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Tri-Valley D.A.R.E. Graduation



The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office participated in a 5th grade D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony which was held at the Tri-Valley elementary school on Friday May 3rd.

Three classes of 5th graders graduated from the program, with nine students being honored for their D.A.R.E. class essays. In the photo with the nine honorees is Deputy Sheriff William Fernandez and Sheriff Mike Schiff.

Take Out Chicken Barbeque Fundraiser Saturday, May 18, 4 to 6 p.m. Time and the Valleys Museum, Grahamsville



Museum President Richard Coombe delivering dinners to Kathy Lounsbury of Grahamsville.

The 5nd annual TAKE OUT Chicken Barbeque will be held on Saturday, May 18th, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum parking lot, 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville NY.

The BBQ includes Murray's Chicken BBQ'd to perfection by the Neversink Fire Department, delicious sides (baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, split top roll) from Wilson's Deli in Ellenville, and brownie from Frost Valley YMCA. Enjoy a delicious dinner, support the Museum and never leave your car! Contd. Pg. 4)

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More than ever, thank you for your continued support. memory of Gary Kern, please visit our (Contd. Pg. 3)

On the Front Burner: Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Romans 12:19

OBITUARY

Gary Kern moved to Grahamsville, NY and attended Tri-Valley Central



School during his teenage years. During he this time. developed passion for fixing cars. Eventually, this passion turned him into a business owner. He

owned several businesses, but Yit's Auto Body was his biggest success. People didn't stop at Yit's Auto Body just to get hear the latest gossip or enjoy a cup of

When he wasn't working, he had UTVing, snowmobiling and horseback riding. He enjoyed endless miles of trail 5. The writer must provide his/her full name, address and riding with his "Cowgirl up" wife,

Gary was a hardworking, dedicated 6. Copies of letters or third-party letters will not be accepted. father and grandfather. He was always events.

Gary was predeceased by his mom To renew or receive a new subscription and dad Carl and Olga Kern, his brother and his loving wife of 38 years Jeanne Kern. He is survived by his children and Kristen Fiandra and Lacey Hartman and Greg Wylmott. His grandchildren Andrew and Austin Hartman, Aiden and Emily Lautenshlager, Taylor and Andrew Fiandra, his nieces Kristy and Diane, brother Carl Kern. He had sever-

In lieu of flowers, donation scan be A change of an email address must be received a month prior to change in order to make the necessary changes Catskill Animal Inc. 263 Old Monticello Road, Liberty, NY.

Memorial visitation was held on May 3, 2024, at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52 service followed at the funeral home.

Arrangements we under the care of Colonial Family of Funeral Home for further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

June 2, 1954

On Saturday, May 29th, Miss Barbara Switzer and Mr. Manville B. Wakefield were united in marriage at the Trinity Methodist Church parsonage in Newburgh by the Rev. Reginald T. Edwards. After the reception, the couple left for a tour of New England and central New York. Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield are teachers at Tri Valley Central School in Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Albro Brown and daughter, Sara, spent the past weekend at Troy, N.Y. where they attended the graduation exercises of their daughter, Barbara B. Bullock from Russell Sage College. Mrs. Bullis received her B.S. degree in physical education and has accepted a teaching position in the Wallkill Central School for the coming school year.

May 13, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cross of Loch Sheldrake have announced the engagement of their daughter, Donna Rae, to Robert LaPolt, son of Raymond LaPolt of Woodbourne and the late Mrs. Dorothy Miss Cross is a graduate of LaPolt. Fallsburgh Central School and the Institute of Technology and Agriculture at Delhi where she majored in restaurant management. Her fiancé is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and is employed by the N.Y.S. Department of Correction. An October wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark of Grahamsville are the parents of a daughter born May 6th at Liberty Loomis Hospital.

Did you think you saw a new house going by? Well you were not dreaming or just thinking you saw something. It was really a house, one of two small houses belonging to the Garigliano (Hastings) property purchased by Mr. Godlin of Woodbourne. No doubt you will soon see the smaller one go by.

May 22, 1974

The Tri-Valley Homemakers announce their plans to award this year's scholarship to Cheryl Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Robinson of Grahamsville. Cheryl is presently a senior at Tri-Valley and plans to attend Albany Medical Center School of Nursing.

May 17. 1984

Irene A. Kile, Thunder Hill Road, Hasbrouck, a lifelong area resident, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 8, 1984 in Ellenville Community Hospital.

DAYS OF YORE...Today's History (From Pg. 2) May 17, 1984

She was 78. The daughter of the late James and Katherine Erts LaPolt, she was born March 17, 1906 in Hasbrouck. The widow of Lee Kile, Mrs. Kile was a member of the Immaculate Conception R.C. Church, Woodbourne, and a charter member of the Tri-Valley AARP, Grahamsville. Survivors include a son, James, and two daughters, Regina Osterhout and Ruth McKeon all of Woodbourne.

Betty Ann Vernooy of Woodbourne, a computer operator at Ellenville Community Hospital, Ellenville and a lifelong area resident, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 9, 1984 in the Ellenville Community Hospital. She was 49. She was born March 29, 1935 in Kingston. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church, Woodbourne. Survivors include her husband, Walter Vernooy at home; her mother of Liberty; five sons: Walter, John, Thomas, Scott and Brian all at home; a sister Marge Denman of Liberty.

LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley Published May 7, 1988

I can recall not so many years ago, when chickens were considered free spirits. A home was not complete in the country until you had a flock of clucking, pecking, scratching, crowing and sometimes singing chickens running around the yard. When a hen house was almost as necessary as an outhouse! Chickens roamed about the countryside before electricity, indoor plumbing or telephones were invented. Today's chicken is only seen through glass at Butcher Boys or some other general store.

In the good old days my dad owned a very large flock of chickens, all colors and sizes. The first time I decided to help my dad collect eggs I was about eight years of age. I followed him into one of the chicken coops with a little pail and those evil eyed hens just sat on their nests glaring at us, daring us to come closer. I didn't want my delicate hands being pecked by those evil eyed hens who diligently guarded their nests. Repeatedly, I tried to slide my hand under her only to retreat from her pointy beak. Finally, my dad lost his patience with my hide-and-seek antics and uprooted several hens from their nests. The coop seemed to explode with swirling feathers and squawking, angry chickens as daddy announced "Now Bea, you can pick up your eggs." I was thrilled and I soon filled my pail with white, tan and brown eggs which were very fresh indeed.

Out of my dad's large flock of chickens, one little white leghorn was my pride and joy. When I went outside, she always saw me and came running just like a puppy. She loved peanuts and that was one item that I could have as many as I wanted from our store.

Quite often I filled my apron pockets then went outside and.sat on the steps. All too soon she would come running to share my peanuts. Just a plain little white hen but very special to me.

Many times during the summer, hens would steal away to lay eggs in secret hiding places and then come walking out proudly with several cute little balls of fluffy chicks tagging along, so happy to be alive.

So where have the chickens gone? They have short lives as mass produced commodities of large commercial operations. Fortunately, "a mighty few" still demand respect at events such as the Grahamsville Fair every summer and to me they continue to roost in my childhood memories. Perhaps they will be seen as free spirits once again, sometime, some place roaming around for they deserve it.

Household Hint: Remove Black Scuff Marks

Used tea bags sprinkled on rose plants will make them blossom faster with more vibrant colors.

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.

Golden Carpet of Dandelions

Whether you love them or hate them, dandelions are among the most familiar plants in the northern hemisphere. Just about

anyone can identify a dandelion at a glance. The Dandelion (Taraxacum officinale) is a hardy perennial that can grow to a height of nearly 12 inches. Each bloom is made up of numerous strap-shaped florets of bright golden yellow. This strap-shaped corolla is notched at the edge into five teeth, each tooth, a petal, narrows down into a claw-like tube, which rests on



a single-chambered ovary containing a single ovule where the Dandelion produces considerable quantities of both pollen and nectar in the early spring. No matter how cool the weather may be the Dandelion continues to produce a small succession of flowers until autumn providing pollen and nectar especially for bees.

The Dandelion has a thick tap root, that is dark brown, almost black on the outside and milky white within. Its long jagged leaves rise directly from a rosette form lying close upon the ground. Each leaf is grooved and created so that falling rain goes straight to the center of the rosette to the root allowing the plant to obtain sufficient moisture.

The leaves are deeply-notched, toothy, spatula-like that are usually shiny and hairless and the edge of each leaf is cut into great jagged teeth. The larger teeth are cut into lesser teeth resembling the teeth of a lion; thus its name.

Before the invention of lawns, the golden blossoms and liontoothed leaves were more likely to be praised as a bounty of food, medicine and magic. Gardeners used to weed out the grass to make room for the dandelions. Dandelions were a common and beloved garden flower in Europe, and the subject of many poems.

Dandelions were considered a green and growing first aid kit in olden times, as they were prescribed for every ailment from warts to the plague, dandruff, toothache, sores, fevers, rotting gums, weakness, lethargy and depression. Not until the twentieth century was the underlying cause of many of those symptoms realized as vitamin deficiencies. Dandelions have more vitamin A than spinach, more vitamin C than tomatoes, and are a powerhouse of iron, calcium and potassium.

Despite their reputation in most neighborhoods, Dandelions are actually good for your lawn. Their wide-spreading roots loosen hard-packed soil, aerate the earth and help reduce soil erosion. The deep taproot also pulls nutrients s from deep in the soil and makes them available to other plants.

Dandelions are hardy, healthy and just plain fun. The Dandelion seems to be the flower earmarked for children. In a park or a garden, it's one of the flowers a child can pick without getting into trouble. A child in a field full of dandelions never ran out of things to do. Blowing on Dandelion puffball can tell you if it's time to go home, how many years until you get married, or how many children you'll have - and of course, if you catch a flying dandelion seed, you can make a wish!

Dandelions are fast growers. The sunny yellow flowers go from bud to seed in just a few days. They are also long-lived. An individual plant can live for years. Just think, the dandelion hidden in a corner of your yard or on the playground might be older than the children running past it.

PAGE 4 THE T Take Out Chicken Barbeque Fundraiser (From Pg. 1)



Tri-Valley School Teachers and Museum Trustees Matt Haynes of Rock Hill and Jackie Trotti-Noren of Neversink helping to pack up meals

Tickets for the Chicken Barbeque are \$15 per meal and are available on line: *www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org* or by sending a check to: Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door.

Funds raised will go towards the Museum's educational programs. Please call 845 985-7700 or email *info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org* for more information.



Museum Trustee and Event Chairperson, Anne-Marie Kremer of Claryville packing up meals.

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

Exhibitions:

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

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

o **1930s Lost Catskill Farm** an outdoor experience with farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with working waterwheel!

o Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds

an augmented reality enhanced art exhibit of properties taken to build New York City reservoirs.

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

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit *www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org*.

Wild Fox Tests Positive for Rabies

Kauneonga Lake, NY - The Sullivan County Department of Public Health has confirmed that a euthanized fox in the Town of Bethel tested positive for the rabies virus. Exposed persons are currently receiving appropriate treatment.

Rabies occurs commonly throughout New York State, with the vast majority of cases occurring in wild animals, including raccoons, bats, foxes, skunks and woodchucks. Domestic animals account for less than 10% of the reported rabies cases, which most often include cats, cattle, and dogs. Wild animals and stray cats may expose your pets if they are allowed to freely roam on your property or in wood-ed areas; we encourage you to keep your pets up to date on vaccination and indoors when not on a leash.

The next regularly scheduled free rabies vaccination clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets, open to anyone in the County and sponsored by the Department of Public Health, will be held on Wednesday, June 5, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Morningside Park in Hurleyville.

What Can People Do to Protect Themselves Against Rabies?

Be sure your pets are up to date on rabies vaccinations. Vaccinated pets serve as a buffer between rabid wildlife and humans. Protect them, and you protect yourself and family. As a pet owner, it is your responsibility to ensure your pets are fully vaccinated. Vaccines for dogs, cats and ferrets over three months of age are effective for a one-year period. Revaccinations are effective for up to three years. Pets too young to be vaccinated should be kept indoors.

Don't try to separate two fighting animals. Wear gloves if you handle your pet after a fight. Keep family pets indoors at night. Don't leave them outside unattended or let them roam free.

Don't attract wild animals to your home or yard. Keep your property free of stored bird seed, food garbage or other foods that may attract animals. Feed pets indoors. Tightly cap or put away garbage cans. Board up any openings to your attic, basement, porch or garage. Cap your chimney with screens.

Don't feed, touch or adopt wild animals, stray dogs or stray cats. Encourage children to immediately tell an adult if they are bitten by any animal. Tell children not to touch any animal except their own. Seek treatment for all animal bites and report contact with wild animals to Sullivan County Department of Public Health at (845) 292-5910. If you can safely do so, don't let an animal escape that has possibly exposed someone to rabies. Depending on the species, it can be observed or tested for rabies in order to avoid the need for rabies treatment for people, or to avoid euthanizing and testing exposed unvaccinated pets.

This also includes bats, as bats can be difficult to keep out of buildings because they can get through cracks as small as a pencil. Methods to keep bats out (bat proofing) of homes and summer camps should be done during the fall and winter. If bats are already inside (e.g. in an attic or other areas), consult with your local health department about humane ways to remove them. Bats have small, sharp teeth and in certain circumstances people can be bitten and not know it.

For more information about this press release, please contact the Disease Surveillance and Investigation Department of Sullivan County Public Health at 845-292-5910.

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Thank You from the Tri-Valley Lions



On Saturday, May 4, 2024, the Tri-Valley Lions held their annual Journey For Sight Walk starting with registration for Walkers at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building followed by a group photo outside the building and finally the Walk around the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. The weather could

not have been better for the event.

We were joined once again this year by many members of the Grahamsville Volunteer Fire Department, as well as several Lion walkers, and local friends and neighbors who have walked with the Tri-Valley Lions for the many years that we've held this annual walk. In all, we had 20 walkers, and 19 volunteers assist with the Journey For Sight Walk. We had hoped for a larger turnout, but there were just so many other local and important activities taking place on Saturday including the games at the Ballfield, Thrift Shop Sale, and Craft Fairs just to name a few.

We are thankful to Angel, Chris, Mark, and The Neversink General Store who generously donated breakfast goods and coffee for our event. The Neversink General Store has been a wonderful local partner for the past several years of our



From left to right: Esta Jaobs, Fran Fuller, Stacey Wizwer, son Ben and Paula Ryan

walk, and by donating the food and coffee for our event, allows The Tri-Valley Lions to use 100% of the monetary pledges and donations to go directly into our Charity Account, which is then used to support and fund 5 local food pantries, the Daniel Pierce Library, free eye-screenings for children in our local schools, Guiding Eyes for The Blind, The Heart-A-Thon, and so many, many more organizations that fall under the Lions missions.



We would like to thank all who came out for the walk, all the volunteers and of course, all who were kind enough to make pledges and donate to the Journey For Sight Walk and accompanying Tag Day. The Tri-Valley Lions can only continue to do the good work we do with the support of all who stop by our booth for sodas and make donations to the many events we hold. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts.

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 Wishing one and all a happy and safe Spring and a wonderful Summer as well.



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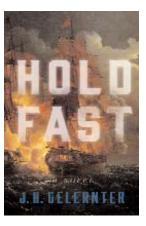
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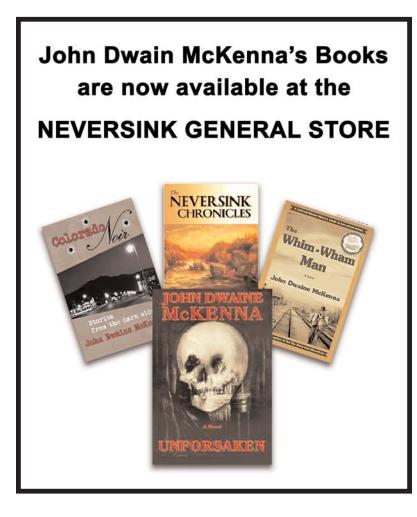
Just in time for the start of the summer reading season, a brand-new author has brought out the first volume of what we hope will be a long-running seafaring series in the tradition of Patrick O'Brian and Bernard Corwell.

