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## NYSDOH Liberty office opens

BY JOSEPH ABRAHAM

The NYS Department of Health now has a field office in the Gladys Olmsted Building, which also houses the County’s Public Health offices.

**LIBERTY** — The NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) has announced that their new field office, located within the Sullivan County Public Health office (Gladys Olmsted Building) at 50 Community Lane in Liberty, is now open.

The new office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. “Establishing a new field office in the Town of Liberty will strengthen our ability to provide environmental health services to the residents of Sullivan County,” Acting State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said. “Having state health department staff available locally further enhances our ability to protect public health and meet the needs

of the local community. I thank the County Legislature, the County Manager, County Commissioner of the Division of Health & Human Services, and the County Attorney for working to ensure a smooth transition by assisting us in identifying this new space in Liberty.”

**Background**

In January 2022, it was announced that the NYSDOH would be moving their Monticello location (which had a little over 20 employees) to Middletown due to “difficulty in finding adequate office space in the Monticello area.”

Uproar from members of the public, as well as elected and local officials, would follow, advocating for them to

stay. Last August, county legislators unanimously agreed to let the NYSDOH lease a portion of the County-owned Public Health building in Liberty, where NYSDOH would have 4-5 employees to handle walk-ins.

County officials were also reassured that services wouldn’t be diminished. According to the NYSDOH, department staff have been actively performing inspections and other field work throughout Sullivan County during the entire transition “to ensure there has not been an interruption of services.”

A variety of environmental health functions will continue. PLEASE SEE **NYSDOH, 3A**



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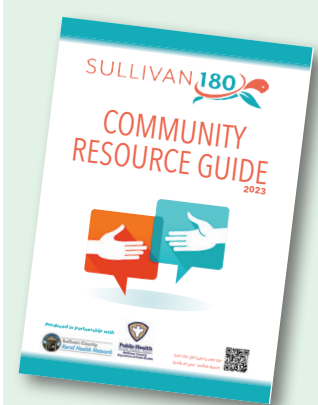
## Erin Go Bragh in Jeff on Sat.

This Saturday, March 18, there will be a lotta ‘Wearin of the Green’ along Main St., Jeffersonville as those who are Irish – and those who wanna be - join the rightful Ancient Order of Hibernarians Sullivan Brothers Division 1 of Sullivan County and the Jeffersonville Fire Dept. for their 11th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade. There will be a flippin of the pancakes from 8 a.m. until noon at St. George’s Church and a 10 a.m. AOH Mass at St. George’s Church, all are welcome. From there it’s down to the main thoroughfare for the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, which will feature the McPadden Pipes & Drums, above, along with many floats, marchers and Irish blessings given by the MCs. It’s a great day to be in Jeffersonville, just follow the green.

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## Liberty talks zoning DeWitt gives Highway Dept. update

STORY AND PHOTO BY JOSEPH ABRAHAM

**LIBERTY** — Discussion on possible amendments to the Town’s zoning, regarding the establishment of parameters for schools and houses of worship, in certain areas of Liberty, continued at Thursday’s Town Board meeting.

Recently, a committee consisting of Planner Peter Manning, as well as some members of Liberty’s planning and town boards, brought some information and ideas to the Town Board, who have now taken the baton to act on them.

Previous conversation centered around the pros and cons of whether service/commercial districts, residential zones, or perhaps an overlay district was a better option, when it comes to schools and houses of worship.

Councilman Dean Farrand had previously stressed that he was not willing to put any change in the code

without a list of special use regulations that would give the planning board direction when projects came before them. He since began working on those possible regulations leading into last week’s meeting, where he updated his peers on what his suggestions were.

Farrand, while explaining that at some point they may have to look at houses of worship and schools under the same umbrella, as well as what the controlling standard would then be in those instances, for the time being, they should treat them as two separate items.

Following more discussion, Supervisor Frank DeMayo gave a tentative timeline for the process, suggesting that they look over Farrand’s recommendations and that any additional conditions the board would like added would be discussed at their next meeting on March 20. Once finalized, they’d give it to Manning to review.

After that, the board will consider any overlay consid-

erations in the Town’s service commercial zone and come to a resolution at one of their April meetings, then submit to Manning. The goal would then be to have a local law drafted and public hearing held in May, followed by a vote by the board to amend the code in June.

**Highway Department**

“The State of the Highway Department is strong ... I’ve always wanted to say that,” Town of Liberty Highway Superintendent Matthew DeWitt said with a smile at the start of an hour-long presentation he made to the board.

