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TVCSD teacher and Time and the Valleys Museum Trustee Matt Haynes with Delanie Hoffman at awards ceremony at Tri-Valley High School.

# 2024 Time and the Valleys Museum Scholarship Winner: Delanie Hoffman of Grahamsville

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - We are very pleased to announce the 2024 winner of the Time and the Valleys Museum's \$500 scholarship: Delanie Hoffman of Neversink. Delanie is a volunteer at the Neversink Fire Department, varsity cross country and a member of the National Honor Society. Congratulations Delanie!

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open weekends Memorial Day to the end of September, noon to 4 p.m.. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

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

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

o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel. (Contd. Pg. 5)

# **\$500** Tri-Valley Lions Community Service and Achievement Awards approved for 5 Tri-Valley High School Graduates



Lions Leah Exner Claire Rennison acknowledging service and achievement awards to Tri-Valley Students

The Tri-Valley Lions Award Committee chaired by Lion Leah Exner with Lion members Claire Rennison, Stu Wizwer, Bonnie Lewis, Pat Menje, and Lauree



Lions Leah Exnerand Claire Rennison, and award winners left to right Amelia Mickelson, Abigail Mentnech, Craig Costa, Emily Rusin, and Lily Siciliano

Novogrodsky approved 5 Tri-Valley High School graduates to receive our Tri-Valley School Community Service and Achievement Awards in the amount of \$500 each. Students receiving these awards were recognized at a Senior Celebration Ceremony at the School on June 13, 2024, and as promised in last week's Townsman, the five students are from left to right: Amelia Mickelson, Abigail Mentnech, Craig Costa, Emily Rusin, and Lily Siciliano. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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**On the Front Burner:** Wisdom belongs to the aged, and understanding to the old. Job 12:12

#### DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

#### July 21, 1954

C.W. Mannie of Grahamsville and Stephen J. Michaels of New York have bought the Rod and Gun Club hall in Grahamsville from the organization for \$2,500. The new owners plan to repair the structure and establish a small textile manufacturing plant within the near future. It is estimated that the new business venture may give employment to 20 or 25 people.

Pvt. Raymond J. McNamara of Grahamsville, recently arrived in Germany for duty with the 965th Engineer Field Maintenance Company. Pvt. McNamara a diesel repairman, entered the Army last December and completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

July 4th and sizzling weather, sometimes comes along together But mom is cool, and calm and steady, she shopped at Krum's And now she's ready for extra guest,

last minute plan Or just relaxing with a fan.

#### KUM TO KRUM'S

#### July 1, 1964

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. United Methodist Church with Edward Van Dover on their wedding anniversary this week. Also to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Eighmey. United Methodist Church with Pastor Stephen Shick officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Terwilliger, Lackawack

On Sunday evening, June 21st, a family supper was held at the Woodbourne Fire House for Father Luedke, who has been sent to Immaculate Conception Church in Beacon. The new pastor at Woodbourne is Father Peter Fox. Hill, Napanoch. The bridegroom is Short of Napanoch. The bride graduated from Tri-Valley Central Big Saver, Inc. The bridegroom graduated from Ellenville High

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grey are the proud parents of a son, Gregory Guy, born at Liberty Loomis Hospital on Wednesday, June 24th. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Banta are the proud maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Clark

Ryan are the maternal great-grand-parents.

#### July 10, 1974

Joseph Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Richards of Grahamsville, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB in Texas. He will soon be going to Officer's Candidate School. Joseph is a graduate of Sullivan County Community College in Loch Sheldrake.

Four of our local college students have been named to the Dean's List at SCCC for the spring semester. They are: Marie Derkacz of Neversink, JoAnne Walker, Simone Murphy and Deborah Wakefield all of Grahamsville.

#### July 2, 1984

Wendy Ann Parker and Louis Jeffery Boyd were married June 10, 1984 in St. Peter's Church, Liberty with Father Gibney officiating. The bride is the daughter of Ms. Brooke Parker of Grahamsville and Mr. Patrick Parker of Monticello. Wendy is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and attended the College of St. Rose. Jeffery graduated from Jeffersonville High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting at SUNY Albany. The couple will live in Guilderland, N.Y.

Tami Lynn Terwilliger and Kenneth C. Short were married June 30, 1984 at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church with Pastor Stephen Shick officiating. Mrs. Don Terwilliger, Lackawack Hill, Napanoch. The bridegroom is Short of Napanoch. The bride graduated from Tri-Valley Central School and is employed with the Big Saver, Inc. The bridegroom graduated from Ellenville High School and is a member of the Active Army Reserves. He is currently employed with Quick Black Topping in Napanoch. The couple

# LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley Published July 25, 1996

It was a beautiful spring morning in the early 1900's when I asked my dad why Claude Cobb, one of our neighbors, was sawing down one of our beautiful maple trees. His answer was that it was leaning toward the house. I couldn't figure that one out, why couldn't it lean toward the house? Grandfather was sitting in his favorite rocker on the back porch and since he usually had all the answers, I went to him. This time he walked me to Koon's store where he bought a package of Nasturtium seeds. My dad didn't sell seeds, he gave them away. Our government supplied seeds for anyone who wished to plant a garden, but not flower seeds.

Grandfather took mother's old leaky galvanized wash tub and placed it on our new tree stump. He gave me a pail and he took one also and started filling the tub from soil that we had shoveled up from behind the bam. When the tub was full he smoothed it off and made little holes with a stick. I dropped in the seeds and my sister Edith, who had come out of the house to help us, covered them. In a few weeks, I stopped crying for my maple tree as the stump and old wash tub was now just a mass of beautiful flowers. Grandfather said we could pick as many as we wanted for the more we picked the more would grow. Edith and I found this to be true.

Mrs. Massey, an elderly lady, had a summer home just above our house and each morning she passed by our house on her daily walk. She was very friendly and I admired her very much. One Sunday morning, I had just gathered a lovely bouquet of the lovely Nasturtiums as she came walking down the road. I offered her my bouquet and she accepted it with a smile and said "Is this for me?1 It made me feel real proud and grown up. A few days later, Mrs. Massey walked into our store and purchased a large bag of "Molly Codies". I haven't seen "Molly Codies" in years. Anyway, she gave them to me. I felt really bad for fear that she felt that she had to do something in return for my gift of the flowers but grandfather said that she just wanted to do something nice in return.

I passed the bag to him as I knew that "Molly Codies" were one of his favorite candies. So we sat and munched them until neither

#### <u>Household Hint:</u> How to Attract Fireflies to your Backyard

Fireflies need tall grasses to signal their potential mates, trees to deposit their eggs; moisture and rotting wood to attract prey; and darkness to put on a great show. When you have all of these things in place, over time your firefly population will grow.

#### 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.

### The Glow of the Fireflies' Light Still Shines

Fireflies light up our memories! Like fireworks, riding up to the Blue Hole on

our bikes to take a quick dip on a hot day, or tubing down the Rondout in an old tire tube, fireflies are a sign of summer. Fireflies are beautiful, mysterious, and magical –and for many of us, catching or spotting them is an important sign that summer has arrived.

Fireflies have fascinated mankind for thousands of years appearing inliterature, prose and poetry. They were among the first luminescent animals to have been recorded in ancient literature in the Chinese *Book of Odes* that was written somewhere between 1500 and 1000 B.C.

Fireflies are not flies nor are they bugs. They are actually beetles. Fireflies, A/K/A Lightening Bugs, talk to each other with light. Fireflies emit light to attract mates. They also use their light emitting apparatus to communicate for other reasons including defending territory or to warn predators to go away. In most firefly species, both sexes glow. Often the male will fly, while females will wait in trees, shrubs and grasses to spot an attractive male. If she finds one, she'll signal it with a flash of her own.

These little beetles get their names "firefly" and "lightning bug" because of the intermittent light they naturally produce. This phenomenon is called bioluminescence. The bioluminescent organs in fireflies are found on the underside of the abdomen.

A firefly's tail contains two chemicals: luciferase and luciferin. Luciferin is heat resistant, and it glows under the right conditions. Luciferase is an enzyme that triggers light emission. ATP (Adenosine triphosphate), a chemical within the firefly's body, converts to energy and initiates the glow.

All living things, not just fireflies, contain ATP. The molecule ATP, famous as an essential energy source inside cells, also carries critical messages between cells.

One of the first and most enduring facts most biology students learn in class is that all living cells use this small molecule (ATP) as fuel. That universal energy currency drives the biological reactions that allow cells to function and life to flourish-making ATP a crucial player in the biological world.

In fireflies, energy derived from ATP causes a reaction. The result, the luciferase enzyme converts a compound called luciferin into oxyluciferin, and produces light or "luminescence".

The light of the firefly, long the subject of scientific curiousity and nocturnal wonder, has sparked a growing interest in luminescence as a technique in medical and biochemical research.

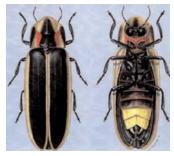
In 1975 he technique, known as "the firefly system," was adopted for use in the study of heart disease, muscular dystrophy, urology and antibiotic testing.

Fireflies have also helped scientists develop real-time, noninvasive imaging to see what's happening inside living organisms.

Firefly lights are the most efficient lights in the world -100% of the energy is emitted as light. Compare that to an incandescent bulb, which emits 10% of its energy as light and the rest as heat, or a fluorescent bulb, which emits 90% of its energy as light. Because it produces no heat, scientists refer to firefly lights as "cold lights."

Adult fireflies aren't the only ones that glow. In some species, the larvae and even the eggs emit light. Firefly eggs have been observed to flash in response to stimulus such as gentle tapping or vibrations.

An adult firefly lives only long enough to mate and lay eggs. They may not need to eat during their adult life stage. The larvae usually live for approximately one year before becoming adults and giving birth to the next generation. (Contd. Pg. 4)



## The Glow of the Fireflies' Light Still Shines

(From Pg. 3) Unfortunately Ipads and cell phones seem to be taking the place of many of the fun things that created the cher-

ished memories of older generations. It has been reported fireflies are disappearing from marshes, fields and forests all over the country –in fact, all over the world. And if it continues, fireflies may fade forever, leaving our summer nights a little darker and less magical.



Then again, this year we began seeing fireflies during the last week in May in Sundown. Talking to our daughter who lives in Swan Lake, she reported the same.

The magic of the fireflies was certainly present this weekend



in Sundown. As we celebrated Father's Day in the great outdoors we all enjoyed the beautiful light show in the backyard. The little ones did have fun chasing them. And we can also thank the fireflies for those very popular light sticks. The chemical found in fireflies can now be synthesized and is used in common glow sticks that will light up the way to summer fun for many young children... and maybe some of the older ones, too.

Fireflies are still beautiful, mysterious,

and magical for many of us. Every blink of a firefly still says — "Believe!"

# **News from Old Stone House**

The second in our series "ART STEW" at the Old Stone House in Hasbrouck is the workshop,"Fun with Mandalas, Dreams and Visions"

Dhyana Gibson is an artist and curator of the current exhibition "Seeing the Unseen" a group show of 5 visionary artists whose "visionary expression arises from communion with the soul" This workshop will explore the inner dimension to create art...a little history, a little meditation, and most importantly visual expression using a variety of materials and a group project. Weds June 19th and Sat the 22nd at 1:00 to 3:00. \$10.00 donation all materials provided

Helena Pittman's watercolor class was the first in the ART STEW series. Due to popular demand she has agreed to add additional classes Wednesday July 17th and 24th from 3:00-5:00. You may register on the website, www.oldstonehouse.org

These classes may be the start of your artistic journey or simply an enjoyable time with friends. We invite you to spend some time with us.

### \$500 Tri-Valley Lions Community Service and Achievement Awards approved for 5 Tri-Valley High School Graduates

(From Pg. 1) The 5 students will receive the actual award checks once they submit proof of college enrollment to our Treasurer, Terry Delaney. Congratulations to these wonderful students who spent so much of their time assisting with community tasks and services. We wish each student continued success in their ongoing endeavors, and we hope that some of these students will become future members of The Tri-Valley Lions organization.

Each student submitted applications and essays of their service to the community and their scholastic achievements which were reviewed by the Award Committee. As Lion Director Claire Rennison stated "each one of the students submitted compelling documentation of their academic achievements and hours of community service and it was difficult to select just one of the students" so The Tri-Valley Lions approved all five students for receipt of awards.

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 & HEALTHY Summer. We look forward to seeing you at our Tri-Valley Lions Soda Booth this summer. Stay well and stay safe!

# **News from People's Place**

Bag Summer Hunger is back and we need YOUR help!

We are looking for seasonal volunteers to help distribute breakfast, lunch and snack foods to families this summer. Volunteer shifts are from 9:30 - 1:30 Mon - Friday and Wednesday evening from 4:30 - 7:30pm. Training is required, so we are looking for a one day per week commitment from June 24th - August 30th. If you are interested in volunteering with this program, please apply online and make a note: Bag Summer Hunger

Place is now open for donations on Sundays! We need a few volunteers to work a Sunday or two per month from 11:30am - 3pm. If you are interested in helping out, please apply online and make a note: Sunday Volunteer!

Please apply online at https://www.peoplesplace.org/volunteer/

#### 2024 Time and the Valleys Museum Scholarship Winner: Delanie Hoffman of Grahamsville

(From Pg. 1) o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

o Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds an augmented reality exhibition.

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

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.

# Second Graders Receive Books from Monticello Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Monticello recently delivered chapter books to the eleven second grade classes at the George L. Cooke Elementary School in Monticello just before summer break begins.

The books were selected by Kiwanian Doris Motl, who is a retired 4th grade teacher. Accompanying Ms. Motl to the classrooms was Jane Sorensen, who is a Kiwanis member as well as Family Engagement Program



Jane Sorensen and Ms. Mabee's Second Grade Class



Kiwanians Jane Sorensen & Doris Motl with Ms. Furey and Ms. Dunne's Second Grade Class proudly displaying their books.

Manager for EPIC (Every Person Influences Child-ren).

The students were very courteous and expressed their appreciation for the gift of reading material and they were especially thrilled that they were chapter books. They were also very interested to learn more about the Kiwanis Club and the many ways they help the children in the community. i.e. the Sweet Dreams Program assisting children going into Foster Care with comforting items, holiday gifts for children in need, scholarships for high school seniors, and they were also impressed with the service leadership clubs Kiwanis sponsors in the Middle School and High School.

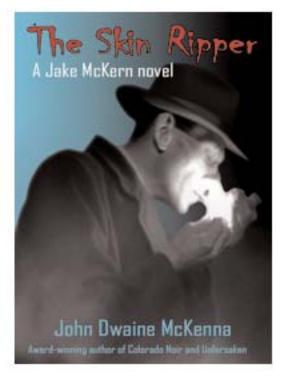
The mission of Kiwanis

is dedication to improving the world one child and one community at a time. For more information about the Monticello Kiwanis Club, please visit the Monticello, New York Kiwanis Club Facebook Page.

# The Skin Ripper

A novel John Dwaine McKenna

From the award-winning pen of John Dwaine McKenna comes a searing new novel five years in the making . . .



Recently promoted and just out of the hospital after a long recuperation from injuries he received while battling Lee Roy Morgan gang as they were trying to rob Colorado Commercial Bank, Colorado Springs homicide detective Jake McKern is on his first case . . . the double murder of an elderly couple who ran a small grocery on the 'Springs near west side . . . while at the same time, his personal life is crashing down around him.

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hour and his greatest adventure to date!

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And just to whet your appetite, we're serializing the first few chapters. Enjoy!

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# The Skin Ripper

#### **Chapter 3**

The back door had been jimmied with a crowbar. *It must have taken someone with a helluva lot of upper body strength and a four-foot bar,* I thought, as I looked at the deep gouges in the frame, the splintered trim, and finger-width dents in the three-inch oak door. It was a stout four feet wide and sported strap-iron hinges that looked to be at least one and a half feet long. The door was formidable, but hadn't stopped the criminals.

Inside, shelves lined the walls and were filled with canned goods and all sorts of household sundries, while display cases, tables and double-sided free-standing shelves created aisles. A check-out counter with a brass cash register stood by the front door, and a refrigerated section towards the back of the store held fresh vegetables, as well as meats in see-through lighted cases. There was a large Toledo scale for weighing bacon, chops or steaks atop the counter, and a roll of white butcher paper in a dispenser stood next to it. At the rear, behind the butcher block and not accessible by the public, was a large walk-in cooler. That was where I headed.

I almost fell over Patrol Sergeant Andrew Claypoole, who was sitting in one of the wooden chairs that were usually found around the big pot-bellied stove, where some of the old men from the neighborhood would gather to gossip, and tell war stories. Claypoole was drinking from a bottle of Coca-Cola and looking like he'd rather be anywhere but here. I said, "Morning, Andy . . . it's been a long time since we've crossed trails."

"Yeah. It has been. This your first case? As a dick, I mean . . ."

"It is, yeah, it is. I look that green to you?"

"Pretty much . . . but not as green as you're gonna be. They're in there," he pointed at the cooler door with his left thumb and took another sip from the cola bottle. Then added, "I'll leave another dime on the register and have one of these Cokes ready for ya. You're gonna want it after you go in there."

"Is it that bad?"

"Worst one I've ever been on," Andy said as he rose from his seat and headed for the front of the store where the soda pop was kept in an old Crosley refrigerator, and sold on the honor system.

I went around the counter, stepped past the butcher block, and took a deep breath, then pulled the latch that opened the thick insulated door to the walk-in cooler, where I found the abomination that still raises bile in my throat as I write this, forty-some years after the fact.

The bodies of an elderly man and woman were hanging from meat hooks that were attached to wooden joists in the ceiling. The skin had been peeled from both corpses with surgical precision, and was nowhere in sight. It was at that point I wanted to puke, and felt the room closing in on me. My heart was thumping out a regimental tattoo in my chest and I could not breathe. I had to get out of there.