Hold Fast, (Norton, \$25.95, 256 pages, ISBN 978-0-393-86704-6) by J.H. Gelernter, opens in England, in the year of our Lord, 1803 . . . a time when diplomacy is failing and war appears to be imminent between historic enemies Britain and France. Nevertheless, Captain Thomas Grey of the British Royal Marines tenders his resignation. He wants to accept a job in America and leave his career in naval intelligence, where he was the head of station in Malta and spied upon the Barbary pirates, who were wrecking havoc on merchant ships of all nations. But, as his ship returned to England from North Africa, it was attacked by a French warship and his wife, who was traveling with him, is killed. A year later, mourning and depressed, Grey finally decides to head for Boston and start his new



life. Fate intercedes again however, and war is declared between the two old antagonists shortly after the vessel sets sail, and it too comes under fire from a French warship. It's repulsed with the assistance of Grey, who's lost none of his fighting skills with sword, rifle or pistol.

They put into port at Oporto, Portugal for repairs and the formation of a convoy for a safer voyage across the



Atlantic. A couple of days later, while waiting in town, Grey is approached by an Irishman named Branson, who works for the French Intelligence Services as a recruiter. He assumes that Grey is disillusioned with his country, and offers a large sum of money for information. Grey agrees – not because he's a turncoat – but because he sees an opportunity to help the English war effort and extract some revenge from an old enemy at the same time.

And so begins a rousing action-adventure tale, full of fighting, suspense, revenge, treachery and heroism, as well as some actual history. This novel will educate at the same time it entertains the reader and leave everyone looking forward to the next adventure of valiant Captain Thomas Grey!

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The Olive Jar by Carol Olsen LaMonda





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Remember when?

When we had telephone booths? What does Clark Kent use as a changing room for his Superman outfit?

When you could reverse the charges or make a collect phone call? When there was a telephone operator?



When a receptionist answered a business or medical phone and not an automated voice that is no help at all?

When you ordered your senior ring and wore your boyfriend's on a chain around your neck to show you were "going steady?"

When you wore a circle pin on your right or left collar to tell whether you were a virgin or not?

When there were stockings held up by a hideous contraction called a "garter belt."

When you used personalized stationery with a fountain pen?

When you got up and turned a dial to change channels on the television?

When you actually ROLLED down a car window?

When there was a sumptuous buffet on a cruise ship at midnight?

When you dressed to the nines for dinner on a cruise? On the Norwegian Getaway with over four thousand passengers there was nary a tie except on the wait staff. Strangely enough, the women did dress up, some wearing cocktail or evening gowns. They looked lovely and stupid with their male dates who came to dinner wearing shorts, a

stained tee shirt that said something about beer or tequila, and a ball cap from Tractor Supply. I could go on and on about the fashions I saw as I "people watched" from a sun deck chair. Stay tuned for a "Fashion Police" report in the next column.

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



Daniel Pierce Library Between the Bookends

'Bee Beautiful' in our Garden! Original Poem on Display as part of "Catskilled Poetry for Healing"

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE –It was a perfect spring day Saturday, May 4 for the special poetry reception held on the library patio. The 2022-2024 Sullivan County Poet Laureate, Sharon Kennedy-Nolle, introduced Balsey "Dean" DeWitt, III, author of *Bee Beautiful*, who shared his original poem which is now inscribed on a bronze plaque in our garden.



"We are so honored to have not only a local resident (of Livingston Manor) share his brave, artful and graceful efforts to recover with the beautiful poem on an exquisite bronze plaque in our garden, but also as a veteran's poem, it is a special honor above honors," DPL Director, Beth



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Wolpert, said. She added that Dean is also responsible for all of the flags on display throughout the area honoring members of the armed forces.

Saturday's reception here was a culmination of "Catskilled Poetry for Healing," an initiative designed and implemented by Kennedy-Nolle. The program utilized the creation of original poems by those afflicted by mental illness and substance abuse as a means for healing. There are original poems installed in the county's eleven public libraries.

"This endeavor to have poetry heal people, but also help bring together different factions of our community, is a boon for all of us," Wolpert said. "Thank you to the incomparable Sharon Kennedy-Nolle, our outgoing poet laureate for spearheading all of this! We are excited to work with our next poet laureate, Kevin Scot Graham. We are so happy to be part of this celebration of poetry for all," she added.

In other news,

Mark Your Calendar! If you are a Tri Valley CSD student 11 to 15 years of age register for our popular **Child & Babysitting Safety Course** on Saturday, June 1 from 9AM to 2PM before the program fills up. This 5 hour course will provide all the necessary skills needed to care for infants and children; perfect timing for that summer job! Space is limited for this Class Rooms to You program, owned and instructed by Michael Congelosi, NYS fire fighter. The cost of attendance is \$65 due the day of class and participants are asked to bring their lunch.

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The Scene Too - By Jane Harrison No Column This Week

Aktion Club Helps with Sweet Dreams Project



Aktion Club members and Advisors at entrance of Hoop-a-thon gym.

The Aktion Club of Sullivan County recently held a successful Hoop-a-thon at New Hope Community in Loch Sheldrake, NY. The club is Community in Loch Sheldrake, NY. The club is a community service leadership group spon-sored by the Monticello and Woodridge Kiwanis Clubs providing adults living with dis-abilities an opportunity to develop initiative, leadership skills and to serve their community. Currently it is comprised of over 30 members from New Hope Community, Arc Greater Hudson Valley and The Center for Discovery. They raised \$1,120 for the Sweet Dreams Project, which has been established by the Monticello Kiwanis Club to help children in

Monticello Kiwanis Club to help children in Sullivan County who are being removed from their homes and placed in foster care. The main



Line-up for shooting into the hoop.



From Left - Aktion Club Advisors/Monticello Kiwanis Club Members Sheila Lashinsky and Kathy Garlick receiving check from Aktion Club President Nancy Guillaume.

goal of this project is to provide the children with personal items to take with them, such as their very own new blanket, pillow, toothbrush, pajamas, hygiene items, stuffed animals, etc. in a travel bag in the hopes that this will help them go through such a difficult time with less stress and anxiety and higher self-esteem.

Pledges were gathered from Aktion Club members, their friends, family and The Monticello neighbors. and Woodridge Kiwanis Clubs, Monticello and Fallsburg Senior Citizens Clubs and individual club members as well as other community organizations were also happy to support this event. There were lots of cheering and laughter as the members lined up to successfully shoot the basketballs into the hoop for a good cause and all the participants in the event had an enjoyable time.

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Sullivan County Seeks Candidates for Ethics Board Opportunity to Review Complaints, Render Decisions

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Legislature and County Manager's Office invite Sullivan County residents to consider serving on the County's Board of Ethics.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and a resume (or a list of experiences they deem applicable) to the Sullivan County Manager's Office, c/o Rosemarie Savaglio, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701 or rosemarie.savaglio@sullivanny.us. Questions can be answered via that email or by calling 845-807-0450.

What Is the Ethics Board?

The Board of Ethics consists of five volunteer members appointed by the County Manager and confirmed by the Legislature. It meets at least once annually and any time there is a complaint alleging a violation of the County's Ethics Law. Meetings are not open to the public, unless requested by the accused or required by law.

What Does It Do?

The Board has the following powers and duties:

To prescribe and promulgate rules and regulations governing its own internal organization and procedures in a manner consistent with the Ethics Law

To review the list of County officials and employees required to file financial disclosure statements

To review financial disclosure statements that are the subject of a written inquiry or complaint, and notify the subject of that complaint if a deficiency or potential violation is found

To investigate any alleged impropriety and recommend or undertake appropriate actions and proceedings, as required

To review the filing of waivers or extensions of time to file financial disclosure statements

To render, index and maintain on file advisory opinions To prepare an annual report that summarizes the activities of the previous year and recommends any changes to the Ethics Law

To maintain records of its reports, proceedings and recommendations for seven (7) years, segregating any records deemed "confidential" to maintain their confidentiality What Do L Need to Know to Apply?

What Do I Need to Know to Apply?

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and current residents of Sullivan County. They should be willing to serve the entire three-year term of office. They will be interviewed by County Manager Joshua Potosek, who has authority and discretion to determine all appointments to the board, subject to the Legislature's agreement.

No specific professional or personal experience is required. The County seeks people of good conscience to serve on the Ethics Board. Candidates should be fair-minded, level-headed and aligned with the concept of ethical conduct in government operations.

Required training in how to conduct investigations will be provided.

How Do I Learn More?

For more information on the Board of Ethics and the full text of the County's Ethics Law, visit

https://sullivanny.us/Departments/Legislature/Ethics-Committee or call the Legislature Office at 845-807-0435.



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Sullivan County Treasurer Wins Statewide Recognitio



Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck with her Finance Officer of the Year Award

Albany, NY - As part of its annual County Finance School session this month, the NYS County Treasurers and Finance Officers Association recognized Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck with the prestigious Finance Officer of the Year Award.

"I was so honored when they announced I was the only one for whom they voted," said Buck, a 20-year member of the Association. "The ballot goes out to all the members, but this isn't a list where you simply check off your choice."

"It was my pleasure to award Nancy Buck the Finance Officer of the Year plaque," stated Kevin Gardner, President of the NYS County Treasurers and Finance Officers Association. "This award shows how much Nancy's efforts are truly appreciated by the members of the Association, and there is no one more deserving of this recognition than Nancy Buck."

Buck has served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association over her two decades of involvement. Not long ago, she brought the Association's Summer Conference to Sullivan County when she was President, attracting nearly 100 treasurers and finance officers from across the State to the four-day gathering.

"I truly appreciate the award, of course, but I travelled upstate this month to also discuss the latest issues impacting counties Statewide, including payments-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOTs), assessment concerns, and major changes in the foreclosure process," she noted. "There is always something new to learn." •Pools Sold •Liners Sold •Filters Sold



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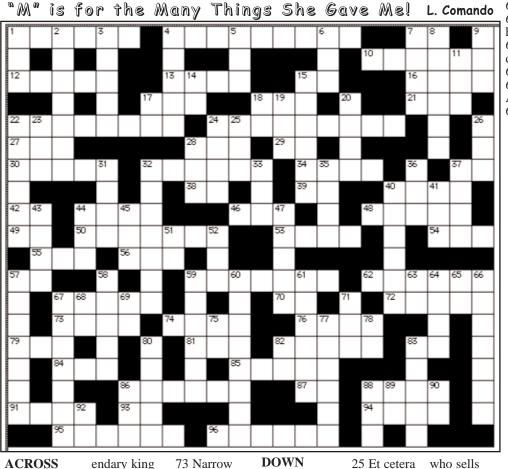
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The Concert will now be held in the Arts Nest of the DVOC on Saturday, JULY 13 at 7:00 pm Admission: \$25 for tkts: myrivertickets.com DVOC 6692 Route 52, Lake Huntington, NY 12752 delawarevalleyopera.org

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Eggs Benedict Casserole for Mother's Day Brunch

12 ounces Canadian Bacon, chopped 6 English muffins, split and cut into 1-inch pieces 8 large eggs 2 cups milk 1/4 teaspoon paprika

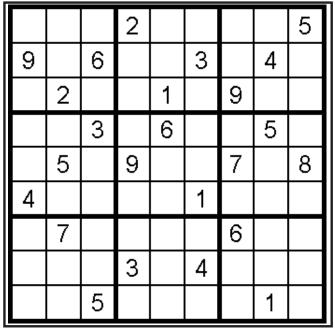
> **Hollandaise Sauce** 4 large egg yolks 1/2 cup whole milk 2 tablespoons lemon juice 1/2 cup butter, melted

Place half of the Canadian bacon in a greased 3-qt. or 13x9-in. baking dish; top with English muffins and remaining bacon. In a large bowl, whisk eggs, and milk; pour over top. Refrigerate, covered, overnight.

Preheat oven to 375°. Remove casserole from refrigerator while oven heats. Sprinkle top with paprika. Bake, covered, 35 minutes. Uncover; bake 10-15 minutes longer or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

In top of a double boiler or a metal bowl over simmering water, whisk egg yolks, cream, and lemon juice until blended; cook until mixture is just thick enough to coat a metal spoon and temperature reaches 160°, whisking constantly. Reduce heat to very low. Very slowly drizzle in warm melted butter, whisking constantly. Pour over the tope of casserole. Serve immediately with casserole. Yield: 12 servings (1-2/3 cups sauce). PS I like slicing fresh tomatoes over the top of the baked casserole before pouring the Hollandaise Sauce on it.

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# **LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

### 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 PERFOR-MANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PER-SONAL 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.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Route 55 in Neversink has a detour as there is road work in progress. We have not received the official notice from the State, but wish to inform our readers so they can plan their travels accordingly.

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# Sullivan County Budget Again Wins National Award

Monticello, NY - For the ninth time in a row, the Sullivan County Budget Office has earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

A panel of judges reviewed over 1,700 budgets submitted to the GFOA, including Sullivan County's version for the 2024 fiscal year. They judged the budgets on their excellence as policy documents, financial plans, operations guides and communications devices, deeming Sullivan's to be proficient in all four categories.

"Though this is the ninth time we've earned this award, we never take it for granted," Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek affirmed. "A budget as large and as complicated as the County's is challenging not only to put together but to convey to the public. The staff of our Budget Office remains committed to doing what it takes to ensure transparency and accountability in presenting the County's key financial document."

"It is very hard to put a budget together, let alone present it in an understandable fashion to taxpayers," said District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, who chairs the Management and Budget Committee of the Legislature. "For such a small crew to win this recognition - spending a tremendous amount of effort in compiling a readable document for a nearly \$300 million budget - is a true achievement. This legislative body acknowledges the hard work of the employees and congratulate them for it."

More information is available at www.gfoa.org.