During that time DeWitt explained the conditions of the department’s facilities, vehicles and more, while also expressing what he felt their most immediate needs were.

DeWitt said the most important thing they need at this time is a generator for the highway barn that would also help the water and sewer department with



Liberty Councilmen Dean Farrand, right, and John Lennon, left, during discussion about possible amendments to the Town code regarding schools and houses of worship.

their pump station, in the event of a power outage.

The Town had priced out the cost of a generator for the facility in 2018, which at the time was around \$97,000. With recent inflation, it’s expected to come at a greater cost. It was decided that Nick Rusin, confidential secretary to Supervisor DeMayo, who has had success securing grants for the Town in the past, would research potential grants they could use to purchase a generator. DeWitt had also asked

about the possibility of using a \$75,000 DASNY grant the Town had received for maintaining the floor at the highway barn, which has radiant heat, for a generator, but DeMayo said, while they’d ask, it was unlikely it could be used for anything other than the floor.

DeWitt also highlighted the replacement of a majority of the culverts in the Town as an issue they must tackle, noting that there are too many “in poor condition.”

“I for one will say we never had a discussion [about the highway department], like we had here tonight,” Councilman Vince McPhillips said of DeWitt’s report, “and I for one, appreciate it.”

DeMayo, in praising DeWitt, told the **Democrat** that he and Town Attorney Kenneth Klein, in a conversation after the meeting said they’d never seen as detailed a report from a highway superintendent, adding, “It’s a tool for us to use in the future.”

## Mamakating gives support to local projects

BY SAMANTHA MONTAGNA

**WURTSBORO** — During Mamakating’s last town board meeting on March 7, Town Supervisor Mike Robbins announced several updates and resolutions. To start, the board voted to give the O & W Rail Trail Alliance a letter of support. The Alliance asked Mamakating last year to provide a letter to help the trail receive federal funding and grants. Robbins explicitly stated that the letter is just a letter of support with “no finan-

cial recourse for us.” He said that the letter was rewritten to ensure that.

The board also voted to approve their agreement with the Walden Humane Society as they have done in years past. They currently also have an agreement with Port Jervis Humane Society. Robbins noted that the dog control officer Vicki Darnoboid needs more places to bring dogs as many humane societies are full and she cannot always keep the dogs in her home and her truck. Robbins said

this is a growing problem and reported that there were seven abandoned dogs within a three-week period recently.

Also, the State Police Barracks addition project is moving along. The board voted to approve John Fuller to be the engineer for the project at a cost of \$25,000 dollars. Robbins explained that Councilman Peter Goodman reviewed the estimates and did a comprehensive comparison and concluded that Fuller was the cheapest option by

\$9,000. The funds will come out of the American Rescue Plan. Fuller will create construction drawings and oversee the project.

Robbins announced during his supervisor’s report that the Burn Ban is scheduled to start March 16 and conclude May 15. He noted that there will be signs put out so people know about the ban. He also added that the board has started working on the local law to implement a burn ban outside of the New York State mandated burn ban.

In case of dry weather, the board with input from the fire departments, would like to be able to put out a burn ban, Robbins said.

Robbins also announced that he just received a call that day: Sullivan County Board of Elections has dedicated a new polling place for Mamakating. Residents in Ward 3 will now vote at the Summitville Fire House on election day in November. Robbins said that there were 1,400 eligible voters in Ward 3, and having another polling place would signifi-

cantly help with the crowds and waiting times at current polling places. He also said that the Board of Elections is working on other ideas to help.

The board also voted to approve members of the Mamakating Local Development Corporation (MLDC). During the last meeting on February 21, the board voted to reappoint dedicated volunteers Kelly Teacher, David Lybolt, and Fred Harding to their positions on the MLDC until PLEASE SEE **MAMAKATING, 3A**

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# Schiller returns to Garnet Health

## Dunlavy promoted

MIDDLETOWN — Earlier this week Garnet Health announced the appointment of Jonathan Schiller as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the health system. Schiller will officially begin on June 1.

Jerry Dunlavy will remain Garnet Health's Interim President and CEO as well as Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills' Chief Operating Officer (COO) through May 31. Dunlavy will become CEO of Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills on June 1.

"Jonathan is returning to Garnet Health after a year away. On behalf of the board of directors and all employees, we warmly welcome him back to the Garnet Health family," said Philip Massengill, MD, FACS, Board Chair, Garnet Health. "We look forward to his outstanding leadership abilities in advancing Garnet Health's growth and impact on the communities we serve."