I turned and pushed the iron bar that unlatched the heavy door. It clacked open, and allowed me to stumble into the fresh air, where Claypoole handed me a freshly opened bottle of Coca-Cola. I nodded my thanks and took a long pull of the cold, fizzy, sweet liquid. I swallowed, shook my head, and said, "Sweet, suffering Jesus . . ."

"It sure puts a crimp in your point-of-view, don't it?"

"Yeah, Andy. It does. This is Colorado Springs, for crissakes. We ain't supposed to be dealin' with shit like this."

"'Pears we are though. Like it or not."

I finished the soda and went to work, looking for evidence; trying to find the who, why and how of the horrific murders of two elderly members of the local community while I was sound asleep in my bed less than a mile away. Knowing that gave me the creeps. Even though Imogene and I hadn't been getting along very well lately, I'd be devastated if something like that happened to her, or, God forbid, our ten-year-old son Scottie. I forced those thoughts out of my mind and got on with the job.

After pulling my head out of my ass, I put on a pair of latex gloves I had in my jacket pocket, took a deep breath, and went back in the meat locker. A couple of things came to mind right away. There was more than one person at work in here, and, because the only illumination came from a single forty-watt bulb, they either had another portable light source, or this wasn't the first time they'd savaged a human body. The slash marks in the underlying tissue were sure, straight and without hesitation. I was certain of it.

I poked around in the cooler for a few more minutes without finding anything of significance to the case. Before I left however, I did something I've done in the presence of every victim of every murder scene I've ever investigated. I spoke to the deceased. Told them I would not forget, that I would speak for them, and never give up on the case until it was solved. If there is a hereafter-and I believe there is-I want the departed to know I am their advocate. Just as I would want someone to do for me.

The next thing I need to figure out, I thought as I reentered the land of light and the living, is why the killers moved both of the bodies down here . . . it defies logic and common sense, and it was done at great risk of exposure.

I blinked and took a deep breath as the cooler door clacked shut behind me. "Andy," I said, "do you have any thoughts about why the bodies were moved down here?"

Without hesitation, he said, "Sure. Make it easier to skin 'em."

"Of course. That sounds about right to me." I headed out the door and to the stairs, thinking, I should have remembered what old Professor Blackburn taught us about Occam the Arab and his razor... 'The simplest solution is usually the best solution.'

I was careful, as I went up the outside staircase, to avoid the blood, while admonishing myself for the third time in less than an hour, to Slow the fuck down, Jake. The dead have infinite patience, but your days are numbered... and you promised to speak for them... so you'd better get it right.

#### **Chapter 4**

Upstairs, the modest apartment was destroyed. The utter chaos seemed —in my mind at least —to be a match for the depravity that had taken place downstairs, with no apparent reason for it. *If the vandals were trying to find something, they sure did a thorough job of searching. I wonder if they found it* ...

The blood trail led to the bedroom, where it appeared the elderly couple were murdered in their bed. That much at least was apparent from the powder burns on the sheets and one of the pillows. *I hope for their sake that they were asleep when the triggers were pulled.* I was careful not to touch or move anything until the Medical Examiner got here, along with the photographer and fingerprint techs, but I was anxious to see where, and how, the deaths took place. After a brief look through the bedroom, I did the same in the bathroom, living room and kitchen, but nothing stood out. I closed the door and went back downstairs to talk with the butter and egg man, Rufus Gerry.

I found him sitting in his truck, right where Donnie Brearley put him an hour ago. "Mr. Gerry . . . my name is Jake McKern. I'm the lead detective on this case. Thanks for your help. I want to ask you a few questions about what you saw when you got here, but first, are you comfortable? Can I get you anything?"

Rufus Gerry looked to be in his mid-to-late-fifties, and judging by his face, hands, and clothes, he was a man accustomed to hard work and a life of toil. He pushed his brown fedora up high on his forehead and squinted at me with hard brown eyes behind rimless wire-framed glasses, then said through the driver's window of his truck, "You can get me outta here sonny. The ice is meltin' in the back, and butter don't keep in the heat. I still got a dozen more deliveries to make and people'll be wonderin' whereinthefuck I am . . ."

"I get it," I said. Then the Rage Monster who lives inside of me flew out of his cage, and before I could stop myself, I added, "But two old folks who ain't done anything to anybody are lying in there, dead, and butchered. They're depending on me to catch the sick sons-a-bitchs who done it. So, lose the fucking attitude and help me. I'll getya outta here as soon as possible. Otherwise, I'll clamp your nasty old ass in that patrol car over there and we'll do this downtown. That'll take all day. Call me 'sonny' again and I'll slap the bejeezus outta ya, just on general principles. We clear on all of that?"

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"In the war?"

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"Well, Semper Fi, Detective. Semper Fi. Ask away."

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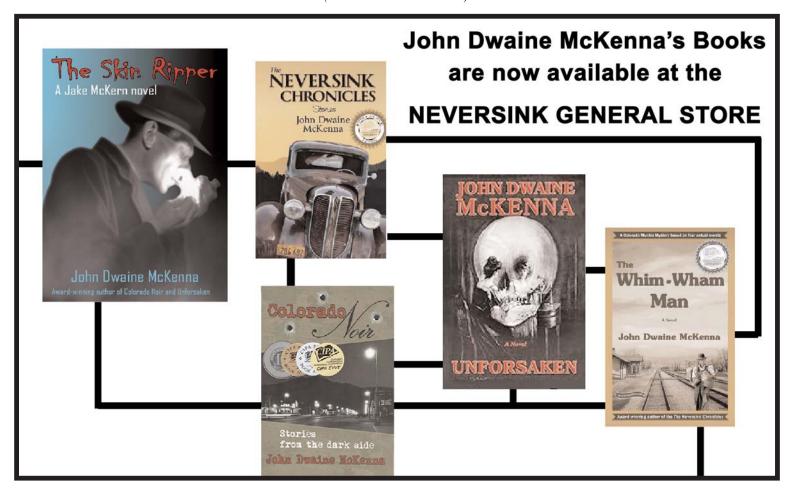
By 8 a.m., reinforcements began arriving, and word of the crime was spreading. The group of onlookers was growing bigger by the minute, and I could see a few of the newshounds I got to know as I convalesced from the Colorado Commercial Bank robbery, sniffing around, and trying to get the attention of Dunlap, or his trainee, Magness. The first cops to arrive went on crowd control. I told 'em to move the gawkers and rubberneckers back at least fifty feet and keep them there. They used their cruisers as barricades, and I left Claypoole in charge of everyone. He had the stripes of authority on his sleeves and the foghorn voice of an old drill instructor —which he once was —to go with it. He was perfect for the job. Pretty soon after he went out, the gawkers were backed off and we had containment, as well as better site preservation. The crime scene itself had been FUBARed —*fucked up beyond all recognition* —long before I arrived, by the five people who'd tromped all over it.

The coroner arrived. The man himself, not one of his minions, who were real physicians with a license to practice medicine. In an odd twist of the state laws at the time, the position of County Coroner, or Medical Examiner, was an elected one, and did not require a medical degree from an accredited university. Harry Bucklin, the El Paso County Coroner from back then, was just such a one. He was an ambitious little prick, a political operative with a sharp eye for ever higher office, and a publicity hound of the first magnitude. If he was here, it could only mean one thing. Someone in the Colorado Springs Police Department had called him. I remember thinking when I saw him drive up in a cherry red Buick, *If I ever find out who tipped this guy off, I'll personally rip his nuts off and stuff 'em down his throat.* 

Coroner Bucklin pulled past the cops guarding the street entrance, drove into the alley from the south side, and parked where the butter and egg man's truck had been. He got out of the car with his trademark half-smoked cigar butt clamped in his teeth and waved to the crowd. He hitched up his suit pants and took a small black doctor's bag out of the trunk, then came over to where I waited by the back door. I started to say "Good Morning," but he cut me off.

"Where's the body?" Bucklin said. "I have an important meeting with the County Commissioners in a few minutes and I need to do this quickly."

"Of course. And just so you know, there are two bodies. A man and his wife." I told him nothing else, gave him no warning about what he was walking into. *We'll just see what those prissy patent leather shoes and that oh, so cute, red bow tie looks like in a little while.* "Come this way," was all I said.



(Continued Next Week)

#### THE TOWNSMAN

The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Namaste

#### The FamilyMemoir, **PROSILIO...**

... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for Ye

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We end each yoga session sitting together breathing in love and sending out peace. We bow our heads and the lift them, hands

clasped over our hearts, and say, "Namaste." Without even knowing what "Namaste" meant, I could feel the invisible thread that joins each one of us together in a bond of lov-ing humanity. "Namaste" is Sanskrit for "bow." It translates to mean, "The divine in me bows, or recognizes, the divine in you." It is my soul connecting with your soul.

Friendship is our everyday connection. They are the ones who lead, follow, or walk along us on our path through life. They are necessary as air to breathe and food for nourishment. Mankind is social being and acceptance and love are what we seek from others.

To have a friend is to be a friend. We need to love ourselves to recognize love in another person.

In my lifetime, I have only lost one friend by choice, mainly to protect myself from a hurtful memory. Our parting was bittersweet. Another chose to exclude me. That bitterness burns even more. I wish her to return to that vacancy in my heart.

I call my friends "my tribe." They are a surrogate family who share different aspects of my life. They are the blessings that sweeten my day.

Pondering "Namaste", I realize all of humanity could be our friends if only we could recognize the need for love that exists in every human being.



By Carol Olsen LaMonda

I had a friend Whose sin was found And I walked away From shattered ground. I wish I didn't miss her.

I have a friend Who pushed me away She left my path And saddened my day. I miss her.

I do have friends Who can laugh and can cry As we walk together the way Of the mysterious journey. Namaste.

# **Barefoot in the Park**

Auditions for the radio play, "Barefoot in the Park" will be held at the Boiceville Inn on August 16 and 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. and on August 18 from 3 to 5 p.m.

"Barefoot in the Park" by Neil Simon will be a dinner theater planned for August 23, 24, and 25. The director will be Linda Burkhardt.



# Art Show, Auction, Book Tent...Oh My! Stop in at the DPL where there's some-

#### thing for everyone

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Are you interested in seeing some beautiful art? If so, please stop by the Anne Holt room on the first floor of the library where we have several stunning paintings by local artists on display. The pop up exhibition will go on throughout June. A few of these amazing paintings are even up for auction-donated by the artists with the intention that all monies garnered from the silent auction be donated to the library for our programs and to expand our book collection. We are incredibly fortunate to have such special people in our community and love the opportunity to showcase their special talents!

Speaking of incredible people in our community, we'd like to extend a great, big thank you to the Grahamsville Fire Department. The gentlemen of Station 67 were instrumental in getting our summer book sales tent up this season. It just wouldn't have been possible without these guys and we're so lucky to have them as neighbors.

Now that the tent is up, we've been busy filling it up with many, many books-both children's and adult's-as well as DVDs, CDs and an eclectic assortment of vinyl records. Prices are reasonable-fill a bag of books for \$4, otherwise hardcovers are \$0.50, paperbacks are \$0.25 and children's books are \$0.50. Not included in the bag of books: \$1.00 for puzzles/games, vinyl records and DVD/CD/audiobooks. There are bags for your use as well as money envelopes at the front of the non-fiction table. Please put the money envelopes in the drop box or bring into the library during regular hours. However, please do not put any book (or otherwise) donations directly under the tent! Instead, come inside or call and speak with Michelle Gorman-she will gladly discuss your donations and set up a good time for you to bring them in. With that in mind, we are specifically looking for gently used, well cared for, books for the summer tent, as well as, our book sales tent at the Grahamsville Fair and our Giant Pumpkin Party book tent. In the past,



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some donations have been in such great condition and we didn't have them in our regular collection, so we added them...saving us a great deal of money and enabling us to purchase other books or add to our programs.

And this is where I'm going to plug our new online merch store. On our website, there is a tab to click on that will bring you directly to the apparel store with all kinds of things, from cups to hoodies with our logo, for you to purchase-if you'd like a sweatshirt or onesie with the Daniel Pierce Library logo on display.

In other news,

Our Sports Wellness program was a great success. On Tuesday, June 11, Rachel Brazell, PT, DPT, CNPT presented an informative sports and wellness program, guiding participants through topics to improve their overall athletic performance through the body and mind.

Next week, I'm going to spell out all of the particulars regarding our 2024 "Adventure Begins at Your Library" Summer Reading Program that starts June 30, so be on the lookout

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- Do you have sufficient coverage for your summer hobbies? Make sure your insurance is up to date especially if you have watercraft or a seasonal home.
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#### **JUNE 20, 2024**

#### **The Scene Too** By Jane Harrison

Every year I try my best, not so much to 'grow' things but to keep the plants I get to stay



for having one are purely selfish. This picture shows the three I've transplanted this week (I love these herbs) and we shall

see what happens this year... June 8th was a most memorable day with birthday celebrations

of people I like a lot as well as admire. The first was at a beautiful piece of property in the mountainous part of Grahamsville. The birthday boy? BILL GRIESBECK, who reached the '30 year' milestone. This had the feel of an intimate family birthday and I was so privileged to be there. Hamburgers, hot dogs, an array of salads including the absolute best potato salad I have ever eaten (thank you LIL SCOLES) and a quinoa salad that was



Johnny Jules and Bobby D



Jaime

Bill Griesbeck similar to one I just started making (but tasted so much better!) And it wouldn't be an intimate family

alive. Some years are good,

some not so good. Last year I had killed everything off by, I

think, mid- July which is the

real reason I invested in my Lomi, a countertop composter.

Yes, yes, I know it's better for

the earth but my justification

birthday without music (BILL is a fantastic guitarist) provided by JOHNNY JULES and BOBBY D. These two share a special bond with the birthday boy so their

inclusion made perfect sense. As did a few surprise guests. Friend PEGGY was down from Oneonta, and then there is 'this guy' and his husband PAUL. I had a minute to chat with JAIME and found out he's moving in a completely different direction. And frankly, I think he'll be very good at it. More about that as it comes to fruition.

From one party to another. This one also in a beautiful mountain setting, this time in

Woodridge. I mean seriously, I've been in Sullivan County for more than a decade so how come



Mike Damil od MD and the Healers

so close to home! This time, to BEAVER JAM, and celebration of the birthday of GREG



The Electric Chords

CASTRO, guitarist extraordinaire of THE ELECTRIC CHORDS. If you remember, I suggested you get out to see this power trio while you still could for the price of a drink or

two or dinner. They have been playing quite a bit at one of my old

stomping grounds in NYC: THE BITTER END and it's only a matter of time.



Whenever I see an extravaganza like this (five bands for an afternoon into evening), I admit I set my expectations low. Silly me. First, the setting was so reminiscent to me of the many festivals I've been to over the last (mouth screws up, unwilling to say). OK, we'll settle for 'my lifetime". A mobile stage, excellent sound and more important, a smooth transi-

Amanda

tion between groups. Then I saw AMANDA. I had run into her recently at CABERNET FRANK'S and she told me she'd recently joined GESE PRODUCTIONS. She had previously organized the HURLEYVILLE

MUSIC FESTIVAL over the last two years.

> Although missed T had





Richard Travis RICHARD TRAVIS (pout), I was in time for THE ELECTRIC CHORDS full stage time,

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followed by DURIEUX, out of all places, the Bronx! They were absolutely terrific too, with a set that, to me, was reminiscent of the best of MOTOWN in

its most universally popular era.

I want to extend my sincerest thanks to DEE and her golf cart, RICK and best buddy CASWYN MOON for their assistance to this lady who still thinks SHE'S 30! But it has strengthened my resolve for any number of things going forward.

But before any of these magical musical tours, I was able to at least pop by the park in front of THE TANGO in Hurleyville because besides the birthdays, June 8 was also WORLDWIDE



Worldwide Knit in Public Day

ple are coming down with the latest strain of CoVid, which appears as the exhaustion of Lyme with a relentless cough, so please be extra careful when going out.

Until next time.....



The other birthday boy

KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY. Big shout out to RACHEL CARRIGAN and FIBER ON MAIN, for gathering these fun people (and me) to the OPEN STUDIO on Wednesday afternoons (3ish to 6ish) where everyone brings what they are currently working on to share ideas. And a big hug to her as she was recently diagnosed with Lyme and doing her best to power through.

This coming week is going to be a hot'n, the ticks are bad and more peo-

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# 2024 Kiwanis Scholarship Winners Take Center Stage

Friday, May 31st saw the First Annual Community Awards Banquet at Tarry Brae Golf Course in South Fallsburg, NY. Four local groups, the Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Central Community Scholarship Fund Committee, Fallsburg Lions Club, Kiwanis of Woodridge, and the Fallsburg Alumni Association honored scholarship winners from the Fallsburg Central School District's senior class. Surrounded by pristine golf links, and views for miles, it was truly an impressive evening.

Kiwanis of Woodridge gave scholarships of \$1,000 each to the follow-ing graduates:

Jasmine Acevedo, granddaughter of James Paterson of Hurleyville, NY, will be attending SUNY Oneonta with a major in Psychology.

Emma Degraw, daughter of Laura & George DeGraw of Woodbourne, NY, will be attending SUNY Cortland with a major in Childhood Education.

Jaedon Espinoza, the son of Jeannette and Edgar Espinoza of Woodridge, NY, will be attending Sullivan County Community College with the goal of a career in Computer Science. His scholarship is in honor of Ralph Rappaport, longtime FCS Board Member and longtime auditor for the Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Central Community Scholarship Fund.

Nadiushka Rosa Gonzalez of Loch Sheldrake, NY, the daughter of Tatiana Gonzalez Ortiz and Angel Rosa Ortiz, .will be attending the University of Connecticut with a major in biology with the goal of becoming an orthopedic surgeon.

