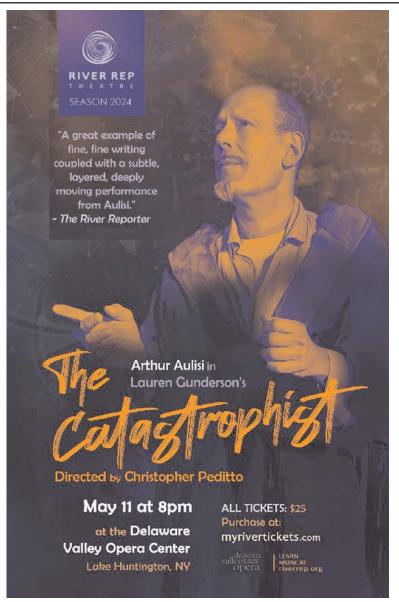
Long before the threat of AI, storytellers have been dreaming of artificial life, from the ancient Golem to Pinocchio. This year's Retro Cinema series will explore the blurred boundaries between man and machine, friendship and artificiality, and what it means to be human in a world increasingly dominated by technology. And perhaps most importantly, what does our fascination with robots reveal about our own desires for companionship and understanding?

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SCHEDULE

April 26th: Forbidden Planet (1956) Retrofuturism at its finest!

Strap in for a retro ride to the distant planet Altair IV, where the real stars are not just the actors but the cutting-edge robot, Robby the Robot. Directed by Fred M. Wilcox, "Forbidden



Planet" isn't just any old sci-fi flick; it's a big-budget studio production that inspired an entire genre. The visuals and effects alone are worth the watch as quintessential examples of 1950s retro-futurism. Still, Robby the Robot steals the show, reminding us that even in the far reaches of space, robots are our besties.

May 10th: The Stepford Wives (1975) The ultimate 'trad wife' is too good to be true

Dive into the eerie world of Stepford, where the wives are just a little too perfect. Feminist Horror film, "The Stepford Wives," directed by Bryan Forbes, is a thought-provoking exploration of gender roles and the dangers of conformity. As Joanna Eberhart uncovers the sinister truth behind the town's idyllic facade, she learns that sometimes, the perfect wife might not be human at all. June 7th: Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991)

Linda Hamilton & motorcycles!

Buckle up for the ultimate battle between man and machine in "Terminator 2: Judgment Day." Directed by James Cameron, this action-packed sequel is arguably better than the original; it's a heart-pounding thrill ride that showcases the power of friendship between a boy and his cyborg protector. As Sarah Connor and her son John face off against the relentless T-1000, they prove that even in a world ruled by machines, humanity will always prevail. (Contd. Pg. 73)

DVAA & Bar Veloce Present 2024 Retro Cinema Series -"Robots Are Our Besties"

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July 12th: The Iron Giant (1999)

Family-friendly animated story of a young boy defending a giant!

Get ready for a heartwarming adventure with "The Iron Giant," where friendship knows no bounds, not even between a boy and a massive metal robot. Directed by Brad Bird, this animated gem uses hand-drawn techniques to convey a sense of warmth and expressiveness, drawing viewers into the emotional core of this tale of acceptance and understanding. As young Hogarth Hughes befriends the gentle giant from outer space, they teach us that true friendship can overcome any obstacle, even the fear of the unknown.

August 9th: Westworld (1973)

"Boy, have we got a vacation for you..."

Welcome to Westworld, where the robots are more than just attractions-they're the main event. Join us for the original film by Michael Crichton and experience the roots of the phenomenon that inspired the modern TV series. "Westworld" is a cautionary tale about the dangers of playing God with technology. As guests indulge their wildest fantasies in the futuristic theme park, they quickly learn that in a world where robots can think and feel, nothing can possibly go wrong...go wrong...go wrong.

September 6th: 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) "Just what do you think you're doing, Dave?"

Prepare for a mind-bending journey through the cosmos with "2001: A Space Odyssey," where the enigmatic AI known as HAL 9000 takes center stage. This visionary masterpiece, directed by Stanley Kubrick, spans from prehistoric times to a distant future, inviting us to contemplate profound questions about humanity's place in the universe. As seen through today's lens, the film is a thought-provoking reflection of our AI-obsessed world, urging us to reconsider our place in a future shaped by technology.

October 18th: Bride of Frankenstein (1935) Boris Karloff finds a friend, but can she love?