Schiller comes back to Garnet Health after serving as the President and CEO of Oneida Health. Prior to joining Oneida Health, Schiller was CEO of Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills.

He joined Garnet Health in 2004 and held various leadership positions within the system, including Administrator of Revenue Cycle Management, Vice President and Site Administrator, and Vice President of Hospital Operations, providing organizational leadership to multiple ancillary departments. Schiller's leadership



Jerry Dunlavy

was instrumental in the construction and opening of Garnet Health Medical Center's new hospital in 2011, which included the relocation of Horton and Arden Hill hospitals to the new facility.

In 2013, Schiller was promoted to COO for Garnet Health Medical Center and was responsible for daily operations of the hospital. He was appointed CEO of Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills in 2017, providing executive leadership for the Harris and Callicoon hospital campuses, as well as systemwide executive support for the Hospitalist, Intensivist, Psychiatry and Emergency Management services.

"After working a year in central New York, this change reunites my family at home and provides a refreshed opportunity to advance healthcare in the Catskills and the Greater Hudson Valley. To say this feels like a homecoming is nothing short of an understatement," said Schiller. "I am excited to return to Garnet Health and be part of an organization that works



Jonathan Schiller

hard to meet the needs of the community and cares so deeply for the patients.

"I stand committed to serving the residents of Orange and Sullivan counties, ensuring that access to quality healthcare remains a top priority," he continued. "I am also honored to be working with my friend and colleague Jerry Dunlavy once again. Jerry has made Garnet Health proud as interim president and CEO, and will make an excellent CEO for Garnet Health – Catskills."

Schiller received a bachelor's degree in human services at LeMoyné College and a master's in health systems administration from Rochester Institute of Technology.

Dunlavy, who has held the position of Interim President and CEO for Garnet Health since Dec. 30, 2022, has nearly 25 years of healthcare leadership experience. He joined Garnet Health in 2001, serving as the system's

Vice President of Clinical Program Development and Operations.

He was the senior executive responsible for the development of seven ACGME-accredited residency programs as well as the founding executive for Garnet Health Doctors, the health system's employed medical group. In June 2022, Dunlavy was appointed Vice President of Operations for Garnet Health and COO for Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills.

"Jerry is a seasoned healthcare executive and a thoughtful and strategic leader. On behalf of the board of directors, we are grateful to Jerry for moving Garnet Health forward during our search and selection process," said Dr. Massengill. "As COO of Garnet Health – Catskills, Jerry has begun to build strong relationships, and with his knowledge of the health issues affecting Sullivan County, I am confident he will be a strong advocate for the community and a great CEO for the hospital."

Dunlavy earned a bachelor's degree in finance and a master's in business administration from Iona University in New Rochelle, New York. He also holds a Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.

POLICE NOTE

### New Jersey man arrested for credit card fraud scheme

SULLIVAN COUNTY — On January 18, a Parkville resident contacted the Sheriff's Office to report that a fraudulent \$296 charge for fuel was made to his credit card at a Mirabito gas station in Norwich, NY. Working with the Chenango County Sheriff, the Madison County Sheriff and the New York State Police, deputies were able to identify a subject driving a red Volvo tractor trailer with a disguised tank mounted in the bed of the semi-trailer. The investigation revealed that the complainant's credit card number had been copied in the Liberty area and then re-written to a gift card which was used by the thief. The suspect would go to gas stations that did not yet have chip readers on their pumps and swipe the counterfeit cards containing the stolen credit card numbers using the card's magnetic stripe. The suspect reportedly pumped thousands of gallons of diesel fuel which was then transported to the state of New Jersey where it was apparently sold on the black market. In February, Sheriff's Detectives identified the suspect as Yosiel R. Linares, 30, of Union, NJ and obtained a warrant for his arrest. Soon after, the suspect was arrested by Union Township Police as a fugitive from justice. On March 2, Linares was extradited from New Jersey to Sullivan County and arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court. Under the New York bail reform laws, Yosiel Linares was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date. The Sheriff's Office is working with the other law enforcement agencies to identify other suspects that may be involved in this case, and say that the investigation is continuing.

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CORRECTIONS

In our Tuesday, March 14 edition, in the story titled, "Bethel residents seek more access" (Page 1A), the number of Town of Bethel building department employees was misstated. There are currently three part-time employees in the department, with the Town planning to hire one additional part-

time or full-time employee in the near future. Also, in the Friday, March 10 edition, in the story titled, "Fallsburg makes a splash with indoor pool" (Page 1A), the quote about e-waste should have been attributed to Fallsburg Town Supervisor Katherine Rappaport. We regret the errors.