Angelina Levner, the daughter of Joe and Julia Levner of Thomp-sonville, NY. will be attending the University of Florida to study biology and animal science with the goal of becoming a veterinarian.

Adam Mednick, son of Shari and Michael Mednick of Rock Hill, NY, will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a major in Computer Science.

Rugiatu Sesay, daughter of Kamara Zainah of Woodridge, NY, will be attending SUNY Albany with a major in biology with the goal of becoming a dentist.

Kiwanis of Woodridge is proud to support these impressive students and wish them great success in all their future endeavors.

### Two New Scams have Recently been Reported

It has been reported that there are two new scams to watch out for.

1. Someone asks to use your cell phone, they have an emergency, their car broke down, have to call mom or dad to pick them up.

Then they take your phone and transfer money from your account or accounts to their account.

2. Another is an email telling you they made an accidental deposit into your account and they need you to send it back to them.



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### Ulster County Executive Announces Preferred Name and Pronoun Plan

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger announced the newly adopted Preferred Name and Pronoun Plan, which applies to all Ulster County employees to ensure an inclusive work environment in which all employees' identities and pronouns are fully and appropriately reflected and used.

The Preferred Name and Pronoun Plan recognizes that people may use a name other than their legal name, or pronoun, that reflects personal gender identity. This plan encourages an environment for personal expression, within community standards, allowing employees to officially notify the County of their preferred first name that differs from their legal name for:

- o Internal and external communications, including email
- o Phone directory
- o Onboarding materials, including employment applications
- o Non-driver employee ID badges
- o Personnel listing
- o Webpage

This Plan is consistent with current policies protecting employees against discrimination based on gender identity and expression and is a best practice for supporting transgender and gender non-conforming members of our County workforce. The Plan is also intended to include anyone who uses a preferred first name on a daily basis other than their legal/primary first name.

"The County government is a large organization with

over 1,400 employees, and every one of our employees deserves a work environment in which they are respected and treated with dignity," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "Referring to our employees in name and pronoun as they wish to be identified is a meaningful step we can take to foster a culture of inclusion and help ensure that everyone feels respected and valued."

"I am very proud of the Ulster County Preferred Name and Pronoun Plan. Utilizing preferred names and pronouns allows each person to bring their whole self to the workplace and feel a sense of belonging and value. Ulster County's Preferred Name and Pronoun Plan creates equity for our LGBTQIA+ employees while fostering a culture of diversity and inclusion within our workforce, county jurisdiction and beyond," said Ulster County Chief Diversity Officer Esi Lewis.

"Discrimination on the basis of gender identity or expression is prohibited in all areas covered by the Human Rights Law, including employment, housing, places of public accommodation, non-religious schools, and more. The Ulster County Human Rights Department is excited to support this long-awaited inclusive step forward as we embrace all members of our community as equal," said Joe McDonald, Director of the Ulster County Human Rights Department.

"Implementing the Preferred Name and Pronoun Plan is vital for fostering an inclusive and respectful work environment. Calling someone by their preferred name and pronouns validates their identity, shows respect, promotes personal expression, and encourages a sense of belonging. This initiative enhances the overall experience for everyone, especially transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. Ulster County is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion, ensuring all employees feel recognized and valued for who they are," said Peter Criswell, Chair of the Ulster County Legislature.

"Names are the essence of how we define ourselves. Not all cultures assume a person will have one name they did not choose for their whole lives. I am grateful to live in a place that values a more nuanced and sensitive approach that honors each person on their own terms," said Ulster County Legislator Limina Grace Harmon.

The preferred first name is used for internal communication and certain external communications (e.g. website pages, printed materials). Internal applications include, but may not be limited to: email, phone system, and business cards. ID Cards (employee identification cards) will display both legal and preferred first name. The County is obligated to use the legal first name for many official records and reports, including but not limited to certain employment and payroll records, employee benefits records, and time allocation reports.

Additionally, for new/prospective employees, the Ulster County Employee Application will be updated to provide a field for prospective employees to provide a preferred name. For existing County employees, a form can be submitted to the Personnel Department to update their records to reflect the preferred name.

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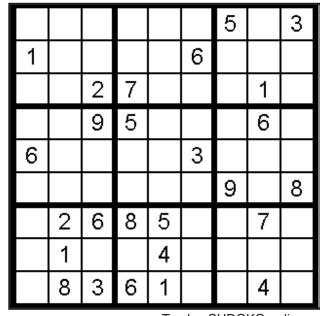
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2 pounds red skinned potatoes, scrubbed but not peeled 1/2 cup sour cream 4 tablespoons mayonnaise 2 tbs vinegar 1/3 cup sugar

Large bunch of fresh dill (finely chopped)

Boil the new potatoes in salted water until just soft, drain them and when they are cool enough to handle, cut them into small chunks.

Mix the sour cream with the mayonnaise and freshly chopped dill and fold the cooked potatoes into the mixture.

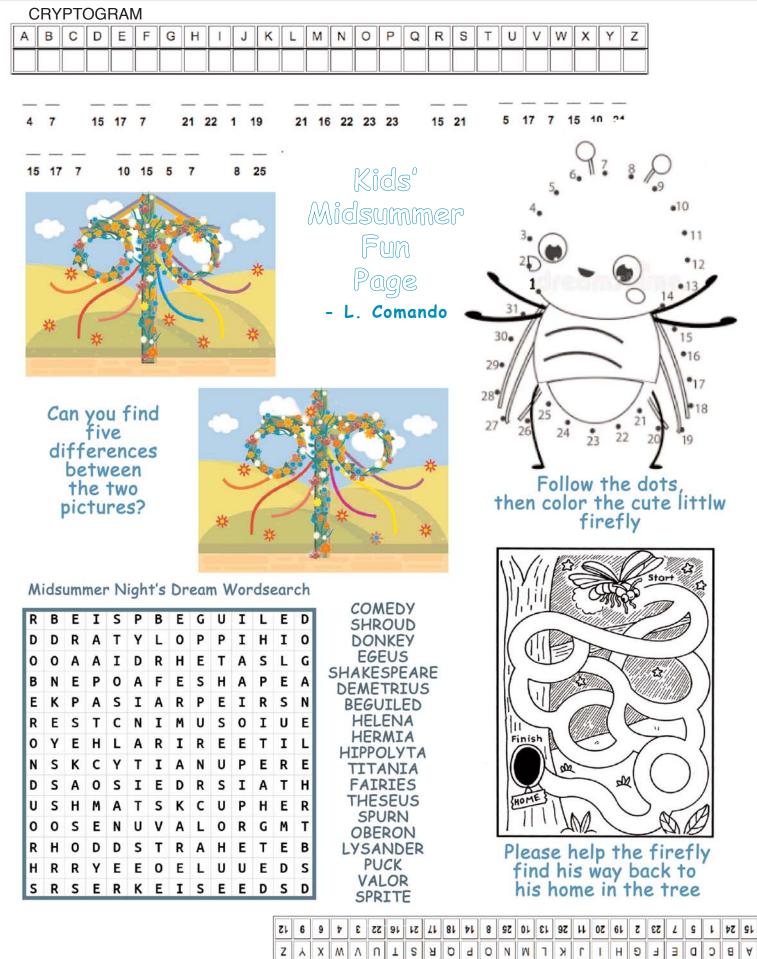
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favorites.

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**CRYPTOGRAM KEY** 

#### Neversink Fire District Lifeguard Job Posting

Neversink Fire District is looking for certified lifeguards to work at the Neversink Pool for the 2024 Summer Season. All inquiries, please reach out to Commissioner Patty Mullen at (845) 707-1737 or neversinkfiredistrict@gmail.com

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#### SWIMMING LESSONS SIGNUP

Swimming Lessons Registration has begun and is ongoing at the Town of Neversink Town Hall in Grahamsville. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Documents section of the Town of Neversink's website or picked up at the Neversink Town Hall located in Grahamsville from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

Any child who lives in the Tri-Valley School District and/or the Town of Neversink is eligible to participate in the Swimming Lessons Program. There is no fee. For more information please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262 x300 or 307.

www.townofneversink.org

# **SC ROAD WORK NOTICE**

Parksville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works will be replacing the concrete deck on County Bridge 434 on Fox Mountain Road in the Town of Liberty, starting next week.



County Bridge 434 is located near Parksville, approximately 500 ft. west of the intersection of Parksville Road and Fox Mountain Rd.

This section of Fox Mountain Road is scheduled to be reduced to a narrow single lane controlled by traffic signals starting 8 a.m. June 12, 2024, and will remain a single lane for approximately 8 weeks.

# SC ROAD CLOSURE

Hurleyville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of Garden House Road, in the towns of Liberty and Fallsburg, to replace County Bridge 261.



Bridge 261 is located between Hurleyville and Ferndale, just southeast of the intersection of Denman and Garden House roads.

This section of Garden House Rd. is scheduled to be closed to all traffic starting 8 a.m. Monday, June 17, 2024, and will remain closed for approximately five (5) months.

# SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WE ARE HIRING !!!



Starting pay is \$53,411

Minimum age is 21 No maximum age



The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is hiring Deputy Sheriff/ Correction Officers for the Jail Division in Monticello, NY. The deadline to apply is June 26, 2024. Visit our website at: https://sullivan-portal.mycivilservice.com/post/exams (845) 794-7102

# Local Residents Opposed to Exit 114 Closure on Route 17



NYS Senator Peter Oberacker joined local business owners and community members in Wurtsboro to oppose closure of Exit 114 on Rt 17 West

Business owners, community members, and State Senator Peter Oberacker (NY 51st District) rallied at Veterans Memorial Park in Wurtsboro on Wednesday to try to convince the New York State Department of Transportation that closing Exit 114 on Route 17 Westbound would be detrimental to the Village of Wurtsboro.

The proposed closure is part of a NYSDOT plan to upgrade Route 17 to interstate standards.

Radio Catskill's Patricio Robayo was on scene.

# DEAR JACK, DEAR LOUISE Opens this Weekend!

DEAR JACK, DEAR LOUISE follows the story of US Army Captain Jack Ludwig as he begins writing to Louise Rabiner, an aspiring actress in NYC, during the turmoil of World War II. This joyous and heartwarming tale, told through the actual letters exchanged between the playwright's parents, offers a poignant exploration of love, resilience, and the enduring power of human connection.

Critics have hailed DEAR JACK, DEAR LOUISE as "An affecting love letter to unlikely romance!" - The Washington Post, and "A moving, funny, and heartbreaking reminder of what we should strive to become, individually and as a country." - Broadway World

The production will begin with preview performances on June 21st at 8 PM and June 22nd at 2 PM, leading up to the official opening night on June 22nd at 8 PM. Opening night festivities on June 22nd include a pre-show toast in the studio lobby at 7:15 PM (sponsored by Equilibrium Brewery) and post-show celebration at Morning Sunshine in Ellenville.

Don't miss your chance to experience the magic of DEAR JACK, DEAR LOUISE, running from June 21st to July 7th at the Studio!

Tickets are \$35 for preview performances on June 21st at 8 PM and June 22nd at 2 PM and \$43 for all other evening shows. Tickets for Sunday matinee performances are \$39. SHADOWLAND STAGES' Studio Theatre is located at 14 Market Street in Ellenville, NY. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at (845) 647-5511 or online at:

shadowlandstages.org. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW https://shadowlandstages.org/?mc\_cid=0db29808cc&mc\_eid =138a9b9d06

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### DEAR JACK, DEAR LOUISE

BY KEN LUDWIG DIRECTED BY STEPHEN NACHAMIE

A CO-PRODUCTION WITH PENGUIN REP THEATRE

JUNE 21 - JULY 7

#### The Studio at SHADOWLAND STAGES

US Army Captain Jack Ludwig begins writing to Louise Rabiner, an aspiring actress in NYC, hoping to meet her someday if WWII allows. But, as the war continues, it threatens their relationship before it even starts.

This joyous and heartwarming tale is told through the letters of the playwright's parents. The results are anything but expected.

"An affecting love letter to unlikely romance! A poignant, funny tribute to the enduring power of human connection." -The Washington Post

"A moving, funny, and heartbreaking reminder of what we should strive to become, individually and as a country." -Broadway World

#### Seventy-one Career & Tech Students Inducted into the National Technical Honor Society

LIBERTY: The Career and Technical Education Center at Sullivan BOCES proudly inducted seventy-one students into the National Vocational Technical Honor Society (NTHS). Induction into the National Technical Honor Society stands as a significant achievement for any Career and Technical Education student.

The evening commenced with Jeffrey Molusky, Executive Principal of the Career & Tech Center at Sullivan BOCES, extending a warm welcome to attendees and acknowledging the remarkable accomplishments of these outstanding Career and Technical Education students. Each student has demonstrated remarkable effort and aptitude in their chosen trade.

During the ceremony, students Jillian Carlson from Livingston Manor CSD, Sarah Gorr from Roscoe CSD, Rachel Yusko from Sullivan West CSD, Ralph Cherubino from Livingston Manor CSD, Nicholas Foley from Tri-Valley CSD, and Sanna Woytowick from Monticello CSD elaborated on the significance of the NTHS and its components, including its purpose, colors, emblem, insignia, and slogan.

Debra Heidt Dunwell, one of the Chapter Advisors, also highlighted the benefits of the National Technical Honor Society, emphasizing its seven pillars: leadership, scholarship, skills, honesty, citizenship, service, and responsibility, which aid students in becoming positive role models and honing leadership skills.

Jeffrey Molusky, Executive Principal of Career & Technical Education and NTHS Advisor, concluded the ceremony by congratulating the inductees on their hard work and their installation into the National Technical Honor Society. "This is an honor that you will carry with you throughout your education and career," remarked Molusky, encapsulating the significance of the achievement."

The 2024 inductees include:

Allied Health: Alyssa Gandy, MCS; Isabella Velasquez, MCS; and Malachi Smith, MCS

Animal Science: Adrianna Garcia, FCS and Cassie Wolcott, LMCS

Auto Technology: Nicholas Foley, TVCS; Joseph Metz, TVCS; Keven Padilla Perdomo, FCS; Ethan Whitted, TVCS; and Rachel Yusko, SWCS

Basic Welding: Rally Cruz, SWCS; Alexander Daw, ECS; Josh Morabito, ECS; Logan Park, LMCS; and Kain Quimby, ECS

Broadcasting/Music Production: Noah Call, LCS; Estiben Escalante, FCS; Luca Larizzati, LMCS; Skylar Loyce, LCS; Elijah McCall, MCS; and Cecelia Norris-Yanes, FCS

Construction Technology: Kelvin Turcios Mejia, LCS; Tristan Wingert, SWCS Cosmetology: Azyrah Daniel, MCS; Lianna Gissentaner, LCS; Dallas LaPolt, TVCS; Lilliana Morton-Curry, TVCS; Kadi Simmons, LMCS; and Aden Volpe, SWCS

Early Childhood Education: Kimberly Diaz, FCS; Krysta Hallock, LMCS; Liliana Ines Leon, LCS; Brianna Noller, FCS

Electrical Trades: Haiden Sanders, TVCS

Emergency Medical Technician: Derek Moorer Jr., FCS; Georgia'Rane O'Brien, FCS; Ronny Rivas Guardado, LCS; and Erika Terpstra, SWCS

Health Occupations: Elmida Aguilar-Reyes, LCS; De'Anasia Banks, MCS; Ashley Bertholf, SWCS; Nehemiah Damon, FCS; Ivon Diaz, MCS; Sara Fajardo Reyes, LCS; Mia Gorr, LCS; Jordyn Jones, LMCS; Erin Lenihan, LMCS; Francely Maradiaga, FCS; Melina Picard, SWCS; Jennifer Rios Nunez, FCS; Alexandra Rivera, LCS; Katiana Rodriguez, MCS; Ciarra Staudt, LMCS; and Konnar Williams, LCS

Innovative Design: Michael Dunne, SWCS; Austin Johnson, MCS; Jacob Lawrence, FCS; and Liam Parks, LCS

Natural Resources: Matthew Finnerty, MCS; and Kal'el Reyes, ELL

New Vision: Alissia Dubovici, MCS; Sarah Gorr, RCS; Mahi Patel, MCS; Nadiushka Rosa Gonzalez, FCS; and Kritika Talukder, MCS

Public Safety Services: Megan Bastone, MCS; Gabriella Canfield, ECS; Jeffrey Evangelista Jr., FCS; Kimberlin Malaga Gonzalez, LCS; Abigail Rivera, MCS; and Hannah Titus, MCS

"Welcome to the National Technical Honor Society," concluded Molusky.

#### About Career & Technical Education

While at the Sullivan BOCES Career & Tech Center, juniors and seniors earn credits toward their high school diploma and gain valuable hands-on experience in a specific trade. Most of the programs also offer the opportunity to earn college credits. Among the wide variety of programs offered at the BOCES are Allied Health, Animal Science, Auto Body, Auto Mechanics, Broadcasting/Music Production, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Construction Technologies, Early Childhood Education, Electrical Trades, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Health Occupations, New Vision Health, Innovative Design, Natural Resources, Public Safety Services, and Welding.

For more information on the programs available through the Career and Technical Education Center, visit scboces.org/CTE, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram.

The Career & Technical Education Program at Sullivan BOCES provides "Skills, knowledge and work ethic for the 21st century."