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Fri. May 3				
Sat. May 4 1PM	Mets @ Reds	Mtv @ G.O.F	Cubs @ Mtv	Tball 1pm
Sat. May 4 4PM	Dodgers @ Yankees	Diamonds @ PH	Orioles @ A's	Marlins @ Phillies
Monday, May 6, 2024	Giants @ Yankees		Marlins @ Orioles	
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Dodgers @ Mets	PH @ Diamonds	A's @ Cubs	Tball
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	Reds @ Giants		Cubs @ Phillies	Tball
Thursday, May 9, 2024	Yankees @ Mets	G.O.F @ Diamonds	Orioles @ Mont	
Friday, May 10, 2024	Dodgers @ Reds	G.O.F @ PH	A's @ Marlins	
Monday, May 13, 2024	Mets @ Giants	PH @ Diamonds	Orioles @ Phillies	
Tuesday, May 14, 2024	Reds @ Yankees	PH @ G.O.F	A's @ Marlins	Tball
Wednesday, May 15, 2024	Mets @ Dodgers		Marlins @ Cubs	Tball
Thursday, May 16, 2024	Yankees @ Monticello	G.O.F @ Diamonds	Phillies @ A's	
Friday, May 17, 2024	Giants @ Dodgers		Reds @ Mont	
Monday, May 20, 2024	Yankees @ Dodgers	G.O.F @ PH	A's @ Orioles	
Tuesday, May 21, 2024	Giants @ Reds	Diamonds @ PH	Phillies @ Marlins	Tball
Wednesday, May 22, 2024	Mets @ Yankees	Phillies @ Mont	Cubs @ Orioles	Tball
Thursday, May 23, 2024	Dodgers @ Reds	Mtv @ G.O.F 6pm	Cubs @ A's	
Friday, May 24, 2024				
Monday, May 27, 2024				
Tuesday, May 28, 2024	Mets @ Giants	G.O.F @ PH	Orioles @ Marlins	Tball
Wednesday, May 29, 2024	Yankees @ Reds	Diamonds @ G.O.F		Tball

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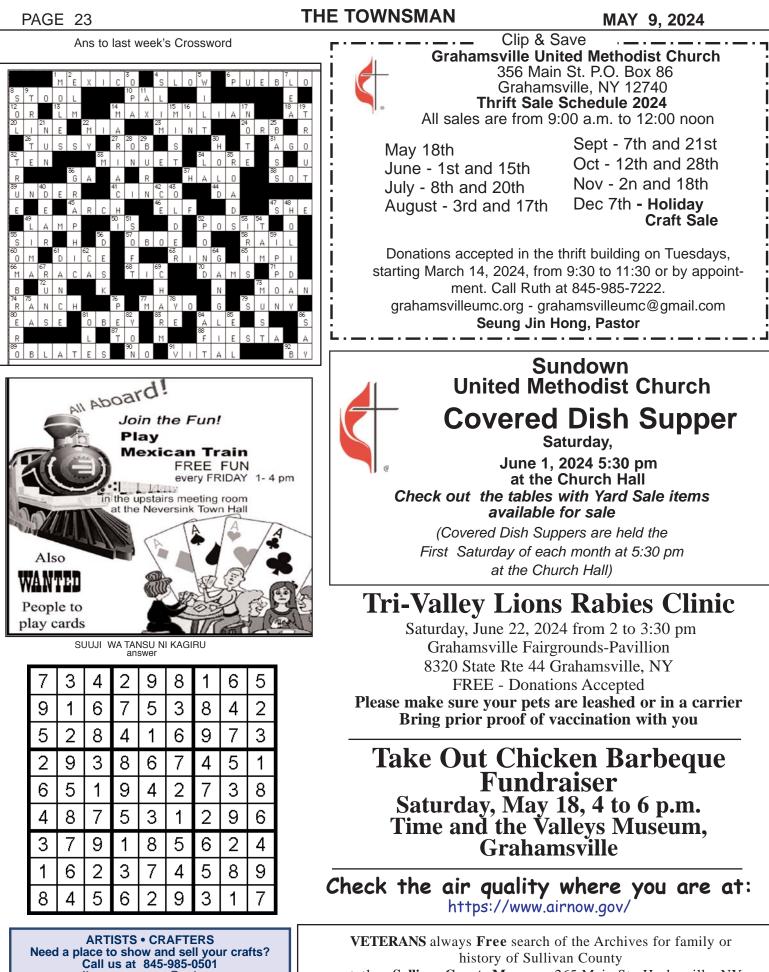
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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/12/24	Claryville Fire Department All Y	You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon

- 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
- 5/18/24 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am 12 noon
- 6/1/24 Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
- 6/4/24 Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
- 6/5/24 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting

### Save the Date!

The Matthew Bertholf Annual Horseshoe Tournament will be Sunday, July 14, 2024

### TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

**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.

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### Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update

May 6 - May 10, 2024 All Legislative Committee Meetings are Livestreamed at https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams

### <u>Monday, May 6</u>

**o** 4:30 PM - Special Meeting of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board of Directors, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 851 6940 4550, Passcode: 035859

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

**o 6:00 PM - Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee,** in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

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

<u>Tuesday, May 7</u> o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Governance Committee, in the UCRRA Offices, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

### Wednesday, May 8

o No Meetings

### Thursday, May 9

**o 4:30 PM - Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee,** in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

o 5:15 PM (Or Immediately Following Laws, Rules & Government Services) - Ways & Means Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

### Friday, May 10

**o** 9:30 AM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Reform Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston





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# Sullivan's Fire Coordinator Shares Recruitment Tips John Hauschild Speaks at Fire District Summit



Sullivan County Fire Coordinator John Hauschild (holding mic) was part of a recent Statewide panel discussion about the importance of recruiting new firefighters with positive messaging.

White Plains, NY - In a panel discussion this past month at the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York's Summit in White Plains, NY, Sullivan County Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety and Fire Coordinator John Hauschild emphasized the significance of conveying a positive message during the recruitment process.

"It's absolutely crucial that we attract new volunteer firefighters in a way that's interesting, exciting and truthful," Hauschild said. "We need to give people compelling reasons to join our ranks, and to stay long after."

Hauschild proudly shared the work of the Join Sullivan Fire Recruitment & Retention Task Force, including involvement in community events such as the Bagel Festival in Monticello and the Little World's Fair in Grahamsville, along with a collaboration with the Sullivan County Youth Bureau to create an Emergency Services Youth Academy this summer.

The panel included representatives from Suffolk County, Onondaga County, and the NYS Office of Fire Prevention & Control, and delved into critical aspects of recruitment and retention within the fire service. Additionally, Deputy State Fire Administrator Luci Labriola-Cuffe talked about the State's stipend program and the availability of training to support and incentivize individuals interested in pursuing a role in the fire service.

"By sharing successful initiatives and discussing ongoing activities, all of the panelists provided valuable insights into the importance of positive messaging, as well as the need for innovative programs and community engagement to attract and retain individuals in the fire service," Hauschild remarked. "We're taking a proactive approach to cultivate interest in the emergency services and ensure the continued availability of well-prepared responders."





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# Sullivan 180 Awards Catskill Edible Garden Project Grants

[Liberty, NY] - Sullivan 180 announced recipients of the 2024 Catskill Edible Garden Project grants for creation and care of edible gardens in schools and daycare facilities. As an extension of Sullivan 180's initiative to create a Healthier Generation for Sullivan County youth, the gardens serve as educational places with access to healthy foods and our county's agricultural heritage, as well as hands-on gathering spaces to connect with community and environment.

The Čatskill Edible Garden Project is a partnership between Catskill Mountainkeeper, Cornell Cooperative Extension and Sullivan 180. Grants ranging from \$400 to \$2,500 were awarded.

The projects include building new gardens, rebuilding of older gardens, and maintenance of established gardens. The Sullivan 180 2024 Catskill Edible Garden Project Grants are:

George L. Cooke School: building a more inviting entryway garden bed with herbs and pollinator plants; care of existing vegetable and fruit beds.

Emma C. Chase Elementary School: adding trellises, drainage, perennials, and vegetables; working alongside an Eagle Scout to build a shed and greenhouse.

Kenneth L. Rutherford Elementary School: adding herbs, perennials, and tools alongside care of existing garden.

Liberty Elementary School: construction of a new garden bed and shed for tool storage; new wheelbarrows.

Liberty High School: maintenance of existing edible garden, adding pollinator plants for lesson extensions and kitchen materials for use in preparing garden harvest.

Fallsburg Jr./Sr. School: bringing existing school garden back into use with seeds, soil, lattice, and irrigation.

Sullivan County BOCES: continued maintenance and enhancement of existing edible garden and funding for a new build to serve other wings of the school.

Sullivan West Elementary School: addition of tool shed and tools; purchase of soil and seeds.

Roscoe Central School: re-build of decade-old existing garden with a sensory focus.

Valley Daycare: expansion of garden for younger students with new containers, tools, and seeds.

Livingston Manor Central School: adding fencing and native perennials.

Homestead Collaborative College High School: funding for compost and vegetables within permaculture program.

For more information on how to get involved with the Catskill Edible Garden Project, contact Eva Bednar at 845-295-2719 or Eva@Sullivan180.org.

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

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# Sullivan BOCES Career & Tech Students Place at State Competition

Vision Health program recently journeyed to Syracuse for the prestigious New York State SkillsUSA competition. Over the course of three days, talented individuals from across the state showcased their vocational prowess in various categories. Representing Sullivan BOCES and Sullivan County with distinction, our students excelled in their respective competitions.

Among the highlights, the Health Knowledge Bowl team comprising Jillian Carlsen, Kritika Talukder, Mahi Patel, and Lorna Dewitt secured an impressive second-place finish. Additionally, Cathy Delgado Flores demonstrated her skill by clinching third place in the Cosmetology Jr competition.

This year, our esteemed participants and their respective competitions include:

- Amelia Edwards (SWCS) Animal Careers
- Rachel Yusko (SWCS)- Auto Light Maintenance Repair
- Nicholas Foley (TVCS) Auto Service Tech
- Cathy Delgado Flores (LCS) Cosmetology Jr

- Chase McFarland (MCS) Criminal Justice
- Hannah Titus (MCS) CSI
- Jeffrey Evangelista (FCS) CSI
- Bradley BuBois (SWCS) Culinary Arts Mohua Gazi (MCS) Extended Speech
- Jillian Carlsen (LMCS) Health Knowledge Bowl
- Kritika Talukder (MCS) Health Knowledge Bowl
- Mahi Patel (MCS) Health Knowledge Bowl
- Lorna Dewitt (LCS) Health Knowledge Bowl
- Jack Krum (LCS) Heavy Equipment
- Alissa Dubovici (MCS) Prepared Speech
- Cahl Darling (LMCS) Welding

Jeffery Molusky, Executive Principal of the Career and Technical Education Center, expressed immense pride in the stu-dents' accomplishments, stating, "We are incredibly proud of our students who participated in this statewide competition. Their hard work and dedication are evident, and their success is a testament to their expertise in their respective fields."

For more information on the diverse range of programs offered by the Career and Technical Education Center, please visit our website at www.scboces.org or contact us at (845) 295-4152. Stay updated with program highlights by following us on Facebook, and Instagram.

## Sullivan County Memorial Day Parades & Services -2024

NOTE: This list will be updated as more events are announced. Anyone with a new event to add should contact our Veterans Service Agency at 845-807-0233 or Sheldon.Dillon@sullivanny.us.

### Saturday, May 25th

Mamakating: 9:00 - 11:15 am - Edward M. Maier Memorial VFW Post 4947 will hold Memorial Day Services at the following: 9:00 am - Poplar Grove Cemetery, 9:45 am - Monument at the Phillipsport Community Center, 10:30 am - Burlingham Cemetery, and 11:15 am - Pine Hill Cemetery. (Times are approximate)

### Sunday, May 26th

Roscoe: 2:00 pm - The Beaverkill Valley Fire Department will be Hosting a Chicken Barbecue.

Tusten-Highland-Lumberland: The Tusten-Highland-Lumberland VFW Post 6427 will have cemetery ceremonies to honor our deceased Veterans: 11:00 am - Lava Cemetery, 11:30 am - St. Francis Cemetery, 11:45 am - Glen Cove Cemetery and 2:00 pm -Ceremony at the Old Tusten Church, Town of Tusten.

### Monday, May 27th

Bethel: 11: 00 am - The SGT Andrew Brucher-Bailey-Richman VFW Post 5499 will hold a small service commemorating Memorial Day, in the Veterans Park across the street from the Kauneonga Lake Fire House. This year's guest speaker will be The Honorable James R. Farrell, Sullivan County Court Judge. Please arrive prior to 11:00 am.

Barryville: 9:15 am - Sylvan Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will conduct a Memorial Service at the Barryville Cemetery, Mail Road.

County Service: Liberty: 1:00 pm - The Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency will hold a Memorial Day Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery, 181 Sunset Lake Road, Liberty. Master of Ceremonies is Director Stephen Walsh.

Eldred: 8:45 am - Sylvan Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will conduct a Memorial Service at the Eldred Cemetery.

1:00 pm Tusten-Highland-Lumberland VFW Post 6427 and Sylvan Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will be holding joint Memorial Day Services at Heroes Park, corner of Route 55 and Proctor Road, in Eldred. Refreshments served after.

Fremont Center: 9:30 am - Allan Milk Memorial VFW Post 7276 and H. Russell Kenyon VFW Post 5808 will have the 140th Annual Memorial Service at Veteran's Park. 10:00 am - Freemont Town Hall Veterans Monument and Parade down County Route 94. 10:45 am - Flag Folding Ceremony featuring Guest Speaker and awards. Liberty: 10:30 am - The Town of Liberty and Corp. Russell Sprague VFW Post 109 will be having a Memorial Day Parade down Main Street and will conclude with a ceremony at the Liberty Veterans Cemetery on Cold Spring Road.

Long Eddy: 1:00 pm - The Alan Milk Memorial VFW Post 7276 will hold a Memorial Service at the Long Eddy Cemetery. Immediately following the service, there will be a luncheon at the Long Eddy Firehouse.

Lumberland: 10:00 am -The Town of Lumberland will be holding a brief event in commemoration of Memorial Day, at the Lumberland Town Hall, 1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey. The event begins inside the Town Hall and is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available.

Mamakating: 9:00 am - The Edward M. Maier Memorial VFW Post 4947 will hold a Dedication and Service at the Summitville Fire House and Monument. They will have a Memorial Day Service at 11:00 am at the Bloomingburg Cemetery, followed by the Wurtsboro Memorial Day Parade at 1:00 pm. Parade lineup at 12:30 pm, Step off at 1:00 pm.

Monticello: 10:00 am - The Sullivan County Jewish War Veterans will hold a Memorial Service at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello.

Roscoe: 10:00 am - The Floyd Keener American Legion Post 315 will have a Memorial Day Parade. 11:00 am - Memorial Day ceremony immediately after the Parade in front of the Roscoe-Rockland Firehouse.

Wurtsboro: 1:00 pm - The American Legion Post 1266 and Edward M. Maier Memorial VFW Post 4947 are hosting the 2024 Memorial Day Parade. Refreshments and ice cream will be served at the Wurtsboro Fire House at the conclusion of the parade.

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More information: jnad@co.ulster.ny.us

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# New Citizens to Take Oath in Ulster County

Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack announces that a naturalization ceremony will take place at the historic Ulster County Courthouse on Wall Street in Kingston on Friday, May 10th at 11:00 a.m.

Approximately 25 new citizens will take their Oaths of Allegiance accepting the responsibilities of an American, while also gaining the rights and privileges afforded to most Americans by birth. "I am honored to be a part of such a special ceremony," states Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack. "It's a moving experience to watch as people are finally able to realize their dream of becoming a U.S. citizen."

Several local elected officials and organizations will be helping to welcome the new citizens by awarding them with congratulatory certificates and providing them with useful resources and materials.

Presiding over the ceremony will be the Honorable Sharon A. Graff, Justice of the Supreme Court. Judge Graff will be the keynote speaker welcoming our 25 participants as newly naturalized American Citizens.

For further information about the ceremony or other programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please call County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040.

# Mayfest 2024 Memorial Day Weekend, May 25, 26, & 27, 2024 Saturday/Sunday 12-5pm, Monday 11am - 4pm where: Walkway Over the Hudson and Hudson Valley Rail Trail

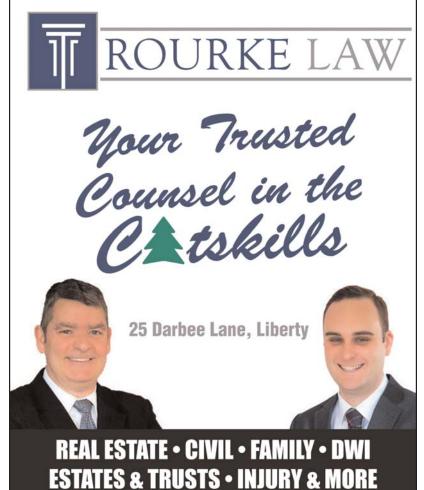
Over 190 local Farmers and Makers vendors will set up along the Hudson Valley Rail Trail and the parking lot. There is a small general admission ticket of \$5 per person, children under 12 free and Walkway Members for free. 100% of proceeds from this event assist all programs that are held for free at the Walkway - including the children's Walkway Explorer Program and assist our ADA Compliant tram to off free rides to the elderly, disabled and veterans.