We've all seen the hair, heard the monster's groans, and possibly the scream, but the "Bride of Frankenstein" isn't just another horror movie; it is intentionally campy and humorous, full of provocative ideas about identity, acceptance, and the consequences of playing God with science. Director, James Whale (brilliantly portrayed in the film "Gods and Monsters"), blew the doors off the entire genre. Though not technically a "robot" movie, the themes echo our modern discussions about artificial intelligence and human connection.

November 8th: Ghost in the Shell (1995) Adult cyberpunk anime thriller.

Enter a world where the line between man and machine is blurred beyond recognition. The stunning anime original "Ghost in the Shell," directed by Mamoru Oshii, defined the genre. This gripping cyberpunk thriller explores humanity and consciousness with Major Motoko Kusanagi and her team as they dive into cyberspace to track down a rogue AI. Along the way, they confront an existential crisis: what does it mean to be alive when consciousness can be digitized? As they navigate this perilous quest, the film challenges us to rethink our relationship with technology and consider the possibility of machines becoming our closest allies.

Whether you're a sci-fi aficionado or just looking for a fun night out at the movies, the Retro Film Series at the Tusten Theatre promises something for everyone. So, grab your popcorn, settle into your seat, and get ready to be transported to worlds where robots are more than just machines-they're our besties.

TICKETS & LOCATION

Screenings take place at the Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street in Narrowsburg, NY._

Tickets \$15 and include a complimentary beverage.

Box office/concession opens 30 minutes before showtime.

Tickets may be purchased by calling (845) 252-7576 or online at delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

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SUNY Sullivan's Theater Arts Program Presents "Fairview"

The SUNY Sullivan Theater Arts program is proud to announce performances for Jack Sibblies Drury's "Fairview," a 2019 Pulitzer Prize-winning piece directed by Nick López. "Fairview" explores the theme of identity with an examination of families, drama, family dramas, and the insidiousness of white supremacy. The New York Times referred to "Fairview" as "...dazzling and ruthless...one of the most exquisitely and systematically arranged ambushes of an unsuspecting audience in years... 'Fairview' is a series of perspective-altering surprises." All performances will take place at the Seelig Theatre on SUNY Sullivan's campus.

PERFORMANCES:

May 2 at 8 p.m. | May 4 at 8 p.m.

TICKETS: Suggested donation of \$10 to the SUNY Sullivan Theater Arts program/Performing Arts club





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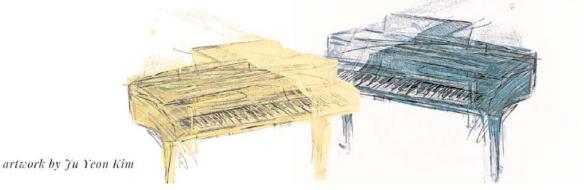


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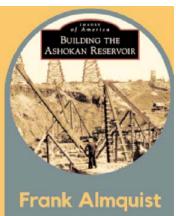
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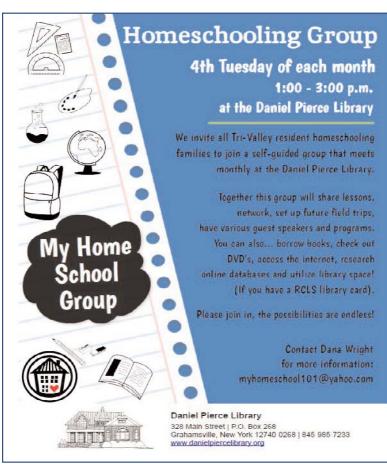


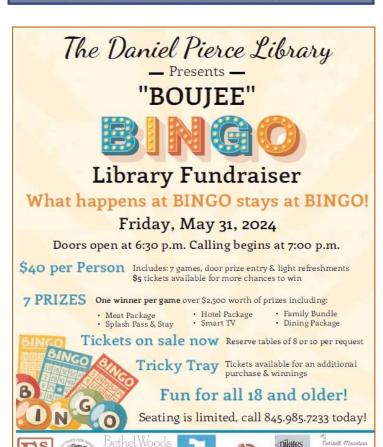
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March 16 - May 4, 2024

Opening: Saturday, March 16, 3 – 5 pm 🖣







Artists in this show:

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Katerina Lanfranco, Elizabeth Mihaltse Lindy, Alan McKnight, Wilma Miller,

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Diane Moss, Community Volunteer

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Date: Saturday, May 25th, 2024