# Connecting Water, People & the Catskills

- Augmented Reality Exhibit: Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds
- Interactive Exhibits Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: NYC's Quest for Water and & Water and the Valleys
- 1930s Catskill Family Farm
- New expanded shop

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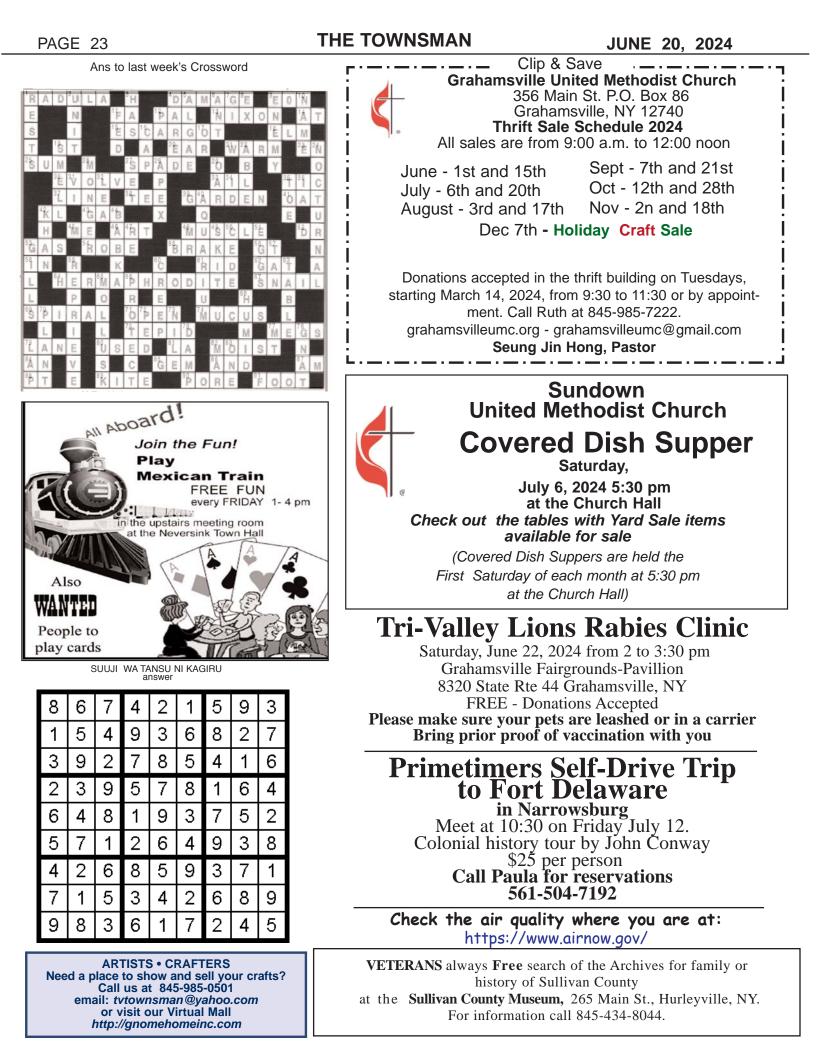


NEW! Town of Neversink and Denning Residents FREE 1st Saturday of the month!

> Adults: \$5, Children: \$2 Members: FREE

Open Weekends - 12 to 4 - Through September 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) Grahamsville 845 985-7700 timeandthevalleysmuseum.org





#### THE TOWNSMAN

6/20/24	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
6/20/24	Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
7/2/24	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
7/3/24	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
7/4/24	Town of Neversink Holiday - INDEPENDENCE DAY
7/6/24	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon
7/6/24	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church Hall
7/9/24	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
7/10/24	Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm
7/21/24	Claryville Fire Department All You Can Father's Day Eat Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 noon

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### 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</u> <u>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.

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

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

June 17 - June 21, 2024

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

#### Monday, June 17

o 4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston; 604 Bradford Court, Boynton Beach, FL; 186 Hommelville Road Saugerties; 44 Bingham Road, Marlboro; & Zoom ID:862 5453 4708 Passcode: 799330

**o 6:00 PM - Trails Advisory Committee,** in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Finance Committee, in the UCRRA Office, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

#### Tuesday, June 18

#### o 12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline

**o 5:00 PM - Democratic Caucus,** in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**o 6:00 PM - Republican Caucus,** in The KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Legislative Session and the Following Public Hearings will be held in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston and may be viewed via livestream at https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203

o **7:00 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2024,** A Local Law Amending Section A27-2(B) Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Ensure Proper Staffing Levels At The Ulster County Board Of Elections

o 7:05 PM - Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant Stand-alone Business Assistance and Microenterprise Grant Program Funding Application

o 7:10 PM - Public Hearing Pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25AA, Section 303-b for Agricultural **District Inclusions** 

o 7:15 PM - **Public Hearing On Naming a County-Owned Asset (Portion of County Road 1** - Ulster County Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Highway)

o 7:20 PM - Public Hearing On Naming a County-Owned Asset (Portion of County Road 5 - Ulster County Gold Star Family Memorial Highway)

o 7:25 PM - Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant Application for Funds Administered by NYS Office of Community Renewal for Housing Activities

o 7:30 PM (Or Immediately Following Public Hearings) - Legislative Session

Wednesday, June 19

o Juneteenth - County Offices Closed

#### Thursday, June 20

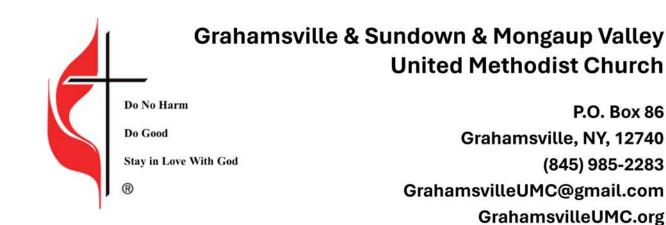
**o** 5:00 PM - Fleet Management Review Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

o 5:00 PM - Periodic Compensation Review Committee Public Hearing, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**o 5:30 PM - Ulster County Youth Board,** in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston

#### Friday, June 21

o 3:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Reform Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & 1975 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Unit 305, Longboat Key, Florida 34228



Dear friends and members of the church,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Grahamsville, Sundown, and Mongaup Valley United Methodist Churches, as well as the local community, in Christian faith and love since 2018. After six years of local ministry, I have been appointed to a new church, the Astoria Korean United Methodist Church in Queens, as a lead pastor. This new journey of faith will begin on July 1st. The news is bittersweet for me. Indeed, Grahamsville and Sundown have become my second hometown since I moved to the United States, and I have lived here the longest. Your welcoming love in Christ has encouraged me to build relationships and grow as a church leader.

Do you remember when I first came as a seminary student pastor, a single man? Now, I am leaving as a provisional elder, a husband, and a father with my wife and son. My family is doing well in South Korea after a challenging period of adapting to new cultures and environments. Even though I have struggled with minor bug bites due to my different immune system, which take longer to heal, your hospitality and generous hearts have strengthened and empowered me through God's grace. This has helped me to learn not only English but also cultural differences and lifestyles. These long and short years of memories will be kept in my heart forever. They are my foundation, and I will continue to walk as a servant of the Lord, as you have walked with me.

As a token of my appreciation, I invite all friends and members of the church to a combined Sunday **Worship Service on June 23rd at 10:30 AM**, which will be the last Sunday I preside. There will also be **a luncheon after the service**, where I will provide Korean food for our loving community. Please feel free to come and enjoy the food. If you want to share your secret recipe dishes with others, please do so. Your presence will light up and warm our community and the church. I look forward to meeting you soon in God's grace. Amen.

Sincerely, Rev. Seung Jin Hong Grahamsville & Sundown & Mongaup Valley United Methodist Church

# **39th Annual Academic Achievement Celebration Recognizes Top Students**



Left to Right (front row): Caroline Alcantara, Didi San Miguel, Rachel Zirt, Madison Bonnell, Kaitlyn McGarry, Julia Juron, Lily Siciliano, Erin Skinner, Abbigail Mentnech, Jane Islas Escamilla, Charlotte Steingart, Mia Irlbacher, and Angelina Levner. (back row) Scott Cole, Craig Costa, Henry Simon, Sincere Warren, Benjamin Visconti, Jumana Abu Al Ghanam, Sarah Gorr, Jillian Carlsen, Aiden Johnston and Jackson Krause.

Missing from the Picture: Tamar Houri, Michelle Lima Enriquez, Joshua Miller, Zachary Roosa, Kritika Talukder, Coco Gao, Elizabeth Reeves, and Nicole Reeves.

LIBERTY - On June 10, Sullivan BOCES held its Thirty-Ninth Annual Academic Achievement Celebration at the Kartrite Resort & Indoor Waterpark to honor the county's top students of the Class of 2024. The event was attended by Superintendents of Schools, Principals, Board Presidents, and Dr. Theresa Hamlin, President & CEO of The Center for Discovery, who served as the guest speaker.

Dr. Hamlin congratulated the students on their exceptional academic achievements, expressing immense pride in their hard work and dedication. She highlighted how their perseverance and commitment have set them apart, especially considering the challenges posed by COVID-19. She noted that tonight's celebration is a tribute to all they have achieved, emphasizing that their accomplishments speak volumes about their character and resilience. Dr. Hamlin also spoke of the importance of giving back to the community, urging the students to return to Sullivan County to contribute to its growth and development.

At the ceremony, Dr. Robert M. Dufour, District Superintendent of Sullivan BOCES, along with the School Superintendent, Board President, and High School Principal, presented the students with a Certificate of Achievement and a Rocket Notebook, courtesy of the Rolling V Bus Corporation.

This year's top students include:

Eldred CSD: Madison Bonnell and Kaitlyn McGarry

Fallsburg CSD: Mia Irlbacher, Jane Islas Escamilla, Angelina Levner, and Charlotte Steingart

Liberty CSD: Jumana Abu Al Ghanam, Julia Juron, Erin Skinner, Benjamin Visconti, and Sincere Warren

Livingston Manor CSD: Jillian Carlsen and Jackson Krause

Monticello CSD: Caroline Alcantara, Tamar Houri, Michelle Lima Enriquez, Joshua Miller, Zachary Roosa, Didi San Miguel, Kritika Talukder, and Rachel Zirt

Roscoe CSD: Sarah Gorr and Aiden Johnston

Sullivan West CSD: Coco Gao, Elizabeth Reeves, Nicole Reeves, and Henry Simon

Tri-Valley CSD: Scott Cole, Craig Costa, Abbigail Mentnech, and Lily Siciliano





# Community Art Series Exhibit

The Library is proud to host an art exhibit series in our RDN Community Room, featuring a rotation of local New York Artists.

This month's exhibit...

# "Woodland Gardens"

# by Susan Dollard



Opening Reception will be held on

<u>Saturday, June 15th,</u> from 1:00pm — 3:00pm

*Please join us as we welcome Susan and her beautiful artwork. Refreshments will be provided.* 

<u>Exhibit Viewing from</u> <u>Saturday, June 15th – Saturday, July 13th</u>

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

Susan Dollard is a multimedia artist whose work ranges from impressionistic pastel renderings to gelatin prints and monoprints. She has lived in Smallwood, NY for close to 50 years. As an avid gardener, many of her works reflect her love of nature, woodlands and simple country living.

She graduated with a MS in Art Education and Elementary Education from SUNY New Paltz and taught elementary school for 30 years. Susan often collaborates with her husband Tim, a rustic woodworker. Susan has exhibited her work locally in Sullivan and Orange Counties, and won a Delaware Valley Arts Alliance Regrant in 2009, 2010 and 2011.



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#### DEC Announces 2024 First-Time Camper Program Popular Free Program Returns for 5th Year to Help

Popular Free Program Returns for 5th Year to Help More New Yorkers Experience the Outdoors through Camping

Interested Campers Encouraged to Enter Lottery Open June 13 to 20

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today announced the return of the popular First-Time Camper Program for the 2024 season. New York families that have never experienced camping will have the opportunity to try camping and other recreational activities in the great outdoors by registering for a fully stocked campsite at a select DEC-operated campground for a designated weekend this summer.

"DEC's introductory program for first-time campers is back and I am honored to welcome even more New Yorkers to check out great campgrounds in the Adirondacks and Catskills," Interim Commissioner Mahar said. "The First-Time Camper Program is an excellent way to get more New Yorkers outdoors and introduce them to the Empire State's unparalleled natural beauty with the help of Camping Ambassadors who assist new campers with all the basics. The program gives those who have never camped before the opportunity to sleep under the stars, as well as experience myriad outdoor activities such as fishing, hiking, boating, birding, and more."

New York State's First-Time Camper Program makes camping easy by providing a turnkey camping experience for families, especially those from underserved communities who may be unfamiliar with camping and the planning and supplies required to ensure the most enjoyable experience.

DEC will provide camping parties with a tent, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, camp chairs, a lantern, and firewood for a weekend of fun. Bathrooms and hot showers are a short walk from the campsites. A Camping Ambassador will meet participants at the campsite and help set up camp with a camping 101 lesson. To make the weekend getaway even more enjoyable, campers will have an opportunity to learn from experts how to fish, hike, bird watch, paddle, and more, all while having fun and making memories to last a lifetime.

Learn more from just a few of the hundreds of campers who have previously participated in the First-Time Camper Program by viewing videos on the DEC website.

Potential first-time campers are encouraged to enter the lottery beginning June 13 until June 20, 2024. Participants will then be randomly selected to fill camper slots. More information on the program can be found by visiting DEC's website.

Those entering the lottery must choose one facility from the participating locations in the Adirondacks and Catskills:

- o North South Lake Campground (Catskills) July 12-14
- o Ausable Point Campground (Adirondacks) July 19-21
- o Luzerne Campground (Adirondacks) July 26-28
- o Cranberry Lake Campground (Adirondacks) August 2-4
- o Northampton Beach Campground (Adirondacks) August 9-11
- o Mongaup Pond Campground (Catskills) August 16-18
- Kenneth L. Wilson Campground (Catskills) August 23-25
   For more information on DEC-operated campgrounds, including a list of campgrounds and schedules, visit DEC's website, or call

DEC's Bureau of Recreation at 518-457-2500. To make reservations at any of these camping facilities, call ReserveAmerica at 1-800-456-CAMP (2267) or visit the NY State Parks ReserveAmerica website.

The First-Time Camper Program is offered through DEC's Adventure NY initiative and Division of Operations, which support making strategic investments to expand access to healthy, active, outdoor recreation; connect more New Yorkers and visitors to nature and the outdoors; protect natural resources; and boost local economies. Read more about the Adventure NY initiative on DEC's website.



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> •• Full Page Flyer for Local Municipalities and Organizations one time fee- \$20.00 (once the flyer is inserted we will publish it each week through the week of the event)

As in the past, there is no fee for advertising for our local churches

Low Rates High Visibility!

### More Than 50 Local Residents Complete Preparedness Class Topics Included Tornadoes, Floods, Heatwaves, Power Outages

Swan Lake, NY - This past weekend, 51 residents trekked to the Sullivan County Emergency Services Training Center to gain valuable insight into all types of emergencies by taking the New York State Citizen Preparedness Class.

Officials from the National Guard and the New York State Office of Emergency Management led the training, focusing on how to prepare for flooding, hurricanes, hot weather, tornadoes, winter storms, fires, power outages, cybersecurity incidents and more.

Lessons learned included:

o Develop an Emergency Plan. Since an emergency can strike at any

time, create a plan for you and your family. Include important contact information, a special meeting place, and a list of medications (a 7-10-day supply). Check on emergency plans in your workplace, school, daycare and where you and your family spend time.



• Build an Emergency Survival Kit. During an emergency, you may lose heat, air conditioning, and/or phone service. Build a kit to help you get by for 7-10 days. Include medical supplies, canned goods, hygiene supplies, and some tools. Don't forget to have water on hand. At the time of an emergency, it may be hard to get or find.

• Be Aware. Pay attention to the news. Some emergencies, such as weather-related ones, come with advanced notice - others just happen. Sign up for NY-Alert at www.alert.ny.gov to get news on weather events, road closures and other local, county, regional or state alerts.

Jack Halchak, Chief Deputy Fire Coordinator for the Sullivan County Bureau of Fire, takes inventory of the to-go bags handed out to all participants of the Citizen Preparedness class.

• Get Involved. Check out your home for potential safety hazards and fix them. Take a basic first aid class. Learn how to turn the power and water off, if needed. Think about joining the local fire department or ambulance corps. Learn about the Red Cross. Don't forget about your neighbors - they may need some help.

Instructors also went over when and when not to call 911; what to do after an emergency happens; how to care for pets during disasters; important documents to make and have (wills, deeds, contacts, etc.); the need to have cash and water readily available; and the wisdom of a to-go bag kept ready at all times (one for each family member).

"This class covered a lot of material in a short period of time," said Jack Halchak, Chief Deputy Fire Coordinator for Sullivan County. "It gave those attending food for thought on how to be aware of their surroundings and plan ahead for emergencies that could happen at any moment. And at the class' conclusion, everyone received a backpack stocked with basic emergency supplies in order to get us started on preparing - on our own - for an emergency."



# Our book tent is open! Come check it out

There's something for everyone! Bag of books is \$4.00

# **Daniel Pierce Library**

Something for everyone:



Hardcovers: \$.50 Paperbacks: \$.25

Children's Books: \$.50



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DVDs & CDs: $1
Vinyl Records: $1
Puzzles & Games: $1
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Please DO NOT leave book donations under that book tent.

Please contact Michelle to make an appointment.



We appreciate donations for our White Elephant table Sundown United Methodist Church Hall (Intersection of Sundown Rd, Peekamoose Rd & Greenville Rd, Sundown, NY 12740)

# PAGE 32THE TOWNSMANJUNE 20, 2024Neversink River Craft Co-0p will open the 2024 Season

On June 30th the Neversink River Craft Co-Op will open the 2024 season in Frost Valley with a show of new work, including locally handcrafted pottery, jewelry. woodworking, resin art, stained glass, paintings, and more. Open dates are Sundays, June 30, July 14, 28 and August 11. From 10 AM to 5 PM, at 2554 Frost Valley Road, Claryville, NY.