Volunteers are needed to assist with parking, answer questions, be present at the entrances and exits to the tasting area, assist with registration, will monitor traffic flow on the rail trail and with event setup and breakdown. Help is needed Friday, May 24th; Saturday, May 25 & Sunday, May 26th, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm & 2:30 pm -5:30 pm & Monday, May 27th, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm & 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

In appreciation of your time, every volunteer will receive a general admission pass for use either the day before or after your shift. To register contact the Walkway via volunteer@walkway.org or 845-454-9649, ext. 110.

### **Esopus Family Fun Day, Car Show and 5K** Sunday, June 2nd from 10-3pm **Ross Park, 208 Bowne Street, Port Ewen**

The Esopus family fun day, car show and 5K Fun Run is an annual fundraiser hosted by Esopus Community



Foundation to raise money to send local kids to summer camp. We need lots of volunteers to help out with timing and traffic control for the Fun Run, helping out with free kids games, and set up. It's a great family day outing with lots of vendors, organizations, food and music.

### If you can help out please contact esopuscommunity@gmail.com

# **5th Annual Caribbean Carnival** August 17, 2024, 12-7pm Cantine Field, Saugerties

The 5th Annual Caribbean Carnival returns to the Hudson Valley on August 17, 2024. Mark your calendars for a day filled with celebration, learning, and togetherness as the community comes alive with the spirit of Caribbean culture.

Hosted at Cantine Field Saugerties, this much-anticipated event promises a day of excitement and cultural immersion for attendees of all ages. From 12pm to 7pm, guests will have the opportunity to partake in a variety of festivities, event is FREE of charge. You Can Make a Difference!

Our Caribbean Carnival is made possible by the generosity and support of people like you. Join our team as a volunteer and play a hands-on role in ensuring the event's success. To sign up or for more information email info@seasonedgives.org.

## Governor Hochul Highlights Statewide Efforts to Improve Maternal and Infant Help

• New York Becomes First State in the Nation to Create Paid Leave Program for Prenatal Care; Separate from Existing 12 Weeks of Paid Family Leave

 Doula Services Now Covered for Pregnant and Postpartum Medicaid Members Since March

#### • FY 2025 Enacted Budget Eliminates Out-Of-Pocket Costs for Certain Pregnancy-Related Benefits for New Yorkers on Essential Plan, Qualified Health Plans

#### Maternal Mental Health Initiatives Receive \$1.6 Million in New Resources in FY 2025 Enacted Budget

Governor Kathy Hochul today highlighted New York State's status as the first state in the nation to enact a stand-alone prenatal leave policy as part of the FY 2025 Enacted Budget. As part of her broader plan to improve maternal and infant mortality, the Governor also established statewide Medicaid coverage for doulas, created the state's first doula directory to assist pregnant New Yorkers seeking support, and has taken steps to eliminate cost-sharing for certain pregnancy-related benefits for those enrolled in the state's Essential Plan or Qualified Health Plans.

"We prioritizing maternal and infant health because every family deserves a healthy start in life," Governor Hochul said. "Every mother deserves to feel joy and excitement, not fear and trepidation as she brings life into the world. When all families have the care and support they need to thrive, our potential as a state is limitless."

#### Maternal Health Care

Through mandating a separate sick leave bank for prenatal care, New York will go further than any other state to ensure pregnant individuals can receive the health care needed to create healthy outcomes for parent and child without jeopardizing employment. Employees are now able to receive an additional 20 hours of paid sick leave for prenatal care in addition to the existing sick leave.

Ensuring prenatal leave builds on Governor Hochul's previous actions to support new parents and improve maternal health outcomes. The FY 2025 Enacted Budget includes offering 12 weeks of paid parental leave benefits to more than 80 percent of the state workforce and extending postpartum coverage for up to a full year for Medicaid and Child Health Plus enrollees.

The Budget also includes financial incentives for hospitals to reduce the number of unnecessary C-sections as part of Governor Hochul's Maternal and Infant Health Care agenda. Governor Hochul is also taking action to establish new oversight measures to identify physicians whose behavior is out of line with clinical best practices.

#### **Expanding Access to Doulas**

The Enacted Budget invests \$250,000 to establish a grant program to expand access to community-based doulas. The grant program will help recruit, train, support and mentor community-based doulas - especially those in historically vulnerable communities. This funding builds on the State's efforts to allow Medicaid coverage for doula services and facilitate easier access to doulas via a New York State Community Doula Directory. The Budget also authorizes the Commissioner of Health to issue a statewide standing order for doula services, expanding access for all birthing parents.

#### Maternal Mental Health

Governor Hochul secured \$1.6 million for maternal mental health initiatives in the FY 2025 Enacted Budget to ensure that service providers engaging pregnant and postpartum New Yorkers are equipped to provide the best care. Specialized training is being developed for counselors staffing the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, so they can better provide compassionate care, support, and necessary resources to mothers and birthing parents who experience mental health distress.

Governor Hochul issued a proclamation recognizing Maternal Mental Health Awareness Week, which extends through Sunday, May 5. The proclamation acknowledges that mental health conditions rank among the leading causes of maternal mortality in New York, and that an estimated one in eight women experience postpartum depression, with women of color significantly more likely to have symptoms.

#### Project **ŤE**ÅCH

The State Office of Mental Health is also expanding Project TEACH, so that a wider range of front-line practitioners - including therapists, lactation consultants, WIC staff, home visiting nurses, and others - can provide mental health support to pregnant and postpartum New Yorkers. Additionally, OMH was selected by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to participate in a National Learning Collaborative on this subject matter.

#### **Supporting Expecting Parents**

#### Portable Cribs for Under Resourced New Yorkers

Since safe sleep environments are crucial for reducing the risk of sleep-related deaths, Governor Hochul will provide funding for the distribution of portable cribs for under resourced New Yorkers at no cost. The cribs will be available to families via local county departments of social services and other local organizations. Medical professionals at birthing hospitals will also facilitate referrals where a need for a crib is identified.

#### **Protections for Employees Expressing Breast Milk**

Governor Hochul is also committed to protecting employees who need to express breast milk for that employee's nursing child. The FY 2025 Enacted Budget ensures that employers provide paid break time for employees who are nursing for up to three years following child birth. This ensures that no employer can discriminate in any way against an employee who chooses to express breast milk in the workplace.



#### MAY 9, 2024

### DEC Announces 2023-24 Deer Harvest Estimates New York Hunters Harvested Nearly 210,000 Deer, More Older Bucks Than Ever Before

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today announced that during the 2023-24 hunting seasons hunters in New York harvested an estimated 209,781 deer. The 2023-24 deer harvest included more than twice as many older bucks, bucks two-and-a-half years old or older, than were harvested in the early 1990s, and nearly five times as many than were harvested in 1969 when DEC first began monitoring the age structure of New York's deer herd.

"Nearly 70 percent of the bucks harvested by hunters during the 2023-24 deer hunting seasons were two years or older," Interim Commissioner Mahar said. "This demonstrates the continued effectiveness of DEC's Let Young Bucks Go and Watch Them Grow campaign, and the willingness of hunters to voluntarily pass up opportunities at young bucks to improve their future opportunities to harvest older bucks."

The 2023-24 estimated deer harvest included an estimated 112,224 antlered bucks (i.e., adult males) and an estimated 97,557 antlerless deer (i.e., adult females and fawns of either sex). Statewide, this represents a 3.6 percent decrease in antlered buck harvest and a 15.6 percent decrease in antlerless deer harvest from last season. The decrease in antlerless deer harvest, which is approximately 15 percent lower than the five-year average, is concerning because DEC manages deer populations through actions that encourage harvest of antlerless deer. Harvesting antlerless deer helps ensure deer populations remain in balance with available habitat and do not exceed levels of public acceptance that can lead to increased crop damage, deer-vehicle collisions, and other potentially negative deer-related impacts. Harvesting antlerless deer also helps ensure deer are able meet their nutritional demands for antler development, fawn recruitment, and body growth.

In some areas of the state, especially in Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) 1C, 3M, 3R, 3S, 4J, 6P, 7F, 7H, 7J, 8A, 8C, 8F, 8G, 8H, 8J, 8R, 8S, 9A, and 9F, hunters are not harvesting enough antlerless deer to manage deer populations effectively. The highest deer harvest densities were documented in the Western Finger Lakes region and Central Appalachian Plateau. Hunters harvested more than 10 deer per square mile in WMUs 8H, 8M, 8N, 8R, 8T, 8X, and 9Y, with more than 15 deer harvested per square mile in WMU 8R. In some of these units more antlerless deer need to be harvested to achieve population management objectives.

DEC is evaluating various regulatory and non-regulatory alternatives to increase harvest of antlerless deer during future hunting seasons and encourages all deer hunters in the WMUs to harvest at least one antlerless deer during the upcoming 2024-25 deer hunting season.

Throughout the 2023-24 deer hunting seasons, DEC staff and cooperating taxidermists collected biological samples from 2,713 deer for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) surveillance. No samples tested positive, and New York State remains CWD-free. DEC reminds hunters to remain vigilant to prevent the introduction of CWD into New York. Additionally, no outbreaks of epizootic hemorrhagic disease were documented in New York's deer herd in 2023.

#### **Notable Numbers**

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at (845) 701-0695

with the highest (WMU 8R) and lowest (WMU 5F) harvest density.

67.9 percent - portion of the adult buck harvest that was two-and-a-half years or older statewide, up from 45 percent a decade ago, and 30 percent in the 1990s.

49.9 percent - portion of successful deer hunters that reported their harvest as required by law. This is slightly above the five-year average of 48.6 percent.

Approximately 1.7 percent - the precision of DEC's 2023-24 statewide deer harvest estimate.

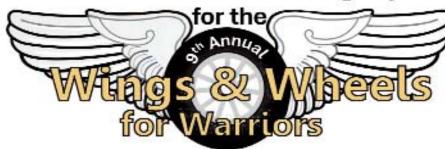
13,638 - number of hunter-harvested deer checked by DEC staff in 2023 to determine hunter reporting rate and collect biological data (e.g., age, sex, antler data).

2,713 - deer tested for CWD in 2023-24; none tested positive. DEC has tested more than 65,000 deer for CWD since 2002.

Deer harvest data are gathered from two main sources -- harvest reports required within seven days of harvest of all successful deer hunters, and DEC's examination of harvested deer at meat processors and check stations across the state. Harvest estimates are made by cross-referencing these two data sources and calculating the total harvest from the reporting rate for each zone and tag type.

DEC's 2023-24 Deer Harvest Summary report provides tables, figures, and maps detailing the deer harvest around the state. Past harvest summaries are also available on DEC's website. Appendix two of DEC's Management Plan for White-tailed Deer provides information on how DEC sets deer population objectives throughout the state.





## Saturday, May 18th 2024

Rain Date: Sunday, May 19th 9am to 3pm Judging begins at 11am

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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.

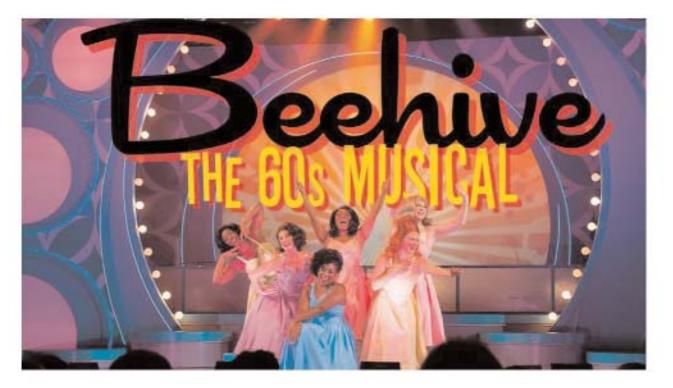


Hassina Brodie is a local artist who grew up in Monticello, New York. She became interested in art when her father taught her to draw. Her mother took her to Les Kristt art shop for lessons, and she studied at the Art Students League in Manhattan for three years. Her work has been shown in the BCA Gallery,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

> Monticello-Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library 479 Broadway Monticello, New York 12701-1300 (845)794-4660 https://ebcpl.org







## Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary Presents:

## "A Taste of Broadway III"

The Shadowland Theatre at 157 Canal St. is featuring this rollicking '60's Broadway musical coupled with lunch at Gaby's Café, 141 Canal St., Ellenville, NY.

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)

<u>Menu</u> Chips & Salsa Gaby's House Salad Choice of Entrees

Pollo 5 de Mauso

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

## Pernil al Horns

Roast Pork, Gaby's Style

Pasta Primancra

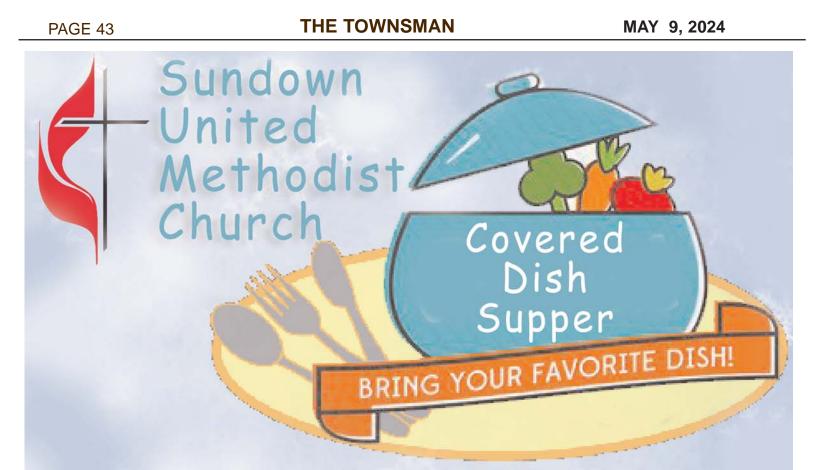
Roasted Vegetable over Pasta

## Dessert

Assorted Cookies,

Soda/Coffee/Tea Included

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



# June 1, 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

P.O. Box 254, 332 Main Street, Grahamsville NY 12740

# Time and the Valley Museum's Community Takeout Chicken BBQ

Saturday, May 18, 2024 4 to 6 p.m. \$15

> Museum and Library Parking Lot 332 Main Street, Grahamsville

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- Brownie from Frost Valley YMCA

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

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

## Pre-Order to Guarantee Your Meal!

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



COMMUNITY WIDE 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 Mercha	ndise:		
# of tables needed:	Electricity needed (ins	ide the building only).	: Yes No
Choose type of table:	8ft table or	8ft picnic table (	outside)
Please check if you w	ould like to be either outside	under the pavilion o	or inside the building.
***spots inside the bui	ilding are first come first serv	ve based on postage	date of application***
Pavilion:	Inside the building:		
Amount Due:	Check if paid: cas	h:	check #:
Signature of vendor:		Date:	
	ele or \$25.00 an 8ft table with Donation for door p		
Event	time: is 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	4 Set Up is 8:	00 AM
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Vendors are respo	onsible for leaving their area i	n the same conditior	as they found it.
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## 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



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## Daniel Pierce Library Rock the Library Jam Session Thursdays Starting May 9th for Tri-Valley Teens!



# SHANE RENNISON

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.



Daniel Pierce Library 328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268 Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233 dpl@rcls.org • www.danielpiercelibrary.org

## 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

## **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

#### THE TOWNSMAN

MAY 9, 2024

The Daniel Pierce Library will be celebrating our

The subject matter must be of local interest of

Dimensions should be approximately 24" x 30".

ounty Youth Book

The library will frame the winning entry and it will be placed above this mantle in the

Medium is your choice: oil, pastels, acrylic,

charcoal and pencil are all accepted.

1902 building on permanent display.