MEETINGS

FRIDAY MARCH 17  
 Grover Hermann Hospital  
 Auxiliary Meeting, 3 p.m.,  
 Solarium at the Hospital, 8881  
 State Route 97 in Callicoon.

MONDAY MARCH 20  
 Village of Woodridge, Board of  
 Trustees Meeting, 12:30 p.m.,  
 Village Hall, 2 Dairyland Rd.,  
 Woodridge.  
 Town of Liberty, Town Board,

Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., 120  
 North Main St., Liberty.

TUESDAY MARCH 21  
 Roscoe Central School District,  
 Board of Education Meeting, 4:30  
 p.m., 6 Academy St., Roscoe.  
 Village of Monticello, Village  
 Board, Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 2  
 Pleasant St., Monticello.  
 Town of Mamakating, Town Board,  
 Meeting, 6 p.m., 2948 Route 209,

Wurtsboro.  
 Town of Thompson, Town Board,  
 Meeting, 7 p.m., 4052 Route 42,  
 Monticello.  
 Kenoza Lake Fire District,  
 Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., Kenoza  
 Lake Firehouse, 485 Old Taylor Rd.,  
 Kenoza Lake.  
 UDC Committee to meet at 6:30  
 p.m., UDC Office, 211 Bridge St.,  
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# County still leading in year-over-year job growth

BY JOSEPH ABRAHAM

SULLIVAN COUNTY — According to preliminary data released by the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL), Sullivan County's private sector jobs grew the fastest year-over-year, up 7.6 percent, for January.

This included 600 new leisure and hospitality jobs, 300 new jobs in both the trade, transportation and utilities, and educational and health service sectors,

as well as 200 new jobs in the professional and business services' category, and 100 new government positions.

Looking at the Hudson Valley region's year-over-year numbers overall, the private sector job count in the Hudson Valley rose by 16,900, or 2.2 percent, to 775,100.

Gains were greatest in educational and health services (+6,200), leisure and

hospitality (+4,900), natural resources, mining and construction (+3,700), trade, transportation and utilities (+1,800), professional and business services (+1,100), manufacturing (+600) and financial activities (+400). Losses were centered in information (-1,000) and other services (-800).

According to the NYSDOL, the region's private sector job count continued to expand, with seven

sectors adding jobs for the 12 months through January 2023 while just two reported job losses. Aided by strength in its health care component, the region's educational and health services sector grew by 3.0 percent — its strongest year-over-year January growth since 2017.

Despite the possibility of a national recession, accompanied by rising interest rates, the natural resources,

mining, and construction sector continued trending upward, climbing 7.0 percent over the period — its strongest year-over-year January growth since 2019.

The second fastest growth was recorded in the Kingston MSA (+4.4 percent), followed by the Orange-Rockland-Westchester labor market area (+2.2 percent), and the Dutchess-Putnam Metropolitan Division (+0.7 percent).

## Burn ban in effect

BY NIC BIRGLER

SULLIVAN COUNTY - A statewide burn ban began March 16 and will continue to be in place until May 14.

All open burning is prohibited with several exceptions including campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width or diameter (small cooking fires are allowed), and ceremonial or celebratory bonfires.

Burn bans are commonly utilized to help prevent wildfires and reduce air pollution within the state. Open burning is the "greatest known cause of wildfires" according to the NYS DEC.

The New York State Department of Conservation reports that since the spring burn bans implementation in 2009, the number of wildfires has decreased by 40 percent annually in New York.

# Part two of agricultural training series set for April 26

FERNDALE — Many communities in Sullivan County are experiencing a loss of farms, farmland and open space due to increased residential development, solar facilities, retirement of farmers, and other factors. To tackle this challenge, Principal Planner/Founder of Community Planning & Environmental Associates, Nan Stolzenburg, and Cornell Cooperative

Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) will teach municipal officials, code enforcement officers and realtors about implementing farm-friendly land use and zoning tools in part two of the three-part Agricultural training workshop series on April 26th at 5:30 PM.

Topics to be covered at this workshop include addressing barriers in zoning farm laws, conservation

subdivision, density instead of lot size, average lot sizes for small subdivisions, Transfer and Purchase of Development Rights, agrivoltaic practices, and more. The third workshop, which will take place later this year, will cover more about agricultural tourism, zoning, and a farm visit for all attendees.