From Rt 55 in Grahamsville, go up Claryville Road and just past the church in Claryville take Frost Valley Road for three miles to the NRCC sign. We welcome you to meet the artists, visit, and shop for unique traditional and contemporary American fine crafts. For information call 845-985-2016.



# Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack Welcomes Historical Photographer & High School Photography Exhibit to the Matthewis Persen House Museum



"I Am Superman," 2012, courtesy of Tom DeLooza

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to welcome Tom DeLooza, a local historical photographer, to the Matthewis Persen House Museum, 74 John Street Kingston NY 12401, this Tuesday, June 18th. Beginning at 3pm, Mr. DeLooza will present a lecture and demonstration showcasing the art, history, and alchemical process of tintype photographs. This presentation is a perfect addition to the 12th annual LIGHT IN THE DARK juried high school photography exhibit currently on display showcasing gelatin prints from four area high schools. Despite being consumed by our digital world, students working in the darkroom have managed to develop a unique perspective and passion for this time honored craft of analog photography. The historic Person House offers the best setting for each of these events.

The Matthewis Persen House is an historic treasure. Visiting the museum is like stepping back in time. Stop by and witness these time honored processes within the walls of a period style home. These events are free and open to the public. The house is open to the public on the regular schedule of every Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., through Labor Day weekend, and afterward, on Saturdays only from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until closing for the season on October 26th.

For further information about the Matthewis Persen House Museum, please contact the Ulster County Clerk's Archives at (845) 340-3415 or archives@co.ulster.ny.us. You can also visit us online at https://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persenhouse or on Facebook for updates and announcements.

# 2024 BOWHUNTER YOUTH CAMP



# JULY 13 & 14

9am-5pm Saturday, 9am-3pm Sunday

The Youth Bowhunter Camp is open to all youths ages 11 to 16 in DEC region 3 which includes Sullivan, Orange, Rockland, Westchester, Ulster, Dutchess And Putnam Counties.

Held each year at the Sullivan County Conservation Club in Ferndale NY, area youths enjoy an informative, no cost archery camp. With an emphasis on SAFETY, and covering everything from arrow making to tracking, campers will learn almost everything they need to know to begin Bowhunting. The program is run by NYS DEC certified Hunter Education Safety Instructors, and all youths completing the camp will leave with their Bowhunter safety certificate required to purchase a NYS Archery License.

Space is limited, and admission to Youth Camp will be determined by a brief essay each applicant will include with this application explaining their interest in learning to bowhunt. The deadline for all applications will be June 30.

Applications should be submitted to:

Harry Walker Sullivan County Archers 149 South Shore Drive Wurtsboro, NY 12790

Phone: (845)794-6752 Email: bowbender@hvc.rr.com



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Tri-Valley Elementary School "INSPIRE SUCCESS TOGETHER"



## Tri-Valley Elementary School UPK REGISTRATION

If you have a child that will be 4 years old by December 1, 2024 please call us at

845-985-2296 ext. 5405

Or send an email to: registration@trivalleycsd.org and leave your name, your child's name and phone number where you can be reached.

## The Primetimers of Temple Shalom in Monticello sponsoring A Day on Your Own Bus Trip to New York City

## Wednesday, August 14

Donation is \$55.00 round trip, including gratuity

The bus leaves the **Temple parking lot** on **East Dillon Road** at **8:15** AM and will return at approximately **8:00** PM Checks should be made out to Primetimers

Call Paula for further information and reservations at 561-504-7192



### Ulster County Clerk Welcomes Senate House State Historic Site Staff to the Matthewis Persen House Museum

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce that on Saturday, June 22nd, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, staff from the Senate House State Historic Site will host an interactive information session at the Matthewis Persen House located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corner of John and Crown Streets. Admission is free and all are welcome.

"I am excited to welcome the staff from the Senate House to the Persen House this Saturday," stated County Clerk Nina Postupack. "The Senate House State Historic Site is a significant landmark that played a crucial role in American history. Located in uptown Kingston, it shares the story of a pivotal moment in the state's formation during the Revolutionary War. We are pleased to have them at the Persen House, sharing their rich history and educational programming."

To learn more about the Senate House State Historic Site and view their schedule of events, please visit their website at https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/senatehouse/details.aspx. For further information about the Matthewis Persen House Museum, please contact the Ulster County Clerk's Archives at (845) 340-3415 or archives@co.ulster.ny.us. You can also visit us online at

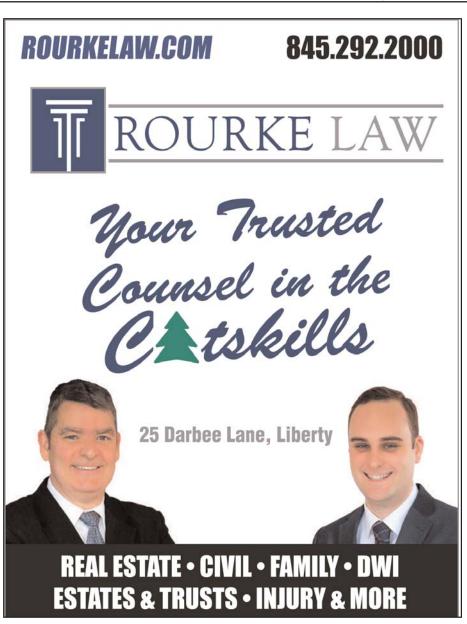
https://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persenhouse or on Facebook for updates and announcements.

### "DEC Does What?!" Podcast Episode 6 Now Available: Spread the Word, Not the Species

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released the latest episode of "DEC Does What?!", the biweekly podcast that features conversations with DEC experts about the agency's wide-ranging efforts to protect New Yorkers and the environment.

Episode Six- "Spread the Word, Not the Species"-looks at the critical work of DEC scientists to understand and combat invasive species and their impacts on the environment, economy, and human health.

Invasive species-including beetles, round goby, kudzu, and hydrilla-are one of the greatest threats to New York's biodiversity, causing



habitat degradation, loss of native species, crop damage, and much more. In this episode, hosts Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar and Chief of Staff Erica Ringewald are joined by Research Scientists Cathy McGlynn and Jessica Cancelliere from the Bureau of Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health to discuss how DEC plays a critical role in research, monitoring, prevention, and management of invasive species across the state, including using eDNA as a tool to track down the presence of an invasive in the environment. They also provide tips to listeners on how everyone can help prevent the spread of species in our communities.

Episode Six also includes an update on environmental news and recent DEC initiatives, including reminders for New Yorkers to help identify and report invasive species (Know It, Avoid It, Report It), the agency's efforts to combat aquatic invasive species and protect New York waterways (Clean, Drain, Dry, and the Great Lakes Aquatic Invasive Species Landing Blitz). The episode closes with an update on the terrestrial invasive Joro spider and whether New Yorkers should be concerned about its potential arrival.

All episodes of "DEC Does What?!" are available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, YouTube, Amazon Music, and all major podcast platforms.

For more information on "DEC Does What?!," visit DEC's website. https://dec.ny.gov/news/podcast

### Governor Hochul Announces More than \$39 Million Awaraded to Develop Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Programs Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Programs Provide Immediate Care and Treatment to New Yorkers Experiencing a Behavioral Health Crisis

### • Nine Awards to Increase the Statewide Total to 31 Programs and Provide Additional Capacity to Serve Thousands of Individuals Experiencing a Behavioral Health Crisis

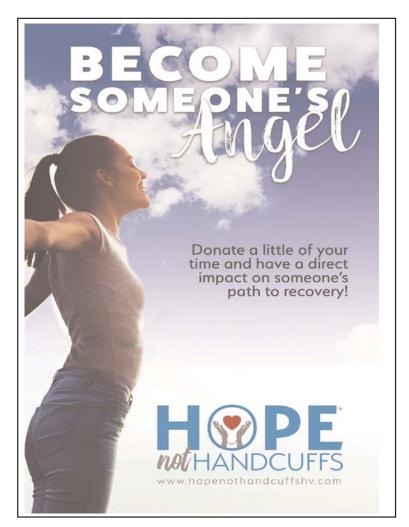
Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that a total of \$39.1 million in state funding was awarded to nine community-based hospitals to develop new comprehensive psychiatric emergency programs. Once established, the programs will increase the statewide total to 31 and provide needed capacity to serve thousands of additional individuals who experience a behavioral health crisis.

"Expanding hospital-based psychiatric emergency programs is a critical component of our efforts to strengthen New York State's mental healthcare system," Governor Hochul said. "This funding will provide community-based hospitals with capital to establish new programs, so they can quickly evaluate and provide care to anyone experiencing a behavioral health crisis."

OMH Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said, "Comprehensive psychiatric emergency programs provide a full range of services to individuals in crisis or seeking treatment. By adding new capacity at community-based hospitals, we will be able to significantly improve access to this care statewide, including to areas that were previously underserved. This funding reaffirms Governor Hochul's full commitment to strengthening our state's mental health care system and will ensure all New Yorkers have access to the critical services they can rely on when they need it."

Administered by the state Office of Mental Health, the conditional awards were provided to five hospitals located in New York City and four located in the upstate areas to develop and operate new comprehensive psychiatric emergency programs or establish a satellite location. Funding recipients include: New York City:

- o St. Barnabas Hospital, \$5 million
- o Montefiore Medical Center, \$4.6 million
- o Maimonides Medical Center, \$4.9 million
- o Flushing Hospital Medical Center, \$4.5 million
- o NYU Langone Health, \$5 million
- Upstate New York:
- o<sup>1</sup> Faxton St. Luke's Healthcare (Oneida County), \$493,253



o Olean General Hospital (Cattaraugus County), \$5 million

o Arnot Ogden Hospital (Chemung County), \$4.8 million
o Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center (St. Lawrence County),
\$4.8 million

Comprehensive psychiatric emergency programs are a primary entry point to the mental health system for individuals in need of crisis treatment in a safe and comfortable environment. They provide a full range of psychiatric services to New Yorkers experiencing a behavioral health crisis, including individuals with co-occurring disorders, substance use disorders, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and medical conditions; and can admit individuals for up to 72 hours if they need extended observation.

These programs receive referrals from providers, emergency medical services transport, police transport, and walkins. Individuals are first screened, then assessed and examined to determine their mental healthcare needs. Individuals are then provided a treatment plan tailored to their needs.

The programs also include mobile crisis services, which can respond to behavioral crises in the community and help reduce the need for an emergency evaluation or admission. Mobile crisis services also support individuals in the community while they await follow up services.

The funding is part of Governor Hochul's \$1 billion plan to strengthen New York State's continuum of mental health care. With the majority of this capital funding in procurement, the plan is now providing the funding needed to open new programs, expand effective initiatives, and develop thousands of units of specialized housing to serve individuals living with mental illness.

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### DEC Announces Proposed Regulations to Ease Transition to Paper Sporting Licenses and Tags for License Issuing Agents

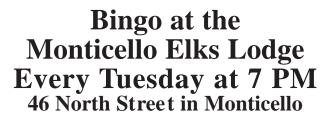
## Public Comments Accepted until August 12

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar today announced a regulatory proposal that would enable License Issuing Agents and Officers (LIAs) to charge a nominal printing fee to recover costs associated with printing and mailing paper sporting licenses and other items sold through DEC's Automated Licensing System (DECALS). The proposal does not include any additional fees if the license buyer prints a license themselves.

"Our partnering License Issuing Agents serve a critical role supporting DEC's statewide wildlife conservation and management programs," Interim Commissioner Mahar said. "The proposal released today is designed to aid the transition to paper licenses and tags this fall to ensure LIAs are able to continue to provide their services. DEC encourages New Yorkers to provide public comments as this process continues toward implementation later this year."

Beginning this August, all hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and associated tags will be printed on plain paper rather than plastic stock. Because LIAs will supply their own paper, printers, and ink, DEC is proposing a rule change to

IM YORK State and Federally Licensed 163 Krumville Road, CR2A (845) 657-6330 (Ph.) Olive Bridge, N.Y. 12461 (845) 657-7031 (Fax) Email: jyork@hvc.rr.com JIM'S GUNSMITHING, INC. www.Jimsgunsmithing.com CUSTOM STOCK, METAL WORK, BLUEING, GENERAL REPAIRS, SIGHTWORK, ETC. **BUY - SELL - TRADE - TRANSFERS** Start at Route 28 and Reservoir Rd in Shokan 1.7 Miles Tum LEFT onto Monument Road Continue onto NY-28A West 1.8 Miles Turn LEFT onto NY-213 1.1 Miles Turn RIGHT onto Krumville Road/CR-2A 0.8 Miles Gun Shop on LEFT Start at Route 209 and 213 in Stone Ridge -Going Towards Olivebridge 7.5 Miles Turn LEFT onto The Krumville Road/CR-2A 0.8 Miles Gun Shop on LEFT



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

provide LIAs the option of charging a \$1 fee to cover their material costs. Additionally, this proposal will enable DEC's license vendor to levy a \$2 fee for licenses purchased online or by phone for which the buyer requests the license be printed and mailed. All license buyers who purchase online, by phone, via DEC's mobile app, or in-person at an LIA will have the option to avoid the fee by choosing to receive their licenses and tags via email for free printing at home.

Additional information about the transition to paper licenses and tags can be found on DEC's website. The full text of the proposed changes are available on DEC's proposed regulations webpage.

DEC is interested in the viewpoints of license holders and encourages public feedback on this proposal. Comments will be accepted through Aug. 12, 2024, and can be submitted via e-mail to wildliferegs@dec.ny.gov with the subject line "Paper license transaction fee" or via mail to the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Wildlife, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4754.

### Ulster County, in Partnership with OSI, Invites Public to Ribbon-Cutting for Newly Improved O&W Rail Trail

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, in partnership with the Open Space Institute (OSI), the Towns of Rochester and Wawarsing, and the Village of Ellenville, is pleased to announce a ribbon-cutting in Accord to celebrate the improvement of five miles of the Ontario and Western ("O&W") Rail Trail on Friday, June 21, at 2 p.m. at the Rochester Town Park, 50 Scenic Road, in Accord.

The improvement projects included the repair of a 3.2-milelong trail section between Accord and Kerhonkson and a 2.1-milelong section stretching north from the Village of Ellenville toward Port Ben. The work also included new trail surfacing, replacement of three bridges, trailhead parking area improvements in the hamlet of Accord, vegetation maintenance, and drainage improvements.

"We're committed to enhancing the County's world-class trail network in all corners of the County, providing recreational and non-motorized transportation opportunities for residents of all abilities, and bringing more visitors to our Main Streets," said County Executive Metzger. "OSI has been a great leader and partner in this effort, and I want to thank OSI President and CEO Erik Kulleseid and his team for their pioneering work to improve our trail system, including here in Rochester, Wawarsing, and Ellenville."

"As demand for greenway trails increases - for transportation, recreation, and community connections - OSI is leading the effort to reinvent the entire O&W line as part of our Growing Greenways initiative," said Erik Kulleseid, president and CEO of OSI. "From building partnerships to land acquisition, trail restoration projects, and more, OSI is doing everything it takes to accomplish our goal of creating a connected corridor that helps grow the region's trail network, links communities, and expands public access to nature."

Together costing more than \$1 million, the improvement projects were managed by OSI and funded by Ulster County, with OSI providing \$95,000 in project management services. Thanks to a generous donor, OSI also provided a 50-foot steel truss bridge for improvements completed in Ellenville.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, the Ulster County Legislature awarded OSI \$2.1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to complete rail trail improvement projects in the region. Following substantial improvements to the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail in 2023, the two O&W projects mark OSI's successful completion of all Ulster County-ARPA funded initiatives.

The restoration of the O&W Corridor was outlined as a priority in the 2020 New York State Greenway Trails Plan.

Improvements throughout the O&W Corridor, including the newly restored sections of the rail trail, are a focus of OSI's Growing Greenways: West of Hudson Greenway Trails Vision Plan. The OSI-led plan presents a vision and a blueprint to connect several existing Hudson Valley trail networks, including the arterial O&W Rail Trail, to create an interconnected, multi-use trail network spanning more than 250 miles and connecting dozens of communities throughout Ulster, Sullivan, and Orange counties.

Renovations along the lengthy O&W Corridor are key to the success of the Growing Greenways initiative: Once trail improvements are completed, the fragmented former railroad corridor will be transformed into a continuous, 57-mile greenway trail running from the City of Kingston to the City of Port Jervis, forming the backbone of the Growing Greenways trail network.

In addition to the new improvements, this year OSI has notched several Growing Greenways conservation and trail improvement victories along the O&W Rail Trail, including the purchase of 2.4 miles of the O&W railbed in Wawarsing, additional trail improvements in Port Ben, and the launch of the O&W Rail Trail Corridor Study. The O&W Rail Trail Corridor Study is supported in part by a \$500,000 grant from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation through Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993.

### Forestburgh Playhouse Kicks Off 78th Anniversary Season with Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits!

Forestburgh, NY - June 14, 2024 - The Forestburgh Playhouse is thrilled to announce the opening of its highly anticipated 2024 summer season on Tuesday, June 18, with the iconic and side-splitting show, *Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits!* Prepare to laugh until your face hurts as this legendary and comic Off-Broadway hit musical revue takes the stage, offering an evening of unparalleled entertainment.

*Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits!* is a must-see for theatre lovers and comedy enthusiasts alike. This hilarious, loving, and endlessly entertaining tribute brings together Broadway's greatest musical legends and the sharp wit of Broadway's foremost satirist. Audiences will delight in the witty parodies and clever impersonations of some of the theatre's most beloved stars and songwriters.

"This show is the perfect way to kick off our 78th Anniversary Season," said Franklin Trapp, Producing Artistic Director of the Forestburgh Playhouse. "Forbidden Broadway has been a favorite for years, and we're excited to bring this iconic production back to our stage. It promises to be an unforgettable experience for our audiences."