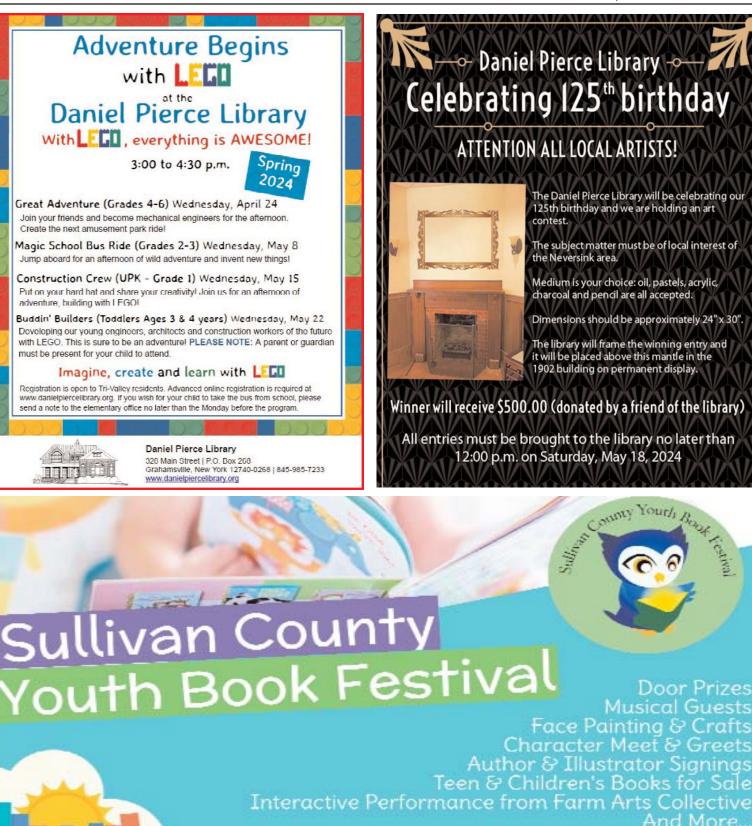
125th birthday and we are holding an art

ATTENTION ALL LOCAL ARTISTS!

the Neversink area.

12:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024

contest.



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 Legislature and administered by Delawar Valley Arts Alliance



And More...

**Door Prizes Musical Guests** 

Sunday, May 19th | 10:00-3:00 Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library 479 Broadway, Monticello scvbookfest.ord



### 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.

## Donate \$15 Save much more!

Stop by the library where cards are available

## -or-

If ordering online, your cards will be shipped to your home. Scan the QR code or go to this link:

instaraise.com/danielpiercelibrary/ultimatediscountcard

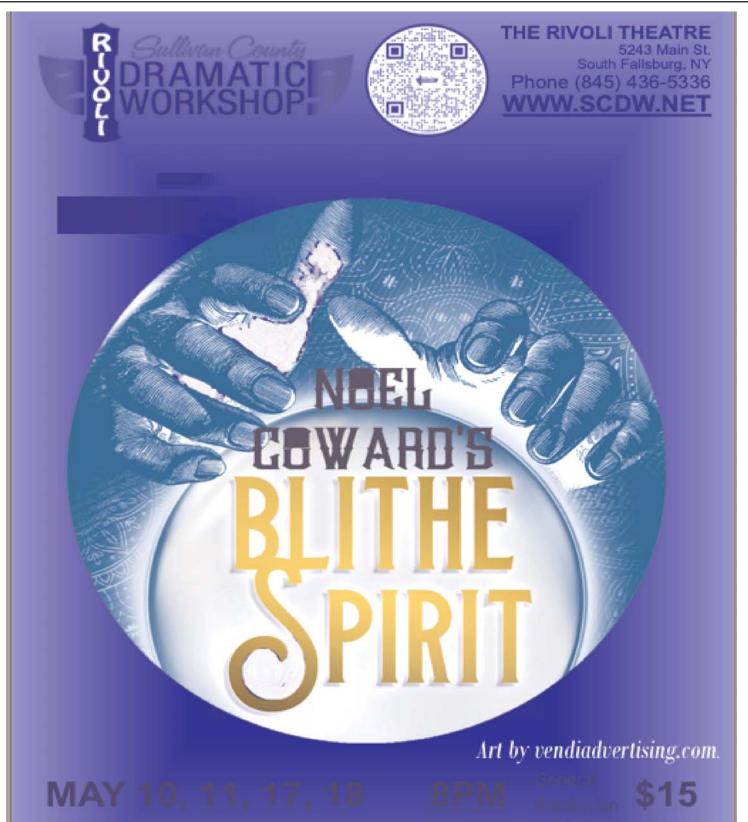


## Visit danielpiercelibrary.org for more information.



### **Daniel Pierce Library**

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#### Advance Sales <u>MyRiverTickets</u>

\$12

This project is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kalherine Hochul and the New York State Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.



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 at

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:

## FIGHTING THE MTA'S UNFAIR, UNINFORMED, AND UNACCEPTABLE CONGESTION PRICING

Last week, the MTA announced congestion pricing commuter discounts only for the five boroughs. It's yet another example of Hudson Valley families paying their hard-earned tax dollars to the MTA, only to watch all the benefits go to New York City.

I joined with Congressman Mike Lawler on a letter to demand that the MTA extends these discounts to all Metro-North and Long Island Rail Road riders who pay the MTA tax and commit to the infrastructure and service upgrades that Hudson Valley families deserve.

I will keep fighting against this unfair, uninformed, and unacceptable congestion pricing penalty.

## DEMANDING CENTRAL HUDSON'S RATE INCREASE BE REJECTED

Last week, the Public Service Commission announced it is recommending part of Central Hudson's proposed rate increase.

This proposed rate hike is outrageous, and if approved, would have a devastating impact on Hudson Valley families who continue to struggle with the fallout of Central Hudson's billing issues.

I'm again calling on the PSC to reject this exorbitant rate increase and hold public hearings on the recommended decision so that Central Hudson customers can make their voices heard before any final decision is made. We need real accountability and relief, not another corporate handout.

## HONORING THE LATE TERRY ANDERSON - A TRUE PATRIOT AND HERO

#### https://twitter.com/RepPatRyanNY/status/1786035703479972251

Terry Anderson heroically served our country first as a Marine and then as a journalist. It was a privilege to honor him on the House floor.

In 1985, while reporting on the Lebanese civil war as the AP's chief Middle Eastern correspondent, Terry was abducted by Hezbollah terrorists. Held hostage for 7 years, Terry never lost his sense of humor or his fiery spirit.

After his return, his extraordinary humanitarian efforts uplifted lives across the globe. Terry co-founded the Vietnam Children's Fund, which built over 50 schools for communities in need & fought veteran homelessness on the Board of the Rumshock Veterans Foundation.

As Terry said, "If you keep the hatred, you can't have the joy." I think we can all learn something from Terry Anderson, a true patriot. My thoughts are with Terry's family and the countless friends and colleagues that come from a life well-lived and grounded in service. Watch my speech here .

## PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF OUR FAMILIES AND ENVIRONMENT

Expanding the Iroquois Gas Pipeline directly threatens the health and safety of Hudson Valley families, just so billion dollar corporations can make even more in profit.

Governor Hochul and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation must reject this harmful proposal. I will keep fighting every day to protect the clean air, water, and soil that every Hudson Valley family deserves.

#### **BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU**

Everyone deserves the assistance they need right where they're at. My team goes that extra mile to cut through bureaucratic red tape and get Hudson Valley families the benefits they've earned with the C.A.R.E.S. Van.

If you need help navigating anything from IRS returns to Social Security, or just want to talk with my team, hope you'll join one of May's events!

#### CELEBRATING HUDSON VALLEY SMALL BUSINESS-ES

Last week, we celebrated the family-owned businesses that help our local economy thrive during National Small Business Week.

I had a great time recently honoring outstanding local business leaders at the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce's gala - a huge congratulations to the honorees and thank you to our small businesses across the Hudson Valley!

#### **PRESERVING NY-18 HISTORY**

The Hudson Valley is home to astounding places in American history.

I'm proud to bring home \$349,956 in federal funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the Huguenot Historical Society of New Paltz to preserve and share its historic humanities collection for Hudson Valley families to learn from and enjoy for generations to come!

#### SAVING THE WILDERNESS

Orange County Land Trust's work is critical to preserve the cherished wilderness and watersheds of the County.

I'm grateful that Maria from my team could join the Trust as it launched the 'Save Orange County's Last Wilderness' initiative to protect our land and waterways for generations to come!

#### **CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL LIBRARIES**

Last week concluded April's National School Library Month and I want to thank the librarians, teachers, and community members dedicated to empowering Hudson Valley students with a love for reading.

Your work is vital to inspiring our kids and preparing them for bright futures!

#### **BRINGING AWARENESS TO MENTAL HEALTHCARE**

As we begin May's Mental Health Awareness Month, know that you are not alone, mental health is health, and help is available.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has a toolkit to make it easier to find the care that is right for you. Learn more and find resources here. *https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help* 

#### **GRANTS CORNER**

#### NEW!

On Thursday, May 16, at 1:00PM, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation will host a webinar on current water infrastructure funding opportunities for water systems and municipalities in New York State, (Contd. Pg. 58)

#### THE TOWNSMAN

#### Pat Ryan

(From Pg. 57) with a focus on resources for lead service line replacement. The webinar will include a presentation on the various funds available, after which there will be time for Q&A. Register for the webinar here. https://usepa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItdumtrz8iG_ pO-jsJm-j3FKtRKqPkaAw#/registration

Please note that registration via the Zoom link is required, and space is limited to 500 participants.

The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation is now accepting applications for the inaugural round of the new Green Resiliency Grant (GRG) program. Governor Kathy Hochul has made at least \$60 million available for green infrastructure projects such as green roofs, green streets, and permeable pavement. The new program will prioritize grants to flood-prone communities for projects that help protect New Yorkers from extreme weather events. Learn more about eligibility and apply by August 16 here. https://efc.ny.gov/grg

The 2024 Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program will support the adoption and deployment of eligible Class 6 and 7 zero-emission vehicles while also funding zero-emission vehicle fueling infrastructure and workforce development and training. Across the nation, over 3 million Class 6 and Class 7 vehicles are currently in use, spanning a wide variety of vehicle types. The program is divided into two, separate, sub-competitions: The School Bus Sub-Program for applicants replacing school buses and the Vocational Vehicles Sub-Program for applicants replacing non-school bus Class 6 and 7 vehicles, including box trucks, dump trucks, street sweepers, delivery trucks utility trucks and more. Learn more and apply by July 25 here . https://www.epa.gov/cleanheavy-duty-vehicles-program/clean-heavy-duty-vehiclesgrant-program

#### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

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!



Who is Funding these Anti-Semitic Protests? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRZQ52EuArw

Antisemitic protests are erupting on college campuses across the country, and there should be repercussions for colleges that refuse to shut down these displays of violence and hatred. That's why I support House Republican's investigation into the vile antisemitism happening on college campuses and am committed to holding these perpetrators and their supporters accountable.

These protests across the country are coordinated and fueled by much larger dark money organizations that dump millions of dollars into these woke protests to keep them alive. At each protest, we see the same tents and signs. Not to mention who is paying for the plywood, masks, goggles, and other expensive supplies we see these rioters using.

We must get to the bottom of who is funding these heinous anti-Semitic protests against Jewish students.

#### President Biden is Reversing Title IX

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jlQVV6v92o

If the federal government can't force you to sing the national anthem, it shouldn't be able to force you to use someone's pronouns. The Biden Administration's decision to abolish Title IX and try to force Americans to use pronouns is a direct attack on our First Amendment.

The Biden administration is abusing its power to force an ideological agenda that harms women and girls and denies the facts.

I will always stand against the Left's woke agenda and defend Title IX!

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

#### My Votes Explained

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3738, the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration Act. Currently, the Veterans Benefits Administration is responsible for all Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits provided to veterans outside of health care and cemetery services. However, the bulk of staffing and resources have been directed toward the administration of disability compensation and pension claims. As a result, other benefits, such as transition assistance, vocational rehabilitation, and the Forever GI Bill, have received less attention. H.R. 3738 would address this issue by aligning transition, education, and employment programs in a separate wing within the VA. This will modernize the VA and give the aforementioned programs the proper attention and oversight they deserve without increasing bureaucracy. H.R. 3738 passed the House by a vote of 403-10. (Contd. Pg 59)

#### MAY 9, 2024

## This Week with Claudia

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I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4016, the Veteran Fraud Reimbursement Act. H.R. 4016 will help veterans who have suffered from benefits fraud, requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to quickly reimburse affected veterans. The VA will then be responsible for recouping the amount from the perpetrators of the fraud. It is vital to protect veterans and ensure their receipt of benefits does not suffer as a result of fraud. H.R. 4016 passed the House by a vote of 413-0. I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1767, the Student Veteran Benefit Restoration Act. H.R. 1767 will safeguard the education benefits of student veterans, requiring the restoration of benefits to any student veteran who was unable to complete their program due to a school closure or determination that the program is ineligible for VA education benefits. The educational institution will then be required to refund all amounts to the VA. Student veterans should not lose out on their hard-earned benefits due to forces outside of their control. H.R. 1767 passed the House by a vote of 406-6.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3397, the Western Economic Security Today Act of 2023. H.R. 3397 would stop a recent public lands rule proposed by the Biden administration from coming into effect. Under this proposed rule, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) would be able to lock up certain land under vaguely defined conservation leases, incorporate new standards when evaluating traditional multiple use decisions, and apply land health standards to all public lands. The proposed rule marks a significant shift in public land management that would lock up 10 percent of land in the United States and is an attempt to further the administration's flawed Green New Deal agenda. Rural communities across the American West rely on access to public lands for economic development, grazing, timber production, and recreation. Stopping the Biden administration's proposed rule will protect \$201 billion in economic output and save 783,000 jobs. H.R. 3397 passed the House by a vote of 212-202.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 615, the Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act of 2023. Recently, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) proposed to ban the use of lead ammunition and tackle in seven national wildlife refuges and to ban lead ammunition, but not tackle, in one additional national wildlife refuge by 2026. Lead ammunition and fishing tackle are the most cost-effective options on the market and provide an important revenue source for conservation efforts. In FY2024 alone, FWS received over \$1.3 billion in conservation funding from excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment, including ammunition and fishing tackle. H.R. 615 will prevent this misguided rule from coming into effect, ensuring Americans can continue to enjoy hunting and fishing. This bill passed the House by a vote of 214-201.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 764, the Trust the Science Act. H.R. 764 would reinstate the Trump administration's final rule removing the gray wolf as a protected species under the Endangered Species Act in the lower 48 states, where they do not face the threat of extinction. The current gray wolf population exceeds the recovery goal for delisting, which requires a stable or increasing population of wolves in Minnesota and at least 200 wolves outside of Minnesota. However, after the Trump administration published a 2020 rule to delist the gray wolf, an activist judge in California vacated the rule. This decision was so extreme, even the Biden administration is appealing the decision in order to reinstate the rule. H.R. 764 passed the House by a vote of 209-205.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3195, the Superior National Forest Restoration Act. H.R. 3195 halts the Biden administration's attack on domestic mineral development in Minnesota's Superior National