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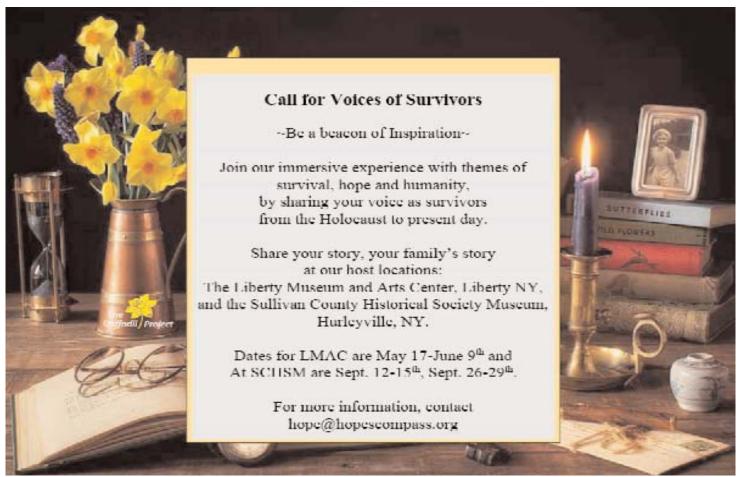
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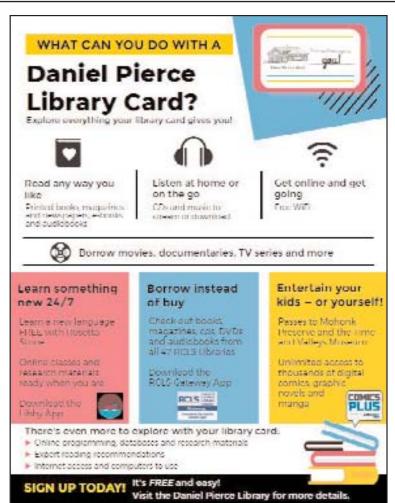
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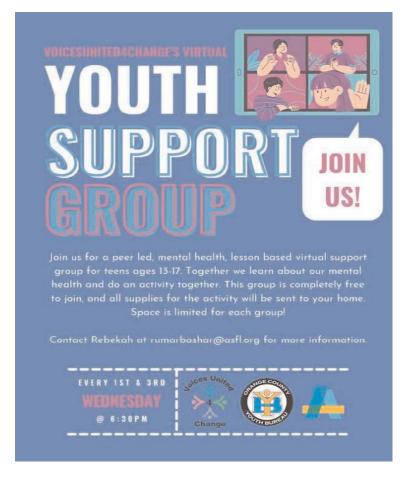
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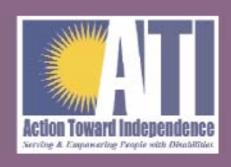
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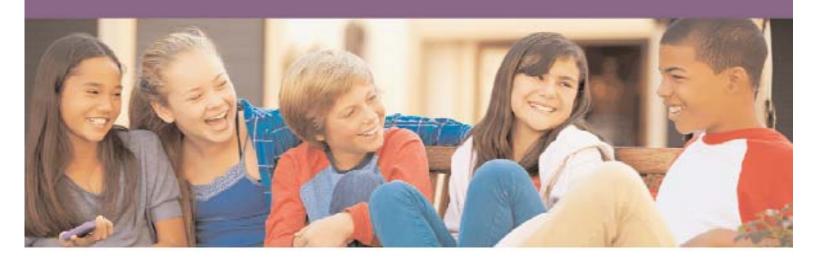
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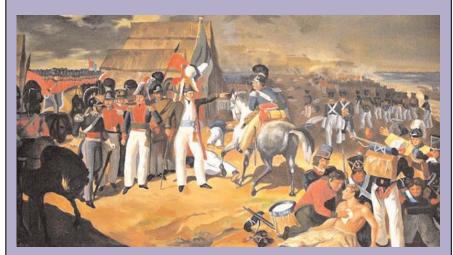
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Real History of this battle on Pg 86

in Spanish and English



On May 5th, 1862, a few thousand Mexican soldiers put their lives on the line against the world's largest and most powerful army in one legendary battle for freedom and for Mexico. This film chronicles the story of Mexico's Battle of Puebla, the most important battle in Mexico's history. When the unbeatable French army invaded Mexico to set up a monarchy. General Ignacio Zaragoza must defend the people.

Directed by Rafa Lara, and Starring Angelica Aragon, Kuno Becker, Liz Gallardo.