Tickets for *Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits!* are now available for purchase at fbplayhouse.org. Don't miss your chance to be part of this incredible opening show. Group rates are also available; please contact our box office at boxoffice@fbplayhouse.org or call 845-791-1194 for more information.

Join us at the Forestburgh Playhouse as we celebrate 78 years of theatrical excellence with a season opener that promises laughter, joy, and a night to remember. We look forward to seeing you there!

Contact:

Forestburgh Playhouse Box Office: 845-791-1194 Email: boxoffice@fbplayhouse.org Website: fbplayhouse.org

#### About the Forestburgh Playhouse

Founded in 1947, the Forestburgh Playhouse has served as a beacon of the arts in the Sullivan Catskills for over 75 years. Under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Franklin Trapp, the Playhouse continues to deliver high-quality theatre productions and foster the development of new works. With a mission that encompasses professional theatre, arts education, and youth programming, the Playhouse attracts over 30,000 patrons each summer and is a proud pioneer in the resurgence of live performances.

The Forestburgh Playhouse is a non-for-profit corporation dedicated to the promotion of the arts in Sullivan County, NY. (Federal ID #46-4432375, NYS Charities #44-50-97, NYS Tax Exempt #259887)

## Primetimers Trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlets

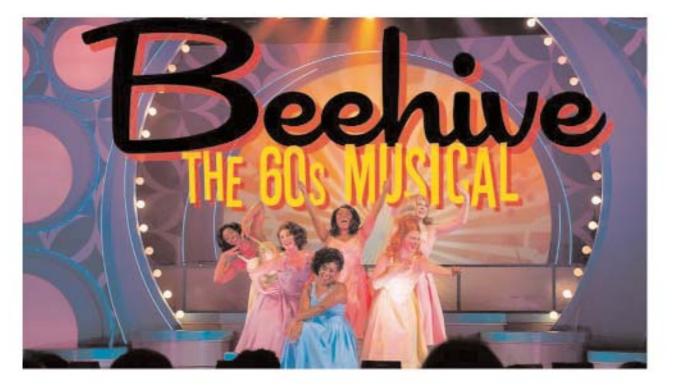
The Primetimers of Temple Sholom is sponsoring a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlet Mall in Bethlehem, PA on Thursday, July 18th .

The bus leaves at 9:00 AM from Temple Sholom Parking Lot at 5 East Dillon Road, Monticello, NY.

Enjoy an exciting day of gaming, dining and shopping. Cost is \$55 including tip and \$30 free slot play. Deadline is July 1st.

> For further info and reservations, call Paula at 845-794-2314.





### 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

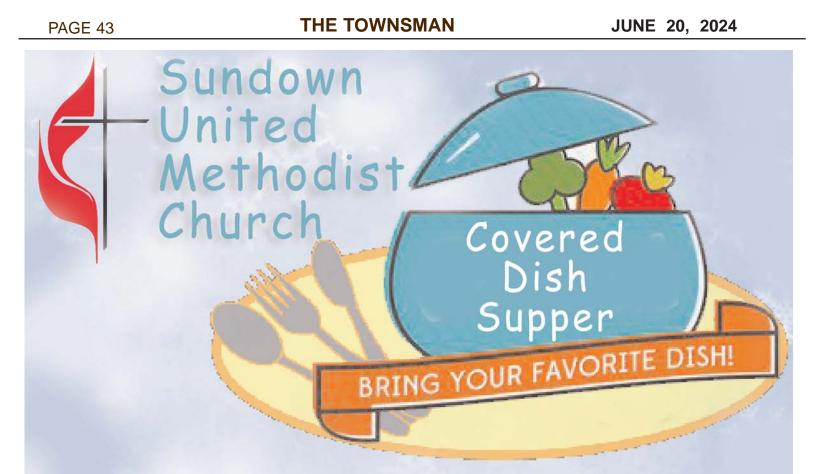
Roasted Vegetable over Pasta

### Dessert

Assorted Cookies,

Soda/Coffee/Tea Included

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



## July 6, 2024 5:30 pm

## Bring a covered dish to share Enjoy good food and fellowship

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

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall (Intersection of Sundown Rd., Peekamoose Rd. & Greenville Rd., Sundown, NY 12740)



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..... Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, New York 12740 845 985-7700 or join online: www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org Name: []Individual \$25 [] Double \$40 Address: [] Family \$50 State & Zip:\_\_\_ []Patron \$100 City: []Patron Silver \$200 []Patron Gold \$500 Phone: e-mail: Thank you for supporting local history and the Museum 

## Time and the Valleys Museum

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



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





## All Vendors are wanted!

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

When: Saturday, August 24th, 2024

**Rain or Shine** 

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

Time: 10 AM - 3 PM

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

#### **Regulations for Sellers:**

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

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

Payment and registration must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup> 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:			
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Telephone number:	Email:		
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# of tables needed:	Electricity needed (ins	ide the building only).	: Yes No
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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



#### THE TOWNSMAN

JUNE 20, 2024

### Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack Announces Civil War Era Concert "Songs of the Irish Brigade" at the Matthewis Persen House Museum

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce the Ulster County Civil War Roundtable presented "Songs of the Irish Brigade," a concert by The Veterans in a New Field, at the Matthewis Persen House. The historic house is located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corner of John and Crown Streets.



On Saturday, June 15, they held a special performance of songs from the Irish Brigade during the Civil War and World War I. This talented band preserves and presents the cherished melodies of the Union Irish Brigade and has recently added World War I songs to their reper-



toire. Listeners were invited to enjoy and reflect on the sacrifices made by those who served. Get ready to hear classic tunes such as "Marching Through Georgia,' "Over There," "You're a Grand Old Flag," "The Irish Volunteer,"

"It's a Long Way to Tipperary," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "Danny Boy," "Give My Regards to Broadway," "Goober Peas," and many more!

The Irish Brigade, consisting of mostly Irish Americans, served in the Union Army in the



American Civil War. This infantry brigade became known as the "Fighting 69th" and continued in later wars. The Irish Brigade was known in part for its famous



war cry, the "Faugh a Ballaugh", meaning "clear the way." Since 1907, the Fighting 69th has been a unit of the New York National Guard.

"We were thrilled to welcome The Veterans in a New Field back to the Persen House," said County Clerk Nina Postupack. "Music has been a significant part of our nation's history. Experiencing the music of our

Civil War ancestors was both a memorable and entertaining event for the entire family."

For further information about the Matthewis Persen House Museum, please contact the Ulster County Clerk's Archives at (845) 340-3415 or archives@co.ulster.ny.us. You can also visit us online at https://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house or on Facebook for updates and announcements.

## 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, July 21st

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





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

## **2024 SHOW DATES**

#### 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 10:00 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 OUTPOST BBQ SHOW

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, 6611 ROUTE 209 KERHONKSON, NY 12446

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 4:00 PM PRICE PER VEHICLE \$15.00 TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 25; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; OUTPOST BBQ CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW.

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#### THE TOWNSMAN



COME JOIN US FOR THE THE NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION'S 24th ANNUAL TRACTOR SHOW

with the

GRAHAMSVILLE ROD & GUN CLUB SPORTSMAN FLEA MARKET on SATURDAY, SEPT. 21 from 10 am - 6 pm (rain date Sept. 22) at the GRAHAMSVILLE FAIRGROUNDS

COST: \$5 PER CAR

\*\*\*\*\*IT'S THE YEAR OF THE JOHN DEERE\*\*\*\*\*

(But all tractor models are welcome!)

Several makes/model tractors & farm equipment w/hit & miss engines, shingle mill, sawmill Sportsman vendors & knife sharpening

A showroom of antique household and farm machinery

Food by our Grahamsville Fire Dept. & Tri-Valley Little League including a Chicken BBQ Dinner from 4-6 pm (pre-orders available at <u>fd.grahamsville@gmail.com</u>)

Beer Garden w/Bridge & Tunnel brewery & entertainment by Jon Zanger & DJ Mark Hyser

Craft, yard sale and machinery equipment vendors

Hayrides, Pedal Tractors, Timmy the Train, Tractor Bingo & more

TRACTOR PARADE @ 1 PM

Trophies awarded for Best Featured Tractor (John Deere), Best Restored Tractor, Best Original Condition Tractor, Best Garden Tractor, Best Young Adult (13-21) Tractor, Furthest Travelled Tractor and to all Tractors from ages 12 and under.

> Classic and antique vehicles welcome. Club membership not required. ALL TRACTORS MUST REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN SHOW

Want more info? Contact: Paul Kelly @ 845-985-0081 or Cher Woehl @ 845-985-2401 (if no answer leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as possible) Check out our NRAMA Facebook Page for additional info on the show and the raffle.

## Shady United Methodist Church Baked Ham Dinner & Strawberry Shortcake

# Sat. June 22

## Takeouts Only 4:00 to 6:30 PM

## Adults \$17 Children \$8

## Church Road - Rt. 212 5 miles West of Woodstock

For Information: 679-2982 or 679-4510

## Sullivan Warrior Teens Ready to Fight for a Healthier Generation

[Liberty, NY] - Close to 50 students from BOCES, Fallsburg and Monticello School Districts; and homeschool students from across the county graduated from the first class of the Sullivan Warrior Teens Program held at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts in May. Sullivan Warrior Teens, a program of Sullivan 180, is meant to arm young people with knowledge on social, physical and mental health related topics, empowering them to make healthy choices and share this information with their peers.

During the series students came together to watch and discuss films on topics of mental health, substance use disorder, physical health, nutrition, social media and health equity. The films included "Nic Sick: The Dangers of Youth Vaping", "Game Changers", "A Silent Voice", and, the culminating film, "Screenagers: Under the Influence". Students also shared a plantpowered lunch created by Chef Joel of Bethel Woods.

Amanda Langseder, Sullivan 180 Senior Director of Prevention Programming, set the tone for the series by saying, "What is really important is that you realize we are all here to learn together. Not a single one of us in this theater knows everything about health. Everyone can grow and change; and every single person here can learn a little something about how to improve the health of their mind, body and spirit."

Sullivan County youth-serving organizations,

members of SALT (Sullivan Allies Leading Together) and PARFACT (Protection & Risk Factors Committee) were there to connect participating youth to community resources available to them, their peers and their families. These organizations shared prevention efforts to inspire Warrior Teens to be leaders of change in building a culture of health in their schools and communities. Damola Akinyemi, Bee Moser (Cornell Cooperative Extension), Thomas Bosket (ENGN) and Megan Robbins (Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan and Ulster) helped facilitate the sessions.

Sullivan Warrior Teens was supported with funding from the NYS Department of Health Bureau of Health Equity and the 2023 WSUL Heart-a-thon.

### Vendor Spaces Available at 4th Fallsburg Fall Festival

The fourth annual Fallsburg Fall Festival will be held this year on Green Avenue in the Village of Woodridge from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., on Saturday, September 21, 2024.

There will be live entertainment, crafts and games for the children, a bouncy house and other fun rides, raffles, a hula hoop contest for young and young at heart, and much more.

If you would like a vendor application, or more information, please contact Diane at dsenn10151@aol.com

We are a non-profit 501(d) (3) organization. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law



Friends of the 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



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

#### FIGHTING FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

Last week, we saw yet again that the far-right will stop at nothing to strip away women's reproductive freedom.

In Thursday's ruling on the abortion medication Mifepristone, the Supreme Court decided that the plaintiffs in the case did not have legal standing to bring the case to court.

The court did not weigh in on the legal merits or arguments of the case and ban itself, leaving the door wide open for the far-right to continue with future court cases to ban access to Mifepristone, which the FDA ruled was safe and effective more than 20 years ago. Justice Brett Kavanaugh even outlined next steps for the far-right to continue to erode access to abortion care more effectively and Louisiana recently declared the medication as a controlled substance.

Congress must act to protect Mifepristone by passing my Protecting Reproductive Freedom Act immediately. The upcoming anniversary of the Dobbs decision is a stark reminder of their blueprint: the far-right will absolutely be back in full force, whether in the courts or Congress.

For the second year in a row, far-right Republicans also added amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the country's largest defense funding bill, that would strip away access to reproductive healthcare, including abortion care, from women service members.

The cruel irony is not lost on me that these are the very same politicians who, just a few days ago, were celebrating the 76th anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act and talking about their support for our women service members.

I fought in combat alongside our women service members to protect our nation's foundational freedoms. I will not let their freedom be ripped away from them here at home.

As long as these extremists continue their campaign to rip away reproductive rights, we'll continue our fight to protect them.

## DIRECTLY ASSISTING OUR VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS, AND MILITARY FAMILIES

Our veterans, service members, and military families make huge sacrifices to protect our country and freedom - we owe them a debt that we can never repay.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at my Veterans and Military Families Resource Fair and to the over 35 community partners, government offices, and organizations from across the Hudson Valley who came together to deliver direct assistance for our country's heroes.

If you missed the Resource Fair, but need assistance, please reach out to my office at (845) 443-2930 or here on my website . https://patryan.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency

#### FIGHTING BACK AGAINST THE UNFAIR, UNIN-FORMED, AND UNACCEPTABLE CONGESTION PRICING PLAN

Since day one, I've fought alongside countless Hudson Valley families against this unfair, uninformed, and unacceptable congestion pricing plan.

I'm proud to say that with the announcement that the plan is indefinitely delayed, we've stopped congestion pricing in

its tracks.

Now it's time to get to work on a plan that actually makes sense for the entire state, not just New York City, including commitments to significant service additions and meaningful discounts for public servants.

I'll continue to stand up to anyone, regardless of party, who tries to rip off hard-working Hudson Valley families.

Read my op-ed here

https://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/story/opinion/2024/06/17/nyc-congestion-pricing-pause-is-a-win-for-themiddle-class/74121892007/

#### WISHING NY-18 DADS A HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

I hope yesterday was a Happy Father's Day for all the dads across the Hudson Valley!

As a father to two young sons and member of the Congressional Dads Caucus I'm proud to fight for legislation to support Hudson Valley families - like paid family leave and the expanded child tax credit.

#### **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 June's events!

#### HONORING AN AMERICAN HERO

Fallen Korean War soldier and Arlington High School graduate PFC Charles Johnson is an absolute American hero - allowing another day to go by without awarding him the Medal of Honor that he deserves is flat out wrong. That's why I'm calling on President Biden to immediately upgrade his Silver Star to the Medal of Honor.

On June 11, 1953, PFC Johnson and his fellow soldiers came under heavy fire while serving near the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea. PFC Johnson was severely injured but disregarded his own condition to attend to the wounds of his comrades. Surrounded and without ammunition, PFC Johnson left the relative safety of his trench that he and his group were taking cover in to find weapons and single-handedly hold off the enemy front. PFC Johnson's self-sacrificing actions allowed reinforcements to rescue his fellow soldiers and are credited with saving at least eight American lives.

His actions of profound bravery were derived from a life firmly grounded in service to his country and his Millbrook community, as well as an unwavering commitment and sense of duty to his brothers in uniform.

His life merits an elevated place in American history - for his family, for his community, and for every American who can draw inspiration from his selfless sacrifice.

#### WÔRKING WITH OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Our local law enforcement officers undertake huge risks to keep our families safe around the clock. Every day, I'm working to deliver the resources they need.

It was great meeting with Orange County Sheriff Paul Arteta and Newburgh Police Chief Brandon Rola to discuss continuing to work together to protect Orange County families.

#### **CHAG SHAVUOT SAMEACH!**

Last week, we celebrated Shavuot, commemorating the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

To everyone who celebrated across the Hudson Valley, Chag Sameach!

#### **EID MUBARAK**

I want to wish everyone who celebrated Eid al-Adha this past weekend Eid Mubarak. I hope it was a blessed and peaceful day spent surrounded by the warmth of family and loved ones. (Contd. Pg. 58)

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CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH

The Hudson Valley is a home for everyone - no matter who you are or who you love.

Thank you to New Paltz for helping NY-18 start off Pride Month strong with the Hudson Valley Pride March!

#### MEETING WITH A MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPION

It was a privilege to recently meet with Dutchess Community College commencement speaker Amani Deloatch and her faculty advisor, Tomasine Oliphant, to hear about Amani and her classmate Amanda Faustini-Wiersum's inspiring mental health advocacy on campus.

Congratulations to Amani and Amanda on your amazing achievements, graduating, and leaving a legacy of service for future Falcons! NY-18 is proud of you!

## REMEMBERING THE LIVES LOST AT THE PULSE NIGHTCLUB

This past Thursday, we remembered the 49 lives were taken far too soon in the Pulse Nightclub shooting.

My message to the LGBTQ+ community is this:

You are loved.

You belong.

And I will always fight to protect your rights and freedoms as Americans.

#### WISHING THE ARMY A HAPPY 249TH BIRTHDAY

A huge Happy 249th Birthday to the United States Army last week!

The 5 years I served in uniform made me the person I am today. It is an honor to represent West Point and continue that service every day in Congress.

Here's to many, many more years of Go Army, Beat Navy!

#### PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

We recently celebrated both World Environment Day and World Ocean Day - every day, I'm fighting for the clean water, air, and soil that everyone deserves.