Forest (SNF). In January 2022, the Biden administration cancelled the two decades old mineral lease held by Twin Metals Minnesota in the SNF. One year later, a public land order went into effect, withdrawing 225,000 acres of land in the SNF from mineral extraction for 20 years. The SNF in northeastern Minnesota contains vast amounts of copper, nickel, cobalt, and platinum, which are vital for manufacturing batteries, electronics, and countless other high-tech items. In order to harness the technologies of the future, it is vital we responsibly mine the materials needed to make them here at home. H.R. 3195 passed the House by a vote of 212-203.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6090, the Antisemitism Awareness Act. H.R. 6090 seeks to combat the pro-terrorist, anti-Semitic protests taking over American college campuses by requiring the Department of Education to consider the 2016 International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) definition of anti-Semitism and its contemporary examples when reviewing, investigating, or determining whether discrimination has occurred. It further expresses the sense of Congress that discrimination against Jews may violate Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The IHRA's working definition of anti-Semitism and its contemporary examples are widely accepted and a vital tool for identifying and addressing discriminatory conduct that is motivated by anti-Semitism. Lastly, H.R. 6090 explicitly states that nothing in the bill "shall be construed to diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment". There can be no tolerance for anti-Semitism at our universities, in our communities, or anywhere across our country. H.R. 6090 passed the House by a vote of 320-91.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6285, Alaska's Right to Produce Act. Since his first day in office, President Biden has waged war on domestic fossil fuels to the detriment of American workers and families. H.R. 6285 reverses the Biden administration's harmful anti-American energy policies by reinstating the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) oil and gas leases and canceling the Department of the Interior's (DOI) National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A) rule. DOI was required to hold two lease sales in the 1002 Area of the ANWR - the first by December 2021 and the second by December 2024. The Trump administration held the first lease sale, but the Biden administration cancelled the leases. Earlier this month, DOI announced a rule that would lock up over half of the NPR-A for future energy production. These decisions will have a devastating impact on American jobs and energy production. H.R. 6285 would reverse these harmful actions from the Biden administration. This bill passed the House by a vote of 214-199 with two members voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 1112, Denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policies. The crisis at our southern border is the direct result of President Biden's radical open-borders policies. This resolution recognizes that the Biden administration's actions have created the worst border crisis in our nation's history, denounces these open borders polices, and urges the administration to immediately implement policies to end the crisis. Under President Biden's watch, more than 9.5 million illegal aliens from around the world, including suspected terrorists, have arrived at our southern border. And during his first 100 days in office, President Biden took almost 100 executive actions on immigration, including halting border wall construction. Additionally, the Biden administration suspended and terminated asylum agreements with El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. These agreements, which were entered into during the Trump administration, reduced the incentive for illegal immigration by allowing for the removal of certain aliens seeking asylum. President Biden also halted the successful "Remain in Mexico" program and his administration issued multiple memos limiting enforcement actions that can be taken against illegal aliens. (Contd. Pg 60)

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These are examples of how the Biden administration has repeatedly violated federal immigration law, including granting so-called "mass parole" to more than one million people and failing to detain or place aliens in removal proceedings. It is vital that President Biden changes course and starts enforcing our nation's immigration laws for the sake of our national security. H.Res. 1112 passed the House by a vote of 223-191.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4866, the Fire Weather Development Act of 2024. H.R. 4866 would require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to collaborate with other federal, state, and local stakeholders to undertake activities to improve wildfire forecasting, detection, and communication. Improving wildfire forecasting and detection will help protect communities across the country and save taxpayers billions of dollars in emergency response costs. I supported this legislation when it passed the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, and was pleased to support it again when it passed the full House of Representatives. H.R. 4866 passed the House by a vote of 341-48.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4755, the Privacy Enhancing Technology Research Act. H.R. 4755 would require the National Science Foundation to award research grants to projects that enhance privacy and security for personally identifiable information that may be collected. Congress must do more to protect Americans' private, sensitive data and this bill works to create the technological solutions to solve this critical issue. I voted in favor of this bill's passage through the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee and once again on the House floor. H.R. 4755 passed the House by a vote of 354-36.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 529, the Extending Limits of U.S. Customs Waters Act. H.R. 529 would formally extend authorities for the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) to perform law enforcement activities from 12 nautical miles to 24 nautical miles off the coast. New technologies have allowed CBP and USCG to interdict ships further off our nation's coast, allowing them to catch human traffickers and drug smugglers further from shore. This commonsense bill will help keep our nation safe and support law enforcement's ability to catch criminals. H.R. 529 passed the House by a vote of 402-6.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4824, the Carbon Sequestration Collaboration Act. H.R. 4824 would expand certain research activities on carbon dioxide sequestration conducted by the Department of Energy to include terrestrial carbon sequestration and carbon sequestration in geological formations. I support an all-of-theabove energy approach, which includes coal and natural gas. Investing in carbon sequestration technology will allow us to continue taking advantage of the vital energy produced by coal and natural gas. H.R. 4824 passed the House by a vote of 364-44.

I voted "Yes" on Ĥ.R. 4877, the Abandoned Well Remediation Research and Development Act. H.R. 4877 would direct the Department of Energy to carry out a research, development, and demonstration program on plugging and remediating abandoned oil and gas wells. Abandoned oil and gas wells can pose environmental and health challenges for local communities. Programs like this will invest in research solutions for plugging and remediating these abandoned wells to protect our communities. H.R. 4877 passed the House by a vote of 333-75.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6093, the Weather Act Reauthorization Act. H.R. 6093 would reauthorize weather forecasting and emergency preparedness activities related to extreme weather events. Programs included in this bill are critical to New York's 24th District, as they help us prepare for the extreme lake-effect snow and give our farmers the tools to navigate various adverse weather events. I was honored to vote to reauthorize these programs when this bill passed unanimously through the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee and was honored to support it once again on the House floor. H.R. 6093 passed the House by a vote of 394-19.



#### vercome to Kirsten's New York Minute! Here's what she's been up to this week:

#### **1. Stopping the flow of fentanyl**

The flow of fentanyl has devastated communities across New York and is responsible for tens of thousands of overdose deaths nationwide.

Over the past year, Kirsten has met with families of overdose victims and law enforcement fighting the fentanyl crisis across New York and she is committed to keeping deadly drugs like fentanyl off our streets.

This week, she announced the passage of the FEND Off Fentanyl Act, bipartisan legislation that will help disrupt the flow of illegal opioids into our neighborhoods. The legislation, which passed last week as part of the national security supplemental, will empower the U.S. government to go after the producers and drug traffickers bringing these dangerous drugs into the country.

Learn more. https://www.timesunion.com/state/article/gillibrand-touts-crackdown-fentanyl-traffickers-19433080.php

#### 2. Standing up for women's health

This week, Kirsten joined Halle Berry and a group of women senators to unveil the bipartisan Advancing Menopause Care and Mid-Life Women's Health Act, legislation that would advance research, data, public awareness, and funding for menopause and mid-life women's health.

Watch

here.

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

#### 3. Reclassifying marijuana

For decades, marijuana has been classified in the same category of drugs as heroin and a more dangerous category than fentanyl or cocaine - even though marijuana is not associated with the same health risks and potential for addiction and abuse.

Kirsten has long called on the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to reclassify marijuana, and this week, she applauded the DEA for answering her call and initiating the steps to reclassify marijuana as a Schedule III substance.

Kirsten will continue to fight to fully deschedule and legalize marijuana and end the restrictive federal marijuana policy that has disproportionately impacted Black and brown communities.

Learn more.

https://apnews.com/article/marijuana-biden-dea-criminal-justice-pot-f833a8dae6ceb31a8658a5d65832a3b8

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## Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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#### 4. Refunds for delayed flights

Flight delays and cancellations cause chaos for thousands each year, yet for years, airlines have not automatically issued cash refunds for impacted travelers.

After Kirsten called on the Department of Transportation (DOT) to investigate airlines' business practices and to hold them accountable for failing to issue proper compensation for significantly delayed or canceled flights, DOT issued a rule that will protect travelers and require airlines to promptly provide passengers with automatic cash refunds when owed.

Learn more. https://www.transportation.gov/briefingroom/biden-harris-administration-announces-final-rule-requiring-automatic-refunds-airline

#### 5. \$\$\$ to protect New York's wildlife

Kirsten is dedicated to bringing federal dollars home to ensure New York's wildlife is protected.

This week, she secured \$500,000 in federal funding to bring much-needed infrastructure improvements to the North Branch of the Boquet River that will help protect local wildlife species and habitats.

Read more. https://suncommunitynews.com/news/109624/500k-for-boquetriver-bridge-to-protect-wildlife/

#### 6. Helping New York businesses

When a Suffolk County business needed to secure federal tax refunds for credits claimed in 2022 filings, they contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team worked with the IRS on their behalf and the business received nearly \$500,000 in refunds.

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

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-yorkers/



Welcome to the Molinaro Memo: catching you up on my latest moves and work for Upstate New York!

#### Maker of State Fair Spiedie Sauce Joined Me In DC

Spiedies are a staple in our community. The nation, and world needed to know about them. I was beyond excited to have Rob Salamida from Broome County, the maker of State Fair Spiedie Sauce, in DC to participate in the Small Business Showcase. The event was hosted by the House Committee on Small Business and was 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.

#### Antisemitism Has No Place On College Campuses

I voted for the bipartisan Antisemitism Awareness Act to condemn the antisemitic demonstrations that have swept college campuses across the United States, including at Cornell University and Binghamton University. We need to speak with clarity. There are NOT two legitimate sides to this. Those spewing hate and antisemitism on college campuses are wrong and must face consequences.

## House Passed My Bipartisan Bill Supporting Entrepreneurs With Disabilities

Every person, of every ability, deserves to pursue their dreams and have a shot at success. My bill, the Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Reporting Act, passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support. This bill 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.

#### Inviting NY-19 Students To Participate In 2024 Congressional App Challenge

Following the success of the 2023 Congressional App challenge, I'm very excited to see what students have in store for this year's competition. The Congressional App challenge opened May 1 and is a great opportunity for middle and high school students across New York's 19th Congressional District to showcase their creativity and talents in STEM. Let the challenge begin! Click here to sign up.

#### **Investments in Upstate New York**

The Binghamton Airport received \$3 million to complete construction and renovations for airport terminals. I'm proud to secure this crucial funding so passengers can enjoy an improved experience, and the airport can continue upgrading its systems.

Communities like Ulster have been overlooked by Albany & Washington for far too long. I secured \$1 million for the Town of Ulster to replace their water tank. Having a consistent & clean water source should not be a luxury. This was long overdue & I'm proud to deliver results for our community.

#### **Around New York**

I addressed the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce to update them on my work for the community & local small businesses.

It was an honor to celebrate Vanguard Composite Squadron, NY 390, Civil Air Patrol's 16th anniversary! I was proud to present young cadets with well-deserved awards for their dedication and service on the Civil Air Patrol. Thank you for all your hard work!

Had a great meeting with the Firefighters Association of the State of New York. I'll always stand up for our firefighters to ensure they have the protections and support they need to do their jobs safely.

Enjoyed meeting with the Delhi Telephone Company to discuss my work to extend the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and the company's work to provide reliable internet services across Delaware County. Thank you for the visit and continue the great work serving Delhi.

National Day of Prayer is an annual observance for Christians across America to come together in prayer. I was happy to join the Catskill community for their celebration.

I'm proud to have the Hudson Valley National Center For Veteran Reintegration in our community, providing vital support and companionship for our veterans and service members. Thank you for the great tour and being a wonderful resource to Ulster County!

As mental health awareness month begins, I was proud to join the Mental Health Association of Columbia-Greene in showing my support for mental health programs and services throughout Columbia & Greene counties. I have and will continue to fight for these vital services throughout the community.

I had a great tour at SUNY Ulster in Stone Ridge. Enjoyed meeting with President Buckley to hear all about her work for the school and how I can continue to help.

### Molinaro Speaks out Against Antisemitism on College Campuses

WASHINGTON, DC (WIVT/WBGH) - Congressman Marc Molinaro spoke on the House Floor on Wednesday and condemned antisemitism on college campuses.

Molinaro announced that he will be voting in favor of the bipartisan Antisemitism Awareness Act which ensures federal anti-discrimination laws are being enforced. He also spoke out against the antisemitic demonstrations that have swept college campuses across the United States, including at Cornell University and Binghamton University which are located in New York's 19th Congressional District.

## Molinaro tells Ulster Businesspeople Housing Costs and Childcare Costs Difficult to Manage

SAUGERTIES - Congressman Marc Molinaro, (R-19th District) was the keynote speaker Thursday during the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce's monthly breakfast meeting.

He spoke about the needs of working families and their struggles to pay for expensive housing and childcare, and how this affects small businesses. But he also spoke about global problems, such as the wars in the Ukraine and the Middle East, and America's commitment to help in both conflicts.

### **Molinaro Serves as Speaker Pro Tempore**

(WIVT/WBGH) - Congressman Marc Molinaro was at the center of a series of high-profile votes in the House of Representatives on Saturday.

The freshman Republican was designated as Speaker Pro Tem by House Speaker Mike Johnson.

With gavel in hand, Molinaro presided over the separate votes to send military aid to Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan.

Following the Ukraine vote, he chastised some of his colleagues for breaking the rules of decorum by waving Ukrainian flags.

According to his staff, Molinaro has served as Speaker Pro Tem several times since taking office, and he specifically requested the gavel for Saturday's votes.

Molinaro voted in favor of all three foreign aid bills. He says he was inspired to request the position by having met with Greater Binghamton's active Ukrainian American community as well as Jewish constituents across his district who reinforced the need to supply American allies with vital aid.

Antisemitism bill draws bipartisan support amid protests rocking college campuses

Reps. Josh Gottheimer, R-N.J., and Marc Molinaro, R-N.Y., discuss the Antisemitism Awareness Act and anti-Israel protests sweeping across the nation on 'Your World.'

https://www.foxnews.com/video/6352151584112

### Rep. Molinaro Invites NY-19 Students to Participate in 2024 Congressional APP Challenge

Binghamton, NY -U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced his office is participating in the annual Congressional App Challenge.

The Congressional App Challenge is a nationwide competition that encourages students to learn science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills by coding their own application or "app" for any digital device. It is open to all middle and high school students who live or attend school in New York's 19th Congressional District, regardless of skill level. Students can choose to participate individually or as part of a team of up to 4 students.

The winners of Rep. Molinaro's App Competiton last year were sixth graders from Newark Valley Middle School in Tioga County, Myah and Addison. They created an app that helped people learn American sign language (ASL) by teaching the alphabet and common phrases. Winners have the opportunity to showcase their work in the U.S. Capitol Building.

https://twitter.com/RepMolinaroNY19/status/1778469231597674741

Rep. Molinaro said, "Following 2023's Congressional App winners, I'm very excited to see what students have in store for this year's competition. The Congressional App challenge is a great opportunity for middle and high school students across New York's 19th Congressional District to showcase their creativity and talents in STEM. Let the challenge begin!"

The Čongressional App Challenge opened May 1 and extends until October 24, 2024. To enter the challenge, students must register here. https://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/students/student-registration/

More information on registration and participation in the Congressional App Challenge can be found here. https://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/

### Rep. Molinaro Announces \$3 Million in New Funding for Greater Binghamton Airport

Binghamton, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced the Greater Binghamton Airport will receive an additional \$3,000,000 in federal funding for airport terminal upgrades. Last year, Rep. Molinaro announced the airport will receive \$7,000,000 for upgrades.

The funds are available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Airport Terminal Program. Rep. Molinaro serves on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, which is tasked with overseeing the rollout of IIJA.

With these funds, the airport will expand its passenger hold room, replace its aging heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment with reliable and energy efficient units, install two new passenger boarding bridges, and expand its exterior canopy.

Rep. Molinaro said, "These funds will allow Binghamton Airport to complete construction and renovations. I'm proud to secure this crucial funding so passengers enjoy their experience, and the airport can continue upgrading its systems."

Broome County Executive Jason Garnar said, "The award of these funds shows our strong partnership with our state and federal officials. It puts on full display the importance and impact of this project in our community."

Commissioner of Aviation at Greater Binghamton Airport Mark Heefner said, "We are thrilled to receive these competitive funds. BGM and Broome County has a proven track record of putting these funds to good use with high return on investment. These funds are critical to providing our community with services for years to come."