"True patriotism hates injustice in its own land more than anywhere else." – **Clarence Darrow.**

"Latinos have fought in all of America's wars, beginning with the Revolutionary War. Many Latinos are fighting and dying for our country today around the world today, just as several of their ancestors fought for freedom in Mexico over

a century ago." – Joe Baca.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Warren Beatty

This weeks' Trivia question: Who wrote and directed the classic *American Graffiti?*

(From Pg. 86) Spanish column 1,

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S ON AMAZON PRIME CINCO DE MAYO: LA BATALLA

(ENGLISH SUBTITLED) (2 h 6 min / 2013R)

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Poco después del fin de la Guerra de Reforma, el ejército de Benito Juárez resulta triunfador y entra a la ciudad de México. Los pocos conservadores restantes son exiliados o inician una guerra de guerrillas. Mientras tanto, en París, Francia, un grupo de conservadores mexicanos (José María Gutiérrez de Estrada, José Manuel Hidalgo y Juan Nepomuceno Almonte - hijo ilegítimo de José María Morelos y Pavón) tienen audiencia con el emperador Napoleón III durante la ópera de Don Giovanni, a quien le explican la situación de México. Lleno de ambición, este decide enviar una expedición a México al mando del general Ferdinand Latrille (William Miller), conde de Lorencez, quien acepta gustoso de la nueva empresa. Meses después se reunirían los mandatarios de Francia, España y Reino Unido en Londres para organizar una invasión a territorios mexicanos.

En enero de 1862, Juan (Christian Vázquez) y Artemio (Javier Oliván), dos vigías del puerto de Veracruz, avistan una gran flota emergiendo de la niebla. Eran los barcos españoles provenientes de Cuba. Enterándose de la invasión, las tropas mexicanas en el puerto son rápidamente retiradas para reagruparse en el camino a la capital. Las tropas europeas en Veracruz comienzan a padecer de vómito negro por la humedad y el relieve. Mientras, en la capital, el presidente Juárez envía al delegado Manuel Doblado a parlamentar con el general español, Juan Prim (Ginés García Millán), quien siente que la invasión en sí no era muy buena idea. No así pensó el diplomático francés Dubois de Saligny (Álvaro García Trujillo), quien entendía la encomienda del emperador y esperaba el arribo de Lorencez. Una vez en México, Lorencez y Saligny revelan las intenciones de marchar hasta la capital junto con el Gral. Almonte y declaran rota la alianza

El general Ignacio Zaragoza (Kuno Becker) se despide de su moribunda esposa mientras es nombrado encargado de la defensa nacional y parte a Orizaba, donde comienza a reunir al ejército de Juárez.

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S ON AMAZON CINCO DE MAYO: THE BATTLE

(English Subtitled 2 h 6 min / 2013R)

Shortly after the end of the Reform War, Benito Juarez's army is triumphant and enters Mexico City. The few remaining conservatives are exiled and start a guerrilla war. Meanwhile, in Paris, France, a group of Mexican conservatives (José María Gutiérrez de Estrada, José Manuel Hidalgo and Juan Nepomuceno Almonte - illegitimate son of José María Morelos y Pavón) have an audience with Emperor Napoleon III during Don Giovanni's opera, to whom they explain the situation in Mexico. Full of ambition, he decides to send an expedition to Mexico under General Ferdinand Latrille (William Miller), Earl of Lorencez, who gladly accepts the new company. Months later, the representatives of France, Spain and the United Kingdom in London would meet to organize an invasion of Mexican territories.

In January 1862, Juan (Christian Vázquez) and Artemio (Javier Oliván), two lookouts from the port of Veracruz, spotted a large fleet emerging from the fog. It was the Spanish ships from Cuba. Upon learning of the invasion, Mexican troops at the port are quickly withdrawn to regroup on the way to the capital. European troops in Veracruz begin to suffer from black vomit from moisture and relief. Meanwhile, in the capital, President Juarez sends delegate Manuel Doblado to talk to Spanish general Juan Prim (Ginés García Millán), who feels that the invasion itself was not a very good idea. Not so thought the French diplomat Dubois de Saligny (Alvaro García Trujillo), who understood the emperor's entrusting and awaited the arrival of Lorencez. Once in Mexico, Lorencez and Saligny reveal the intentions of marching to the capital along with Gral. Almonte and declare the tripartite alliance broken.

General Ignacio Zaragoza (Kuno Becker) bids farewell to his dying wife while appointed in charge of national defense and left for Orizaba, where he begins to assemble Juarez's army.

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