### GRANTS CORNER NEW!

The new Green Resiliency Grant (GRG) Program makes \$60 million available for flood-prone communities for them to undertake innovative green infrastructure projects such as green roofs, green streets, and permeable pavement. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on August 16. Learn More Here! https://efc.ny.gov/grg

The Small Business Administration holds regular online trainings for both new and experienced small business owners. Explore and sign up for upcoming learning opportunities here ! https://www.sba.gov/events

#### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

Funded under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021, the USDA Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) grant program aims to expand each state's middle-chain capacity and infrastructure for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storage, transporting, wholesaling, or distribution of targeted local and regional agricultural food products. Meat, poultry, cannabis, animal food and forage, fiber, and wild caught seafood products are not considered under this program. The application deadline is June 28, 2024 at 5pm. Learn more here ! https://www.ffgrowthfund.org/rfsi Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts' creative placemaking grants program, using arts, culture, and design to strengthen communities and advance local priorities such as health, community development, environment/climate, and public safety, among other community issues and aspirations. Learn more here ! https://www.arts.gov/grants

Application deadline is August 1, 2024.

Empire State Development's Division of Science, Technology, and Innovation's Innovation Matching Grants (IMG) Program aims to grow small businesses and support the development of new technologies in New York State by providing matching funds for federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grants. Learn more here ! https://esd.ny.gov/innovation-matching-grants-program

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/clean-heavy-duty-vehicles-program/clean-heavy-duty-vehicles-grant-program

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!



#### Governor Hochul Must Immediately Pardon President Trump

#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejkUZbeIc5k

Our justice system was founded on the principle of blind justice, yet in an attempt to silence President Trump, this core value was denied to him. I sent a letter to Governor Hochul regarding the recent verdict in the case of The People of the State of New York V Donald J. Trump, which undermined the impartiality and credibility of our justice system by convicting President Trump in an attempt to silence him. This case was based on a targeted investigation in search of crimes to convict the former President for political purposes. As a member of the New York Bar Association and the daughter of a New York State Supreme Court Justice, I am appalled by this abuse of power and the politicized, two-tiered system of justice Governor Kathy Hochul and DA Alvin Bragg have created. This verdict was an insult to our country, and it is evident that it had nothing to do with facts but was an attempt to hinder President Trump's ability to campaign freely. Governor Hochul must immediately pardon President Donald Trump and restore the integrity and faith of our legal system.

The National Defense Authorization Act is a critical piece of legislation that authorizes funding for our military critical defense programs and improves the quality of life for our servicemembers and their families. The FY25 NDAA works to enhance our deterrence capabilities, counteracts the Chinese Communist Party's malign influence, and improves the living conditions for servicemembers. Importantly, this year's NDAA reversed the Biden administration's dangerous request to halve the annual Virginia-Class Nuclear Submarine force, which would have a devastating impact on Indo-Pacific deterrence and our commitment to defense in that region through joint efforts with Australia, and the UK via the AUKUS program. Improving the lives of our servicemembers and their families, who make sacrifices every day for our country, was a focal point of this year's NDAA. This bill provides a 19.5% raise for junior enlisted servicemembers, improves on-post housing, ensures access to quality healthcare, and invests in greater access to childcare for military families. As a tenacious advocate for military priorities, I specifically advocated for initiatives that will benefit our servicemembers and their families stationed at Fort Drum, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, and those serving across New York's 24th Congressional District.

Importantly, this bill streamlines spending and safeguards billions of taxpayer dollars to ensure our hard-earned tax dollars are not used to enhance security and are not wasted on the Biden administration's dangerous "woke" policies. I supported multiple amendments that prohibit wasting funding on Green New Deal mandates, unnecessary Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) efforts, and sex reassignment surgeries. Funding for our armed forces must be focused on military readiness, enhancing our defense capabilities, and supporting our servicemembers' quality of life.

Included in this bill were two standalone pieces of legislation

that I introduced: the FORKS Made in America Act and the Parity for Child Exploitation Offenders Act. The FORKS Made in America Act will require DOD to buy stainless steel flatware from American companies, such as Sherrill Manufacturing. The Parity for Child Exploitation Offenders Act will close loopholes that allow child predators to escape enhanced penalties for sexual crimes involving children.

Passing the NDAA is crucial to our defense and national security initiatives. I am eager to see this bill swiftly signed into law to reward our courageous members of the military who answer the call to serve our nation.

#### Attorney General Garland is a Dirty Cop

President Biden has admitted to mishandling classified documents, yet AG Garland is engaging in a cover-up and refusing to bring charges against him. Now, he is withholding valuable information from House Republicans, further shielding the President from accountability. This is all while he is orchestrating a witch hunt of an investigation into President Trump.

This week, I supported a resolution to hold Attorney General Garland in Contempt of Congress for his failure to comply with the House Judiciary Committee's subpoena for the audiotapes of Special Counsel Robert Hur's interviews with President Joe Biden and the transcript and audio recordings of Hur's interviews with Mark Zwonitzer, President Biden's ghostwriter. Special Counsel Hur's report detailed how President Biden knowingly and willfully removed, mishandled, and disclosed classified documents repeatedly over decades. Hur ultimately did not bring forth any charges, stating, "at trial, Mr. Biden would likely present himself to a jury, as he did during our interview of him, as a sympathetic, well-meaning elderly man with a poor memory."

This is just a part of the large scheme by the Department of Justice to interfere in the 2024 election on behalf of Joe Biden and the Democrats.

I remain dedicated to holding corrupt AG Garland accountable and ensuring the Biden Crime Family is thoroughly investigated and charged for their crimes against the American people.

#### **My Votes Explained**

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

To read more about my votes and see the full list with explanations of all the legislation considered this week by the House, please click here.

#### https://tenney.house.gov/about/my-votes-explained

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6543, the No Hidden Fees on Extra Expenses for Stays Act of 2023. H.R. 6543 prohibits unfair or misleading price advertising for places of short-term lodging and requires accurate price listings that include all mandatory and resort fees. Hidden fees drive up costs for American families that are continuing to grapple with inflation. That is why I supported this legislation to improve transparency and allow individuals and families to be fully informed about prices for hotels, resorts, or other lodging arrangements before they travel. H.R. 6543 passed the House by a vote of 384-25.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2964, the Wastewater Infrastructure Pollution Prevention and Environmental Safety Act. H.R. 2964 requires the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to create a standardized, uniform label for non-flushable products like cotton swabs, wet wipes, paper towels, and tissues. Many communities in Upstate New York continue to face challenges in maintaining wastewater infrastructure, and blockages from non-flushable products can wreak havoc on older plumbing and wastewater treatment equipment. (Contd. Pg. 60)

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#### This Week with Claudia

(From Pf. 59) Simplifying labeling for non-flushable products will save taxpayers millions and prevent future problems for our community's wastewater infrastructure. H.R. 2964 passed the House by a vote of 351-56.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 1292, a resolution recommending that the House of Representatives find United States Attorney General Merrick B. Garland in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena duly issued by the Committee on the Judiciary. Attorney General (AG) Garland is a dirty cop. President Biden has admitted to mishandling classified documents, yet AG Garland is engaging in a cover-up by refusing to bring charges against President Biden. Now, he is withholding valuable information from the House Judiciary Committee, further shielding President Biden from accountability. This at the same time he is orchestrating a meritless, politically-driven investigation into President Trump. This scheme is a ploy by the Department of Justice to interfere in the 2024 election on behalf of Joe Biden and the Democrats. House Republicans are dedicated to holding corrupt AG Garland accountable and ensuring the Biden Crime Family is thoroughly investigated and charged for their crimes against the American people. H.Res. 1292 passed the House by a vote of 216-207.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8070, the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025. The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) is a critical piece of legislation that authorizes funding for vital defense programs and improves the quality of life for our servicemembers and their families. This year's NDAA works to enhance our deterrence capabilities, counteract China's malign influence, and enhance living conditions for our servicemembers. Importantly, this year's NDAA reversed the Biden administration's dangerous request to halve the annual Virginia-class submarine purchase, which would have a devastating impact on our Indo-Pacific deterrence and our defense industrial base. Improving the lives of our servicemembers and their families, who make sacrifices every day for our country, was a focal point of this year's NDAA. This bill provides a 19.5 percent raise for junior enlisted servicemembers, improves on-post housing, ensures access to quality health care, and invests in greater access to childcare for military families. As a tenacious advocate for our military, I specifically advocated for funding initiatives that will benefit our servicemembers and their families at Fort Drum, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, and neighboring communities. Importantly, this bill cracks down on excessive spending and safeguards billions of taxpayer dollars to ensure our hard-earned dollars are not used to fund the Biden administration's "woke" policies. I supported multiple amendments that prohibit wasteful funding for Green New Deal mandates, unnecessary diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts, and sex reassignment surgeries. Funding for our armed forces must be focused on military readiness, enhancing our defense capabilities, and supporting our servicemembers' quality of life. Included in this bill were two standalone pieces of legislation that I introduced: the FORKS Made in America Act and the Parity for Child Exploitation Offenders Act. The FORKS Made in America Act will require DOD to buy stainless steel flatware from American companies, such as manufacturers in New York. The Parity for Child Exploitation Offenders Act will close loopholes that allow child predators to escape enhanced penalties for sexual crimes involving children. Passing the NDAA is crucial to our defense and national security initiatives. I am eager to see this bill swiftly signed into law to give our brave servicemembers the resources and support they deserve. H.R. 8070 passed the House by a vote of 217-199.

I voted "Yes" on S. 138, Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-

China Dispute Act. S. 138 requires the Special Coordinator for Tibet to actively counter China's disinformation regarding Tibet and its history. This bill also reaffirms U.S. support for the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan people and reinforces existing U.S. policy that the Tibet question must be resolved through direct negotiations between Tibet and China. S. 138 passed the House by a vote of 391-26.

#### Andrew Cuomo Must Be Held Accountable

New Yorkers have suffered immensely due to Governor Cuomo's negligent nursing home policies that resulted in the untimely death of 15,000 of our senior citizens. In April 2020, I raised the alarm and called for a federal investigation into Cuomo's handling of the COVID-19 crisis, where he forced COVID positive patients into nursing homes. In response, Cuomo's team concealed the true reasons behind the alarming death rates in our community to protect his image and secure a lucrative book deal. This week, disgraced Governor Cuomo testified before Congress, continuing to perpetuate lies and fail to take responsibility for his actions that caused the death of thousands. His testimony is just the first step in the fight to hold disgraced Governor Cuomo and those who aided his criminal behavior accountable. We must deliver justice to the innocent victims and their families and ensure that such a tragic failure in leadership never happens again.

READ MORE: Congresswomen want Cuomo held accountable for COVID nursing home deaths

My Resolution Calling for Ryan Corbett's Immediate Release Passes House of Representatives

NY-24 resident Ryan Corbett has been held without charge by the Taliban for over 600 days in a 9-by-9 foot cell in horrendous conditions, causing his health and mental well-being to deteriorate rapidly. Since hearing of his case, I have worked closely with his family, raising awareness of this innocent American's wrongful detention and calling for Ryan to be immediately released.

Earlier this year, I introduced H. Res. 965, a resolution Calling for the immediate release of Ryan Corbett, a United States citizen who the Taliban wrongfully detained on August 10, 2022, and condemning the wrongful detention of Americans by the Taliban. This week, this legislation passed the House unanimously, reaffirming Congress's commitment to securing Ryan's release and bringing him home to his loving family.

Now, it is up to President Biden to act and bring Ryan home.



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

1. Working to expand internet access

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) helped millions of low-income households afford high-speed internet. In May, the ACP ran out of funding, and Kirsten is fighting to renew the program.

This week, she announced her bipartisan Secure and Affordable Broadband Extension Act, legislation that would renew the ACP for the over 1.7 million New York households that relied on the program. The bill would provide \$6 billion for the ACP and help ensure that high-speed internet is accessible for New Yorkers so they can work remotely, attend online classes, and access telehealth appointments. (Contd. Pg. 61)

#### Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

(From Pg. 60) Read more about the Secure and Affordable Broadband Extension Act here .

https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2024/06/1 3/ny-lost-affordable-internet-program-in-may-it-could-be-coming-back/74068606007/

Learn more about the Affordable Connectivity Program here . https://www.fcc.gov/acp

2. Combating PFAS pollution

Kirsten has long fought to protect New York's water sources from being contaminated by dangerous PFAS chemicals - widespread contaminants found in a variety of consumer products that cause an array of health problems.

This week, she visited Rochester and Menands to call for \$20 million in federal funding to help regulate industrial discharges of dangerous PFAS chemicals. The funding would be included in next year's appropriations package and provide the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with the resources needed to address PFAS pollution at the source and help get these dangerous chemicals out of our waterways once and for all.

3. Growing the police workforce

Police departments across New York are facing unprecedented workforce shortages. Kirsten is leading legislation to expand the police workforce and improve public safety.

In Buffalo, Kirsten stood with local law enforcement officers to announce her bipartisan Providing Child Care for Police Officers Act. The bill would provide \$24 million in federal funding annually for the next 5 fiscal years to expand child care services for our police officers to accommodate their nontraditional work hours and boost recruitment.

Read more. https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/buffalo/in-buffalo-sen-gillibrand-talks-childcare-funding-bill-to-support-police/

4. LISTEN: Kirsten on WXXI

Kirsten joined WXXI's Connections with Evan Dawson for a wide-ranging interview that touched on her legislative priorities, support for Ukraine, and much more.

Listen here. https://www.wxxinews.org/show/connections/2024-06-06/u-s-senator-kirsten-gillibrand

5. Helping constituents with the VA

When a homeless veteran needed information about VA resources available to help him secure stable housing, he contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team contacted the VA on his behalf, and the next business day, the constituent was assigned a social worker to assess his case.

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/



#### NDAA PASSES WITH SIX MOLINARO-AUTHORED BIPARTISAN MEASURES

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced six bipartisan measures he authored and four bipartisan measures he cosponsored were included in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2025.

Rep. Molinaro voted to pass the NDAA, which authorizes the budget and expenditures for the U.S. Department of Defense

(DoD) for Fiscal Year 2025. Once the House and Senate pass their versions of the bill, lawmakers will begin working to develop a compromised NDAA to be signed into law.

Rep. Molinaro said, "I'm proud to have my bipartisan measures included in the NDAA that support military families with disabilities, enhance our defense systems, and implement lifesaving medicine. This bill delivers for our national defense and ensures our servicemembers, military families, and veterans have the utmost support. I'm excited to get this bipartisan bill one step closer to the finish line and working with the Senate to continue crafting legislation that protects our nation, its national defense, and those who have courageously served to protect our freedoms."

## Summaries of Molinaro's bipartisan measures included in NDAA:

Directs the Secretary of the Army to produce a report on the progress made to modernize the Army's Black Hawk Helicopters. Requires the DoD to produce an updated report on the nation's defenses against biological threats.

Directs the DoD's Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer to identify gaps in the the skills and training of the agency's current AI workforce to preserve the United States' global technological competitiveness.

Authorizes a Government Accountability Office (GAO) study on the effectiveness of the Department of Defense Education Activity Disability Emphasis Program and how it supports the employment, retention, and career advancement of individuals with disabilities.

Requires a GAO study on the effectiveness of the Exceptional Family Member Program and how it currently supports individuals with intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities. This program provides support to military families with disabilities.

Directs the DoD to provide reports to Congress on the implementation and effectiveness of Narcan (Naloxone) to servicemembers to prevent opioid overdoses.

#### Molinaro Backed Amendments in the NDAA:

Requires the Secretary of Defense to update Congress on efforts to rescue hostages in Gaza.

Authorizes the DOD and Department of Health and Human services (HHS) to address barriers to mental health care for military pilots, aviators, and air traffic controllers and identify improvements that can be made.

Requires an outline of existing tunnel networks along the Gaza-Egypt border that terrorist groups use to smuggle weapons and illicit goods.

Directs the DoD to maintain prescription drop boxes on all military bases to allow for safe disposal of unused prescription drugs, including opioids.

#### Other key provisions in the NDAA:

Provides our junior enlisted servicemembers with a 19.5% pay raise and supports a 4.5% pay raise for all other servicemembers.

Expands access to mental health services and healthcare for servicemembers.

Fully funds childcare assistance programs for military families.

Funds and expands programs to deter Chinese aggression.

Authorizes \$601 million over the President's request to improve military housing.

Increases protection and support for Israel.

Expands the in-home childcare pilot program to focus on more rural areas.

Administers \$20 million in assistance to local schools teaching children with severe disabilities.

Increases security along our southwest and maritime borders.

#### OVERCOMING PARTISANSHIP & GRIDLOCK, MOLINARO RANKED IN TOP FIVE FOR MOST BILLS PASSED

https://molinaro.house.gov/uploadedfiles/house-passedbills\_118\_20240612.pdf

Washington, DC - A year and a half into his first term, U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) today announced he is in the top five for most bills passed in Congress.

According to the Congressional Research Service, Rep. Molinaro has passed five standalone bills, 37 measures as part of larger bills, and has 11 bills signed into law. This announcement comes after Rep. Molinaro was named the second most bipartisan member of

Congress.

#### https://molinaro.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID =2130

Rep. Molinaro said, "It's no secret that Washington has a bad reputation, and rightfully so. So, when I came to Congress, I said I would do things differently and work with anyone who is honest and earnest about solving problems Upstate New Yorkers face. To be in the top five for most bills passed in Congress means I'm overcoming the partisanship and gridlock and delivering on my promise."

#### MOLINARO'S BILL SUPPORTING EMPLOYEES & ENTREPRENEURS WITH DISABILITIES PASSES HOUSE WITH BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-NY-19) today announced the Think DIFFERENTLY About Disability Employment Act passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support. He introduced this bill alongside U.S. Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1). This is Rep. Molinaro's 40th bipartisan measure to pass the House. He has 11 bipartisan measures signed into law.

The bipartisan bill creates a partnership between the National Council on Disability and the Small Business Administration (SBA) to help small businesses address accessibility issues for employees with disabilities, encourage the hiring of those in the disability community, and help entrepreneurs with disabilities succeed. This builds off Rep. Molinaro's nationally recognized 'Think DIFFERENTLY' initiative, which breaks down barriers and creates opportunities for the disability community.