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## Rep. Molinaro Announces Mobile Office Hours in Tompkins & Sullivan County

Liberty, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced his constituent service team will hold mobile office hours from 11:00am to 1:00pm on Wednesday, May 15 at the Dryden Town Hall and from 12:00pm to 2:00pm on Wednesday, May 15 at the Lumberland Town 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:

## **Tompkins County**

Date: Wednesday, May 15 Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm Location: Dryden Town Hall 93 East Main Street Dryden, NY 13053

## **Sullivan County**

Date: Wednesday, May 15 Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm Location: Lumberland Town Hall 1054 Proctor Road Glen Spey, NY 12737



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## Ulster County and RUPCO Awarded \$5 Million to Continue Successful "Plus One" Home Program

14 Awardees Chosen for Round 1 of Program, Providing Grants to Build Affordable Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County has been granted \$5 million by New York State Housing and Community Renewal to extend the implementation of the Plus One ADU Program, which provides financial assistance to Ulster County homeowners for the construction of new, codecompliant Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). In partnership with RUPCO and eight municipalities whose zoning permits ADUs, the funding will facilitate Round 2 of the Plus One ADU Program. Municipalities include: City of Kingston, Town of Woodstock, Town of Saugerties, Town of Rosendale, Village of Ellenville, Village of New Paltz, Town of Lloyd, and Town of Ulster.

Eligible homeowners, earning 100% or less of Ulster County's Area Median Income, can apply for up to approximately \$110,000 for ADU construction or rehabilitation through the program. In return, participants agree to rent the unit at an affordable rate for a minimum of 10 years. Award grantees receive support from Ulster County and RUPCO throughout the design, construction, and permitting process.

In Round 1 of the Ulster County Plus One ADU Program, 14 recipients were selected from a pool of over 100 applicants. These awardees are currently in the design and permitting process to ensure project feasibility before finalizing contracts with the County and RUPCO to access construction funding for their ADUs. During Round 1 of the program, a design competition was held to create lowcost and sustainable ADU building plans. Thanks to funding from the City of Kingston's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), these resources are freely available to all Ulster County residents and can be found here: https://engagekingston.com/adu-design-competition.

"ADUs are a great way to expand the availability of housing that is affordable, and can also benefit property owners in different ways, whether it's providing a needed source of additional income, or enabling a caregiver or relative to live in close proximity," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "I am delighted that we will be able to continue this popular program, and we thank New York State Housing and Community Renewal for this sizable award to our County."

"We are pleased to be at the forefront of this new initiative to create accessory dwelling units along with our partners," said RUPCO Chief Executive Officer Kevin O'Connor. "Hopefully, we will continue to demonstrate the success that ADUs can have for both homeowners and tenants."

"We are thrilled to continue this work with Ulster County and RUPCO to support low- and moderate-income homeowners with funding for the construction of an ADU. I thank the New York State Homes and Community Renewal for another infusion of this critical funding so that we can continue to encourage the creation of workforce and affordable housing here in Kingston," said Kingston Mayor Steve Noble. "With programs like Plus One ADU, we are already starting to see the development of much-needed 'missing middle' housing."

"The Plus One Program would provide a multipronged solution to the housing shortage facing both the Village of Ellenville and Ulster County," said Ellenville Mayor Evan Trent. "The creation and/or improvement of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) would support homeowners' ability to offset their own housing costs in a time of rising prices while at the same time providing safe, quality housing to fill the compelling housing void."

"The Village of New Paltz updated our ADU law in 2021 to promote more efficient uses of buildings, especially large existing residences, and to expand rental housing opportunities. Our law permits ADUs within, attached to, or detached from main residences, without an increase in lot area. We are excited that Ulster County has been awarded \$5 million for Round 2 of the Plus One ADU Program," said New Paltz Mayor Tim Rogers. "The County's innovative and unique program provides assistance to qualifying homeowners for the construction or rehabilitation of an ADU, provided the property owner agrees to rent the unit at an affordable rate for a fixed period of time. We look forward to seeing more ADUs in New Paltz."

Partnering municipalities were selected due to their ADU-friendly zoning policies and access to public water and sewer systems, which significantly enhances ADU feasibility and cost-effectiveness. The County also observed resident interest in ADU construction in these areas, based on the over 100 applications received during Round 1 of the program.

Round 2 of the program will launch and begin accepting applications in the summer of 2024.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

An Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) refers to all forms of additional housing units on residential properties, which can be either attached (internal) to the primary residence (like a basement apartment) or detached (external) from it (such as a garage conversion or cottage). ADUs offer numerous benefits, including providing rental income to homeowners and offering affordable housing options for renters within residential neighborhoods. Additionally, ADUs can support older residents in aging in place by providing a suitable living arrangement. The Plus One ADU Program prioritizes expanding access to equity-building tools, such as secondary rental apartments, particularly for low and moderate-income homeowners. Emphasis is placed on supporting historically disadvantaged communities and locations with existing water and sewer infrastructure.

The Plus One ADU Program aligns with the County and State's aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85 percent from 1990 levels by 2050. Secondary apartment units typically require fewer building materials, energy, and land than traditional home construction methods. Additionally, when situated in or near towns and village centers, ADUs can enhance opportunities for walking, biking, and accessing public transit services compared to traditional singlefamily homes. To discover more about the Plus One ADU Program, visit

https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/plus-one

### Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger has released the following statement:

"Last Thursday night, we saw 132 people arrested in Parker Quad at SUNY New Paltz in a show of force by State police. The students were engaging in peaceful protest and standing up for what they fervently believe, and the response of law enforcement was disproportionate to the scene in front of them. I have already communicated my concerns about the police response to officials in Albany. I know President Wheeler to be a thoughtful leader, and know he faced difficult decisions that day - decisions that will have lasting consequences for the campus community. Students, faculty members, and community members have understandably expressed shock and dismay about what transpired that evening. Moving forward from here, much work must be done to rebuild trust, with open dialogue and communication about why events unfolded and escalated the way they did."

### Statement from Rep. Molinaro on Binghamton University's Antisemitic Encampment, Jewish Hate on College Campuses Acros America

Binghamton, NY - In response to the new antisemitic encampment erected at Binghamton University, U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today released the following statement:

"To those demonstrators, I want to make one thing abundantly clear: while you have every right to oppose the way another country is waging a war, you do not have the right to trample on the religious expression of others. What is occurring is not merely dissent; it's hate speech. It's antisemitism.

"Having visited both BU and Cornell, and having had earnest conversations with demonstrators and Jewish students alike, I must emphasize: there simply are not two legitimate sides to this argument.

"Jewish students are facing threats and intimidation simply because of their religion. Just consider, there is a Cornell student now behind bars for threatening to kill Jews on campus. It's appalling and last night's events at BU are even more infuriating. As students gear up for finals, demonstrators have now erected an antisemitic encampment.

"And to the presidents of these colleges: it's time to shut it down. America is watching. Congress is watching and we are actively exploring measures to withhold federal funding from institutions and students that participate in antisemitism. And for presidents choosing inaction, my colleagues stand ready to hear your testimony before a congressional panel. The time for silence is over."

#### **Background:**

Rep. Molinaro has been an outspoken critic of antisemitic demonstrations infecting Cornell University, Binghamton University, and college campuses across America. In response, yesterday he voted in Congress to pass a bipartisan bill that requires the Department of Education to use a clear and uniform definition of antisemitism when enforcing anti-discrimination laws on college campuses.



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## DEC Announces Winner of "Create a Watershed Superhero" Poster Contest Artwork by Minisink Valley Student Selected as 2024 Poster Contest Winner

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar and the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) are pleased to announce the 2024 winners of the annual "Create a Watershed Superhero" poster



contest for middle school students. This year's top winner is Hsin-Tien Wei from Minisink Valley Middle School of Slate Hill, New York. Fourteen student artists were recognized as winners out of more than 500 submissions from 31 schools across New York State.

"The winner of the 2024 Create a Watershed Superhero poster contest reminds us of the everyday actions we all can take to protect our watersheds and conserve water," Interim Commissioner Mahar said. "DEC congratulates Hsin-Tien and all the student poster contest participants for their creative submissions."

The annual poster contest encourages middle school students to learn about their role in protecting watersheds and how to conserve and safeguard our water resources, now and for future generations.

"NYWEA is proud to take part in this poster contest with the DEC every year, and even more proud of all of the Watershed Superheroes we now have because of the involvement of the students and teachers who participated this year," NYWEA's Executive Director Khris Dodson said.

Hsin-Tien Wei's top prize winning poster

DEC received more than 500 submissions from 31 schools statewide, and 14 total winners were selected. The winning posters will be featured in DEC and NYWEA's 2024 annual calendar, with the top prize winner's art featured on the cover. 2024 Poster Contest Winners:

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Luna Card	8	Minisink Valley Middle
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Danni Chen	7	P.S./I.S. 102q
Hailey Hecht	6	Shore Road School
Alice Jiang	8	SEEALL Academy
Jordyn Johnson	8	Gouverneur Central School
		District
Kaylee Kwiecinski	7	JFK Middle School
Pin-Hsu (Justin) Liu	7	New Hyde Park Memorial
		High School
Lizbeth Reyes	8	America's School of Heroes
		M.S. 137
Deanna Riomao	6	Shore Road School
Hayley Soe	7	JFK Middle School
Janelle Suexo	7	Pearl River Middle School
Hsin-Tien Wei	8	Minisink Valley Middle
		School
Sophia Zammillo	8	IFK Middle School

Sophia Zammillo 8 JFK Middle School New York State teachers, schools, and clubs that wish to participate in the 2025 poster contest can visit DEC's website for more information https://dec.ny.gov/getinvolved/education/teacher-information/poster-contests/create-awatershed-super-hero-calendar-contest



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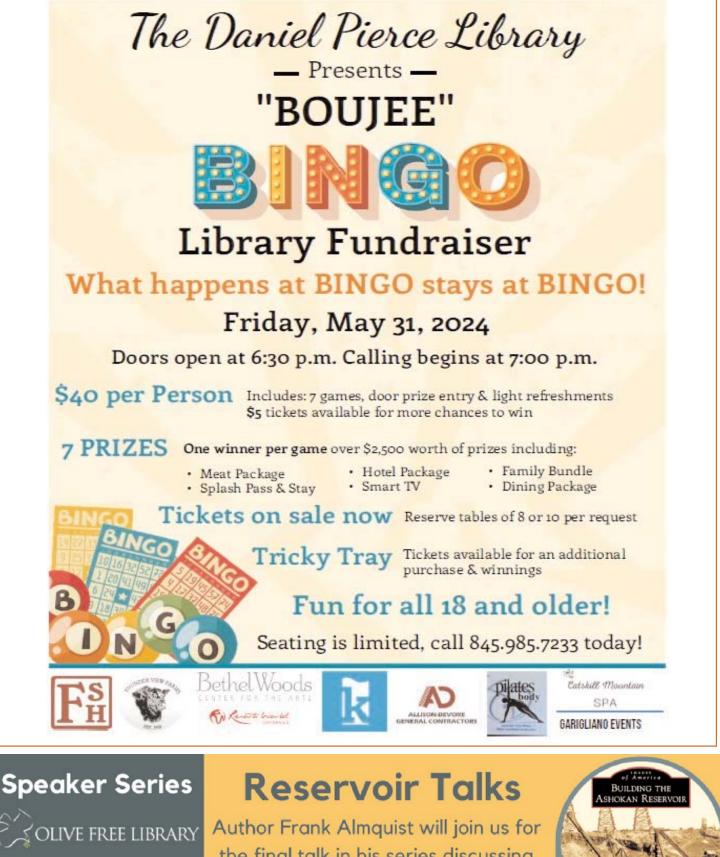
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Contact Dana Wright for more information: myhomeschool101@yahoo.com

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### Volunteer with Ulster Habitat and Help Build Homes

Volunteers are needed on our construction sites. Building opportunities are available Wednesday through Saturday. No construction experience necessary. You must be 18 years of age or older to help on our construction sites. To find out more call 845-340-0907 x 105 to speak with our Volunteer Coordinator.

For more information about Ulster County Habitat for Humanity, please visit our website at https://ulsterhabitat.org/vol-unteer/ or email volunteers@ulsterhabitat.org.

## Ulster County Office for the Aging Seeks Volunteers

Ulster County Office for the Aging seeks volunteers in the following areas:

Volunteers willing to assist as shoppers or with grocery pickup, chore doers, light maintenance volunteers for area seniors Warm Callers - folks who are willing to call isolated seniors regularly so they hear a friendly voice, have someone to speak to



Volunteer drivers for our Neighbor to Neighbor Medical appt driving program

Help at various pantries like Angel Food East, People's Place, Rondout Valley Food Pantry

Drivers for those pantries, maybe cooks

Caregiver group respite

Help at area nursing home for transporting, activities, companionship

Volunteers willing to be trained to be ombudsmen in nursing homes

## News from Friends of Olive Free Library

Are you working in your garden and discovering a lot of plants that need to be divided? If you divide now and can save them to donate to the Library Fair Plant Sale on June 22, the Friends Group would love to have them!

We'd also greatly appreciate any extra seedlings.

The money raised at this event will benefit the library.

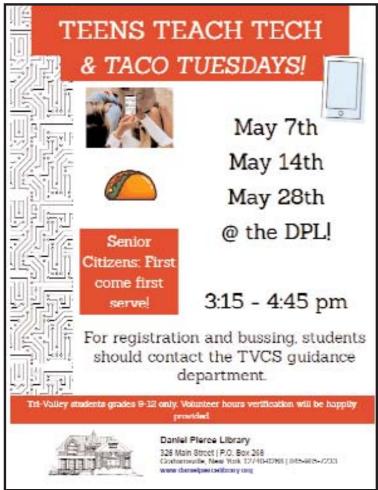
Can you help? Let us know: friends@olivefreelibrary.org Do you have a special garden or know someone who does?

The Friends Group is looking for gardens for our Garden Tour on July 13.

This event was a great success last year and we are happy to offer it again this year to our community.

Email us at friends@olivefreelibrary.org

Coaches for evidence-based programming which help folks learn to live more safely and wholly



















### You are invited to get involved! Make a difference in your community today.

Volunteering with Sullivan 180 offers diverse opportunities for grassroots engagement while connecting people with places and one another. We are looking for volunteers to help with: beautifying schools and public spaces; teaching workshops; leading health and wellness programs; and outreach support. Volunteer opportunities are matched to individual skills, interests, and availability.

Why volunteer? Volunteering:

- connects individuals to their community;
- Teaches new skills;
- promotes physical activity;
- and so much more!

"I was born and raised in Monticello, and it feels good to give back. Lenjoy working with everyone involved. I volunteer because I want to make a difference where I live."

-Diane Moss, Community Volunteer

### COMMUNITY HEALTH CHAMPION & VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Wednesday, April 24 6:00-8:00 PM

CVI Building, I Cablevision Center Drive, Liberty

#### Register at Sullivan180.org.

Questions? Contact Anne-Louise Scandariato at Anne-Louise@Sullivan180.org or (845) 295-2405.





Sponsored by: Woodbourne Fire Department

Location: 355 Fire House Road Woodbourne NY, 12788 <u>Time: 10am - 4pm</u> Date: Saturday, May 25th, 2024

Vendor spots are \$25.00 (NONREFUNDABLE) for a 10x10 spot. *Food Vendors are \$50.00 (NONREFUNDABLE)* *All Vendors Must supply their own power for outside.* *Payment must be made prior to setting up your spot*

Vendor's spots will be available inside and outside. Tables will be provided for inside Only. If you have a spot outside, you will need to provide your own tables.