Rep. Molinaro said, "Every person of every ability deserves opportunities to succeed and pursue their passions. I'm proud to have my Think DIFFERENTLY About Disability Employment Act pass the House with strong bipartisan support. My bill ensures those with physical, intellectual and developmental disabilities have the support and resources they need to become an entrepreneur or work for a small business."

Since coming to Congress, Rep. Molinaro has built off his 'Think DIFFERENTLY initiative' by crafting a package of bipartisan legislation. The Think DIFFERENTLY About Disability Employment was a part of his Think DIFFERENTLY legislative package.

#### WHY I VOTED FOR THE 2024 FARM BILL

Oneonta, NY - U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) penned an op-ed published in The Daily Star outlining Upstate New York priorities included in the 2024 Farm Bill that delivers relief for farmers and working families.

The Daily Star

Why I voted for the 2024 Farm Bill

By Congressman Marc Molinaro (NY-19):

https://www.thedailystar.com/opinion/columns/congressman-why-i-voted-for-the-2024-farm-bill/article\_7e56393a-2367-11ef-8713-871c515dc29f.html

When I ran for Congress, I promised to fight for the families and farmers who call Upstate New York home. Over the past year and a

half, I've held 11 town hall meetings, three Farm Bill listening sessions, and met with hundreds of Upstate New Yorkers to understand their struggles and aspirations.

The 2024 Farm Bill, which I proudly supported in the House Agriculture Committee, is a culmination of these efforts. This bill is not just a legislative package; it's a lifeline for our community that delivers real relief to those who need it most and includes 10 bipartisan measures that I wrote to solve problems Upstate New Yorkers brought to me. Here's how.

#### Strengthening Nutrition Assistance For Working Families

Growing up on food stamps, I understand firsthand the importance of robust nutrition assistance programs. These programs were a critical safety net for my family, helping us climb out of poverty. Today, many families in Upstate New York face similar challenges, exacerbated by rising food costs.

This Farm Bill provides much-needed relief to working families in Upstate New York by bolstering nutrition assistance programs and addressing food insecurity head-on. It's a comprehensive approach designed to ensure that no one in our community goes hungry.

Central to these efforts is the expansion of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), ensuring that benefits continue to grow to keep pace with inflation. Additionally, it allows recipients to purchase more fruits and vegetables and extends SNAP benefits to working individuals with disabilities aged 17 to 21, ensuring families with disabilities don't inadvertently disqualify themselves from nutrition assistance programs.

Beyond SNAP enhancements, the Farm Bill allocates additional funding to food banks and includes legislation I championed to ensure seniors in rural areas, those with disabilities, and individuals facing mobility challenges have access to home delivery services from food banks. By prioritizing these measures, the Farm Bill offers tangible relief to working families in Upstate New York.

#### Supporting Farmers & Strengthening Agriculture

Amidst mounting pressures on farmers, the 2024 Farm Bill provides genuine relief, giving our agricultural industry the breathing space it sorely needs. Tailored to address the specific challenges confronting our farming community, this bill encompasses a suite of measures designed to foster sustainability and growth.

Of note, the bill includes bipartisan measures I wrote and fought to include that strengthen the Dairy Margin Coverage safety net program, increase funding to support farm families with disabilities, and deliver more support to organic farmers and those producing specialty crops like apples, Christmas trees, and grapes.

To help save farmers money, I also pushed for inclusion of bills I authored to address local issues like making efficient pump & irrigation systems more accessible to farmers, authorizing low-interest loans to businesses investing in food supply chain operations, and a measure that helps rural communities access federal funding for infrastructure that prevents costly flooding.

Taken together, these initiatives implement a holistic approach to support farmers and fortify agriculture in Upstate New York. By tackling pressing challenges head-on, the 2024 Farm Bill lays the groundwork for a resilient and prosperous agricultural sector, one that can sustain itself and allow family farming to live on.

#### A Commitment to Upstate New York

I asked to serve on the House Agriculture Committee because I knew the critical role the Farm Bill plays in shaping agricultural and food policy. This bill is a big deal for Upstate New York, delivering real relief to our farmers and working families. By addressing the pressing issues of rising costs, food insecurity, and agricultural stability, the 2024 Farm Bill offers a comprehensive solution tailored to the needs of our community.

My vote for this bill was a vote for the hardworking families and farmers of Upstate New York. I am committed to continuing to listen, learn, and advocate for policies that support our community's well-being and prosperity. This Farm Bill is a significant step in that ongoing journey.

### Summer Arrives in the Sullivan Catskills

Summer arrives on Thursday. The Full Strawberry Moon will light up the night on Friday, and the good times will be rolling this weekend and all summer long in our legendary Sullivan Catskills. Whether you're coming this weekend or anytime during this busy, popular season, you'd do well to book a place to stay now. Pick a place that suits your needs. We have 'em all, from full-service resorts and boutique inns to B&Bs, hotels, wellness centers, vacation rentals, campgrounds, and glamping tents and domes.

The only thing better than summer is summer's eve in our Sullivan Catskills. So, adjust your schedule and raise a glass as we get ready to welcome the season of the sun. Start out at Annie's Ruff Cut, where every Wednesday is Burger Day with half-pound burgers and fries. The Arnold House where you can enjoy Half-off Drinks and Appetizers from 5 to 9 pm and hear music by BJ Hendrickson at 6 pm. At 8 pm, it's Cab'raoke Wednesday at Cabernet Frank's, or try the BBQ Night at Seminary Hill between 4 and 9 pm. At 6 pm, they're holding a Paint and Sip with Patti Sonnenschein who will guide you step by step to create your own masterpiece.

Greet the start of Summer 2024 with fun, music, live theater, and laughter. The Bethel Lakeside Music Series kicks off tonight at 6 pm at Gazebo Park from 6 to 8 pm with the Damian Ecco Band. Rafter's Tavern has Trivia Night at 6:30 pm. At the same time, Fisher & Kean will perform in Wurtsboro's Music in the Park series. Chi Hive in Narrowsburg welcomes Summer Solstice with Sound Healing featuring Susan Mendoza and Jazz Pianist and composer Kevin Hayes at 7 pm. Over in Forestburgh, it's the 78th Anniversary Season at Forestburgh Playhouse as they kick off the 2024 Main Stage Shows at 8 pm with a weeklong run (June 18-23) of Forbidden Broadway, the iconic and comic Off-Broadway hit musical revue. It's Space Acres Comedy Night at Cabernet Frank's in Parksville, starting at 9 pm.

Friday starts the weekend, and The Sullivan County Museum hosts a Romanian Photo Exhibit of Frederick Cook's Belgian Antarctic Expedition from 4 to 6 pm. Nearby, Forage and Gather hosts their Friday Open Mic Night from 5 to 8 pm. It's time- at 7 pm for Open Mic with Bill Fleck at Hector's Inn in Bethel. It's Happy Hour Friday at Seminary Hill Orchard and Cidery from 3 to 6 pm. At 5 pm, Albi Beluli will perform on his acoustic guitar. At 8 pm, the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents She Kills Monsters, a stage production that tells the story of a woman who loses her family. The Deep Water Literary Festival is this weekend in Narrowsburg- It's a deep dive into utopian communities, and the rich tapestry of ideas that have inspired idyllic societies.

Saturday ... There is no better place than in the birthplace of American fly fishing to Learn how to Fly Cast than at the Catskills Fly Fishing Center and Museum. Check it out starting at 10 am. The Roscoe Mountain Club, is holding the Warrior Companion Golf Tournament. The Holiday Mountain Fun Park opens for special hours today (and Sunday) from noon to 7 pm. From miniature golf to go-karts and bumper boats, it's fun for the whole family. The Delaware Valley Opera in Lake Huntington opens its 2024 season with Pinocchio. It's opera for children with Saturday (10 am and 3 pm) and Sunday (2 pm) performances. Also, at 10 am, the Mamakating Environmental Center is celebrating National Pollinator Week with an informative talk about Sunflowers. Then, at noon, they'll sell native Sunflowers (and other pollinator plants). The Do Good Garage and Eats features young Wes Kinne at 2 pm (and Jeremy Landgale Sunday from 1 to 4 pm). The Russian Mule Brewery hosts live music from 5 to 8 pm. Tonight, hear tunes by Jon Zanger. How about a little music while you chow down on BBQ from The Smoke Joint in Livingston Manor? JP Carmody plays from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Bethel Pastures Farm is hosting a transformative and healing Strawberry Moon Women's Circle from 6 to 9 pm. Jazz lovers: Hal Galpers Body Music Band plays from 7 to 9 pm at Rafter's Tavern in Callicoon. Over in Hurleyville, it's a blast from the past at HPAC with their Back to the 80's Dance Party at 8 pm including music all night long AND a costume contest! In Narrowsburg, from 6 to 9 pm, the Chamber of Commerce will host Caribefunk at River's Edge, Barryville Enjoy the live music, food and drink. North Branch Cider Mill will host a Swedish Midsummer dinner at 6 pm.

It's Sunday, Funday! Fuel up with brunch then head out and enjoy the day. At 11:30 am, The Roscoe Mountain Club, is holding the Warrior Companion Golf Tournament. At 1 pm, Farms Arts Collective will host Entangled Harmonies, a workshop on the basics of recording biodata from plants and turning it into music. Join Patti Greco Sunshine for an afternoon of Music at Cabernet Frank's in Parksville beginning at 4 pm. The Blue Fox Motel features live music tonight (and every Sunday in June) at 6:30 pm. At 7 pm, Christine

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Andreas takes the stage as the Bradstan Cabaret Series continues at The Eldred Preserve. Other fun summertime ways to explore our Sullivan Catskills include: river trips, hiking, watersports, wellness, family fun, and more. Along the Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail, you can enjoy plenty of good sips of beer, wine, spirits, and cider. The Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail is a great way to see our beautiful summer countryside and offers a whole lot of fun and color. And when you get hungry, our inventive chefs and bakers offer wonderful Catskill-icious food.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

Rivers Edge: Noon - 4 pm The Heron: Saturday Noon - 3 pm & Sunday 11 am -3 pm The Arnold House: Noon -3 pm Western Inn: Sat 11 am - 3 pm & Sun 11 am - 4 pm Conover Club at Callicoon Hills: 10 am-1 pm The Spotted Cow: Sat 9 am until closing & Sunday 10 am until closing Homestead Restaurant+ Lounge: 11:30 am - 4 pm Seminary Hill: Sat & Sun 10 am to 2 pm **SUNDAYS** Russian Mule: Noon - 3 pm Sullivan House: 11am -  $\hat{3}$  pm Creek House Grill: 11am - 3 pm Brew: 11 am - 3 pm The Dale: 11am - 3 pm Tango Café: 10 am - 2 pm

The Pavilion season is in full swing now at Bethel Woods. Hootie and the Blowfish will take the Pavilion Stage on Thursday, June 27, at 7 pm. And on Friday, it's James Taylor at 8 pm. July 5 brings Alanis Morissette, and July 6 is the Outlaw Music Festival.

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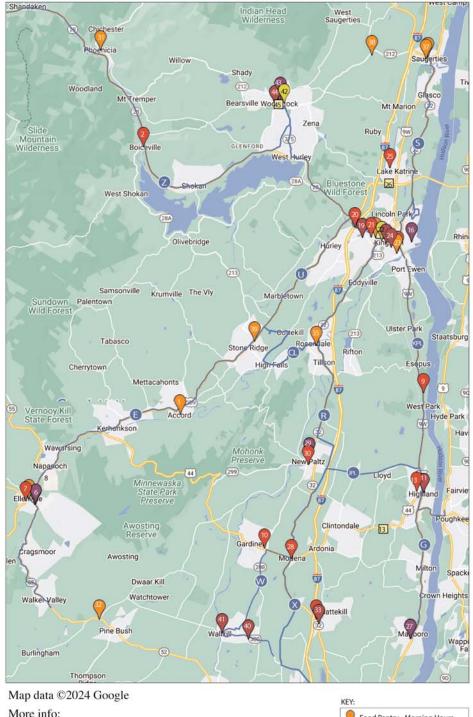
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Ellenville Seventh Day Adventist Food Pantry (845) 647-5998 • 161 Center St, Ellenville Hours: Mon, Tue 1-4 pm last week of month

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Ascension Holy Trinity Food Pantry (845) 384-6723 21 Lower Grand St, Highland Hours: Sat 10am-12pm, 3rd Wed of month, 6-8pm

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Family Outreach Food Pantry, Delivered Meals (845) 380-8799 • 529 Rt 44/55; Highland Hours: 2nd & 4th Wed of month 2-6pm

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St. Augustine Parish Food Pantry (845) 691-7673 • 35 Philips Ave, Highland Hours: 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 9-11am

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Saint Joseph's Catholic Church Food Pantry (845) 255-5635 34 S Chestnut St, New Paltz Hours: Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri, 11am - 12pm

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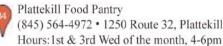
#### PINE BUSH

Pine Bush Ecumenical Food Pantry (845)744-3390 Rte 52 & New Prospect Rd Hours: Wed 10am-12pm; Thurs 5-7pm

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New Day Tabernacle Church Food Pantry (845) 566-4441 • 38 Fire House Rd, Plattekill Hours: Sat 10am-12pm; Wed 6-7pm



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Rosendale Food Pantry (845) 205-2822 • 45 James St, Rosendale Hours: Mon 9am-1pm, Sat 10am-1pm

#### SAUGERTIES

God Given Bread Food Pantry (845) 246-8322 • 100 Market St, Saugerties Hours: Tues & Wed 10-11:45am

Saugerties Area Council of Churches Food Pantry (845) 246-6885 44 Livingston St, Saugerties Hours: Mon & Th 10am - 12pm; Tue 7-8pm

St. John the Evangelist Food Pantry Phone: (845) 246-9581 915 Rt 212, Saugerties Hours: Wed & Fri, 10 am-12 noon Serving residents of the Town of Saugerties

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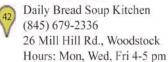


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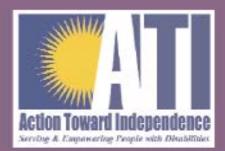
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group for teens ages 13-17. Together we learn about our mental health and do an activity together. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!

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Why volunteer? Volunteering:

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

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-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.



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### Call for Voices of Survivors

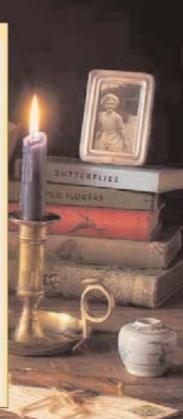
~Be a beacon of Inspiration--

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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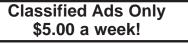
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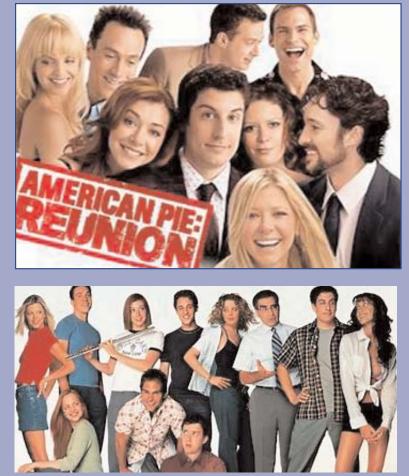
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KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S congratulations to our grads with a little laughter of the

# AMERICAN PIE SERIES

*American Pie* is a film series consisting of four sex comedy films. *American Pie*, the first film in the series, was released by Universal Pictures in 1999. The film became a worldwide pop culture phenomenon and gained a cult following among young people.



Following *American Pie*, the second and third films in the series *American Pie 2* (2001) and *American Wedding* (2003) were released; the fourth, *American Reunion*, was released in 2012. A spin-off film series entitled *American Pie Presents* consists of five direct-to-video films that were released from 2005 to 2020. (Contd. Pg. 82)

Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Racial prejudice

This weeks' Trivia question: Who played Diane Keaton's love interest in *Baby Boon*?

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(From Pg. 81) KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S TIME OF SHOW? YOUR CONVI-NENCE STREAMING ON AMAZON.COM KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S THIS WEEK IT'S GRADUATION WITH ALL OF THE ''AMERICAN PIE'' FILMS AND GET A LAUGH AT GRADUATION



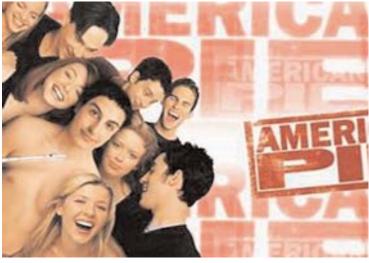
Throughout the first film in the original series, Jim Levenstein (Jason Biggs) tries to develop a relationship with his school classmate Nadia (Shannon Elizabeth). Jim and three of his best friends Kevin Myers (Thomas Ian Nicholas), Paul Finch (Eddie Kaye Thomas), and Chris Ostreicher (Chris Klein) make a pact to lose their virginity before their high school graduation.



Steve Stifler (Seann William Scott), the obnoxious jock of the group, provides them with unorthodox advice while hosting wild parties in the meantime. In the second film, the five boys host a summer party and Jim becomes interested in his friend, Michelle Flaherty (Alyson Hannigan). In the third film, Jim and Michelle plan to marry, although the forced invitation of Stifler could ruin everything. In the fourth film, the gang gets back together in anticipation of their thirteenth high school reunion. The spin-off series revolves around relatives of Stifler, including his brother Matt (Tad Hilgenbrink); his cousins Erik (John White), Dwight (Steve Talley), Scott (John Patrick Jordan), Stephanie (Lizze Broadway); and their respective friends.



The original series, produced on a total budget of US\$145 million, has grossed over 800 million worldwide. The spin-off films were released direct-tovideo. The original series has received mixed reviews from critics, while the spin-off series has received negative reviews.



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