Indoor spots are a First come First serve basis (ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT)

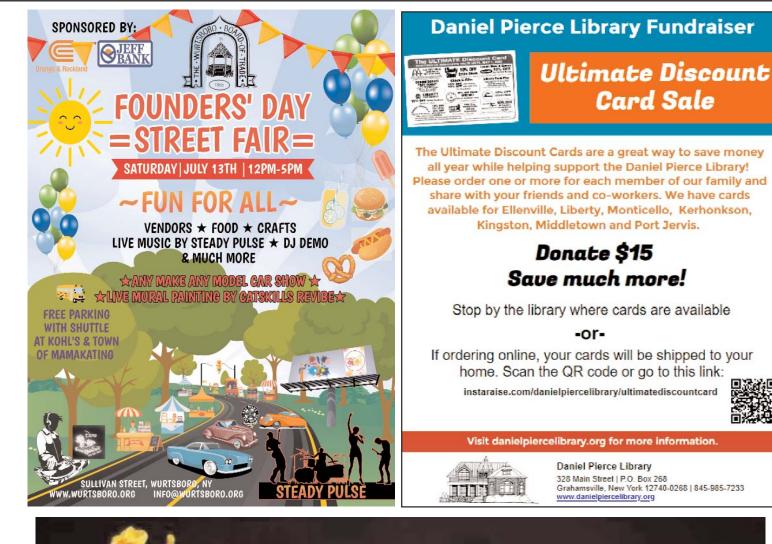
and No spots will be reserved. Once indoor spots are filled everyone will need to set up outside.

For more information please contact Amanda at (845)-798-8648 or James at (845)-423-3910 or Send a email to wfd91815@gmail.com and put Vendor Information in subject.



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#### Call for Voices of Survivors

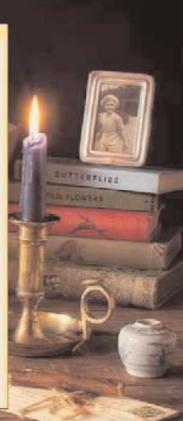
~Be a beacon of Inspiration--

Join our immersive experience with themes of survival, hope and humanity, by sharing your voice as survivors from the Holocaust to present day.

Share your story, your family's story at our host locations: The Liberty Museum and Arts Center, Liberty NY, and the Sullivan County Historical Society Museum, Hurleyville, NY.

Dates for LMAC are May 17-June 9th and At SCHSM are Sept. 12-15th, Sept. 26-29th.

> For more information, contact hope@hopescompass.org



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

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

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



with mental health challenges. Together we have time for conversation and an activity. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!

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







# ELEMENTARY SOCIAL SKILLS

#### Registration is open for Grades K-5.

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

- Manners
- Listening
- Hygiene
- Emotions

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Family Peer Advocate (845) 794-4228 info@atitoday.org

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

Visit our website at atitoday.org



## Middle School Social Skills



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

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

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

## For more information:

Family Peer Advocate (845) 794 – 4228 infoeatitoday.org Funding is provided by OPWDD. There is no cost to the student or family of students on the Autism Spectrum who receive or arc eligible to receive OPWDD services.



4pm-10pm

#### Sullivan County **Sullivan County Intervention Line Text For Teens** for Parents and Teens Are you a parent struggling with your family? Hey...I really need to Are you a teen having problems at home? talk to someone. Can you help? Help is available now! We are here anytime you need to talk. Give us a call or send us a text and Free & confidential support Someone who can listen and help someone will always be there to listen Text as often as you need! and help you deal with your situation. We're Here to Listen: Text "Start" to: Bullying - Eating Disorders -Self-Harm - Homeless/Runaway -Text 845-372-1817 Pregnancy - Problems at Home -845-637-9486 Relationship Issues - LGBTQ+ -Divorce - School Issues -OFF HOURS: Call 866-372-2336 Substance Use -Physical/Mental/Sexual Health -Call 1-888-750-2266, option 2 and more! Calls and texts are answered 24/7 Text for Teens is supported by a Grant Mother Cabrini of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation A program of the DRC CCESS: accesssupports.org SUPPORTS FOR LIVING ig lives. Healthy com **COVID-19 Vaccines Save Lives** Friends Contact: **GET SIGNED UP TODAY FOR OUR UPCOMING** Alyssa Wowk ¿A quien Who will you **CERTIFICATION CLASS !!** (845) 645-6544 protegerás? protect? awowk@chowc.net Sullivan County Department of Social Services is looking Amigos for families who can help fulfill the DESPERATE NEED Family COUNTY CATSKILLS for ages 8-18! **FOSTER HOMES Obtenga los** Get the facts. hechos. NEEDED! Familia Community Hable con su Talk to your proveedor de healthcare salud sobre la provider about the COVID vacuna del COVID-19. vaccine. Communidad **#VaccinateSullivan** Public Health For more information, visit www.sullivanny.us



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

> Every Friday from 5:00pm to 6:15pm 309 East Broadway Monticello, NY 12701

FOR MORE INFORMATION: (845) 794-4228 info@atitoday.org



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### DEC Celebrates Air Quality Awareness Week in New York State Annual Observation May 6 to 10 Promotes Importance of Air Quality Monitoring and State's Successful Clean Air Initiatives

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today announced that May 6 to 10 is Air Quality Awareness Week (AQAW). The public awareness event is held in coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's nationwide campaign to share information about efforts to protect and improve air quality. Throughout the week, DEC is promoting a different air quality topic on its social media platforms and highlight State initiatives and investments to promote clean air. The theme for this year is "Knowing Your Air."

"Air Quality Awareness Week helps educate the public about actions they can take to improve air quality, as well as New York's significant progress in protecting and enhancing air quality statewide," Interim Commissioner Mahar said. "I encourage all New Yorkers to take part by learning about the pollution that impacts public health, sign up for air quality alerts and newsletters, and check out DEC's website and social media platforms to better 'Know Your Air' this week and all year long."

Air pollution can harm public health and natural resources in a variety of ways. Hot summer weather sets the stage for two major pollutants of concern for human health: the formation of ozone (O3) and fine particulate matter (PM2.5), tiny solid particles or liquid droplets in the air that are 2.5 microns or less in diameter. Fish and wildlife show harmful effects from acid rain and mercury in air. Greenhouse gases in the air are changing the world's climate and contributing to harmful impacts including extreme heat, deadly flooding, drought, fires, rising sea levels, and severe storms.

Air pollutants originate from many human activities. Most pollutants come from:

- o on- and off-road vehicles and power equipment;
- o power plants that burn oil, gas, or coal;

o heating and cooling of residential and commercial buildings; and

o industries that manufacture chemicals and other goods.

New York State leads the nation with some of the most stringent air quality guidelines and regulations to help protect public health and the environment. Due in large part to these requirements and the ongoing efforts of DEC's dedicated air quality staff, statewide emissions of pollutants from major facilities were significantly reduced from 2000 to 2022:

- o Particulate matter (PM) 88 percent;
- o Sulfur dioxide (SO2) 97 percent;
- o Nitrogen oxides (NOx) 81 percent;
- o Volatile organic compounds (VOC) 67 percent;
- o Carbon Monoxide (CO) 58 percent; and
- o Hazardous air pollutants (HAP) 73 percent.

From 2000 to 2022, monitored ambient levels of pollutants statewide were also reduced:

o Particulate matter less than 2.5 microns (PM 2.5) - 50 percent

- o SO2 90 percent
- o Nitrogen dioxide (NO2) 30 percent
- o Ozone 12 percent

E veryone can help significantly reduce pollution by following tips on Living the Green Life. https://dec.ny.gov/get-involved/living-green

#### Air Quality Alerts and Forecasting

DEC's Division of Air Resources closely monitors air quality conditions statewide and works with the State Department of Health to issue timely public health advisories that millions of New Yorkers depend on each year. Visit dec.ny.gov for updated forecasts and information about air quality index levels, and Department of Health website for information on health risks and precautions related to air quality.

In February, the U.S. EPA announced a final rule to strengthen the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for fine particle pollution, also known as fine particulate matter (PM2.5) or soot. The lower standard may result in more days identified higher on the AQI scale but that does not mean PM2.5 pollution in New York State has gotten worse. The changes to the AQI reflect the latest science on particle pollution and health, and the updates U.S. EPA has made to the annual standard for fine particle pollution. For more on the new standards including a list of commonly asked questions, visit the AIRNOW website. https://www.airnow.gov/

#### **Community Air Quality**

Residents and community-based organizations often approach DEC when they have air quality concerns. DEC uses existing air quality data, air quality model results, and information on local sources of air pollution to better understand community concerns. In a limited number of instances this has led to DEC conducting a more in-depth air quality study such as in Tonawanda, and Albany's South End neighborhood.

More recently the DEC collected air quality data for the statewide Community Air Monitoring Initiative, required by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. This initiative gathered air quality data in 10 disadvantaged communities across New York.

#### Air Quality Awareness Week

AQAW provides an opportunity for people to learn about what causes poor air quality and how people can prepare for and respond to events and environments with poor air quality - not just during the month of May, but year-round.

Follow DEC information throughout the week #AQAW2024. Daily topics highlighted throughout the week on DEC's social media platforms (@NYSDEC) include:

- o Monday, May 6 Wildland Fires and Smoke
- o Tuesday, May 7 Asthma and Your Health
- o Wednesday, May 8 Air Quality and Climate
- o Thursday, May 9 Air Quality and Environmental Justice
- o Friday, May 10 Air, Animals, and Plants

DEC is also highlighting air quality on the next "DEC Does What?!" podcast episode. https://dec.ny.gov/news/podcast

To follow and receive updates on DEC air news throughout the year, subscribe to the Air Mail! Newsletter.

More information on the national EPA AQAW can be found on the EPA website.

https://www.epa.gov/air-quality/air-quality-awareness-week Check the air quality where you are at: https://www.airnow.gov/

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#### Visual arts offerings @The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck

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 legislature and administered by the Valley Arts Alliance.

#### ALL CLASSES \$10.00 donation to the Old Stone House operating fund.

#### Watercolor Painting from a Flower

Helena Pittman Wednesday June 12th 3:00-5:00 Saturday June 15nd 3:00-5:00 Still Life painting using watercolors. Materials will be provided.

spaces are limited preregistration encouraged

## Register at lizstudio42@gmail.com

#### Fun with Mandalas, Dreams and Visions

Dhyana Gibson Wednesday June 19th 1:00-3:00 Saturday June 22nd 1:00-3:00

This class will explore the inner dimension to create art...a little history, a little meditation, and most importantly visual expression using a variety of materials, plus a group project. All materials will be provided.

#### 3-Dimensional Construction

Liz Kolansky Wednesday June 26th 1:00-3:00 Saturday June 29th 1:00-3:00

We will create 3 dimensional geometric shapes from card stock. Participants will learn the basic steps in turning a 3D shape into a pattern for reproduction. Templates will be provided however originality is encouraged. All materials will be provided.

#### The Landscape Sketch (After Camille Corot)

Karen Meneghin Wednesday July 10th 9:30-11:30 Saturday July 13th 9:30-11:30

The Landscape Sketch Workshop is a 2-part workshop based on landscape sketches by Camille Corot(French 1796-1875) an important figure in the "plein-air" movement in the 1880's. A trained neo-classicist, Corot's field sketches on paper presaged "impressionism" by working outdoors.

In a brief presentation, we look at Corot's stylistic sketch variations used in studies of singular objects in a landscape, (rocks, trees, mountains) and the more complex, multi object compositions suggesting distance and atmosphere with use of line, mass and tone.

#### Plein Air Painting Demonstration

David Munford Wednesday July 17th 9;30-11:30 Saturday July 20th 9:30-11:30

A demonstration of plein air painting using oils. Topics covered will include composition, value sketching, and working with a limited palette. No materials are required ; however participants are welcome to bring their own supplies and paint along if they wish. Open to all ages.

#### <u>Sketchbook Project</u>

Alana Sherman & David Munford Wednesday July 24th 1:00-3:00 Saturday July27th 1:00-3:00 Participants will create a themed sket

Participants will create a themed sketchbook. Sketchbooks and assorted art supplies will be provided. Feel free to bring your own favorites if you would like. Completed sketchbooks will be exhibited at an end of season exhibit.

#### Plaving with Tissue naner Paints and Inks



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#### Polymer Clay Workshop

Rena Bushman

#### Saturdays June 1st, 8,15 & 22nd 10:30-12:30

learn to make jewelry components like beads, pendants and charms and small elements for a doll house or Christmas ornament.

\$20.00 fee for each class includes a vibrant assortment of clays, jewelry findings and all tools and equipment needed to make your beautiful objects

#### Diamond Art Lorie Turner Times TBA Join a friendly group as we work on our individual projects. \$10.00 fee includes a full kit with all the supplies you need to create an 8X11 image.

#### Patchworking with Decorative Papers

Liz Kolansky Tuesdays June 25th & July 9th 6:00-8:30 Create a patchwork from decorative papers following traditional quilt designs. A great way to practice color combinations and pattern scale combinations. \$10.00 fee includes all materials needed



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#### Color! Color! Color!

#### Alana Sherman

#### Wednesday, July 10th, 10:30-12:00 pm,

Do you ever wonder what color really is, or why custom says blue is for boys, pink for girls? Artists use color to depict what they see, express feelings, or give shape to ideas. This kids' workshop with Alana Sherman teaches about color through several art experiments, and includes creating an original work. Fill-in-the-color pictures are available for students who prefer that approach.

\$5 per child

#### OOOH!! Scissors, Paper, Glue

#### Alana Sherman

#### Wednesday , July 17 th, 10:30-12:00 pm,

This "Picture Pie" workshop has kids divide a circle, like slices of a pie, to make pictures of all kinds of objects. They'll cut triangles -- and lots of other shapes -- from paper and put the pieces together to create birds, fish, flowers and animals.

\$5 per child

spaces are limited preregistration encouraged

## Register at lizstudio42@gmail.com

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#### "Knarf's Classic Movies" GET THE MOVIE, AMAZON PRIME

#### I REMEMBER MAMA (Comedy, Drama, Kids, 2 h 14 min 1948 NR)



Irene Dunne stars in this moving family drama about a family of Norwegian immigrants who face the trials of life in turnof-the-century San Francisco.



Directed by George Stevens, Starring, Irene Dunne, Barbara Bel Geddes, Oskar Homolka, Edgar Bergen, Rudy Vallee, Barbara O'Neil, Florence Bates, Ellen Corby

## **Happy Mothers Day**

It may be old-fashioned – in the chronicles of love –nothing surpasses a mother's love for her children. (Contd. Pg. 90)

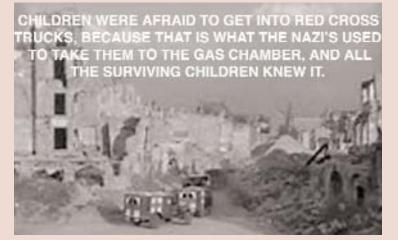
Answer to last week's Trivia Question: George Lucas

This weeks' Trivia question: Who played "The Gipper"?

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## KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S ON AMAZON PRIME THE SEARCH

*The Search* is a 1948 Swiss-American film directed by Fred Zinnemann which tells the story of a young Auschwitz survivor and his mother who search for each other across post-World War II Europe. It stars Montgomery Clift, Ivan Jandl, Jarmila Novotná and Aline MacMahon.



Many scenes were shot amidst the actual ruins of postwar German cities, namely Ingolstadt, Munich, Nuremberg, and Würzburg Filming took place between June and November, 1947, initially on location in Germany, before the cast and crew went to a film studio in Zurich, Switzerland, to film the interior scenes.



Although released in the United States in March, 1948, it was not released in Britain until May 1950. Its European premiere was held at the Empire cinema, Leicester Square, London, England, on November 2, 1949, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Her Majesty Queen Mary attended the premiere. Jandl was given a special juvenile Academy Award for his performance. By the time this was announced, in March 1949, he had returned to his home in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and the communists had taken over the government.



They would not allow Jandl to travel to the United States to collect the Oscar and the Golden Globe he had also received for his performance, so they had to be taken to him. The film's director, Fred Zinnemann, accepted the Oscar on Jandl's behalf at the Academy Awards ceremony.



Stay safe and stay well

... and Happy Mother s Day! Knarf Odnamoc Gnome