There is no fee, but preregistration is required

to participate in this series. To register, participants can visit <http://sullivanccce.org/events> and select the "Tools and Techniques to Help Your Zoning be Farm-friendly" event to register. More information on the workshops can be found at <http://sullivanccce.org/events>. Those with related questions can email [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu) or call 845-292-6180.

This is a workshop co-sponsored by CCESC, Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development, and the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. CCESC provides equal program and employment opportunities. The public can contact the office to request accommodations.

# NYSDOH: Field office opens in Liberty, as local and elected officials react

FROM FRONT PAGE

continue to be carried out by the field office staff, including checking children's camps, restaurants, and public water supplies, as well as conducting investigations into childhood lead poisoning and many other public health activities.

The new field office, in coordination with the Middletown District Office, will also offer all the services previously available at the former Monticello District Office, including drop-off of permit applications and fees, engineering plan submittal, and face-to-face meetings with inspectors and engineers.

### Reaction

NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther said that keeping the Monticello Department of Health field office open and operating in Sullivan County "has been of paramount importance to the residents of Sullivan County."

"The announcement today that the field office will be open and staffed should ensure that residents and business owners in our community can rely on the services provided by this office to be accessible, timely and local," she said. "While I was not happy to see the full office move out

of the County, I am encouraged that a presence will be maintained. The important work of those staffing this office will continue to keep the residents and visitors of Sullivan County safe."

Sullivan County Health and Human Services Commissioner John Liddle said the County values their partnership with the State Department of Health and "appreciate the balance they've struck" in opening a field office in Liberty in addition to their District Office in Middletown.

"Having members of the NYSDOH located in the same building with Sullivan County Public Health will

improve cooperation between the two staffs and enhance our ability to respond together to any future public health emergency," he said. "I look forward to the opportunity to build an even stronger relationship with the DOH environmental health team as we prepare together for another busy summer in the Catskills."

"The Sullivan County Legislature is pleased we were able to negotiate a mutually agreeable solution that keeps the NYS Department of Health's office presence here, which is a critical imperative," said Sullivan County Legislative Chairman Rob Doherty. "As a

Legislature, we deeply value the DOH's local efforts, resources and staff, and having them next door to our Public Health team will ensure year-round coordina-

tion, to the benefit of our residents and visitors."

Residents can contact the Department's Liberty office at 845-794-2045 or by emailing [modo@health.ny.gov](mailto:modo@health.ny.gov).

# MAMAKATING: Local projects set to receive support soon

FROM FRONT PAGE

February 13, 2026. Robbins also noted that the board previously approved two more positions for volunteers for the MLDC, and on March 7,

the board voted to approve Katrina Wolenski for a term ending February 13, 2024. Robbins said that she is a good fit as she has already started dedicating time to volunteer for the MLDC.

Finally, Mamakating will hold their Easter Party on April 1, and it will be a bigger celebration than in the last couple years. Robbins noted that Covid prevented some activities, but now, Parks and

Recreation's Donna Consolo will be bringing back the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a hunt for three separate age groups, Robbins said. More information will be forthcoming.

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### Attention Sullivan West Community Members:

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*Friends and family memorialize Skylar F.C. Pascale*

MONTGOMERY — The friends and family of Skylar F.C. Pascale are pleased to announce the establishment of the Skylar F.C. Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan. The scholarship will be awarded to one Valley Central graduate each year, starting in 2023.

The Skylar F.C. Pascale Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by the friends and family of its namesake. The awardee will have overcome a unique obstacle, adversity, or challenge in their life, be regarded among their peers and teachers as kind, inclusive, and respectful, and will have demonstrated a commitment to athletics.

Skylar was a genuine leader and beloved graduate of the Valley Central class of 2000. His unique combination of athleticism, humor, and



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A scholarship fund has been established at the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan in memory of Skylar F.C. Pascale (pictured).

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(Bud) LeConey, CLM, 845-313-1204.

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*Be kind*

I see many quotes that have to do with being kind to others. This one from an unknown author says, "Today you could be standing next to someone who is trying their best not to fall apart. So whatever you do today, do it with kindness in your heart."

We never know what others are going through, what heartache and sorrow is weighing heavy upon them. We don't know what they've been through in the past, or what challenges they've faced and may still be facing. Every person has a story and there's always a reason why they're the way they are.

We usually can't tell by looking at others what they are experiencing in their lives, although some people wear their hearts on their sleeves and their faces give away their emotions. But many are good at hiding their feelings, and you would never have guessed the pain they are carrying inside just to look at them.

It doesn't cost us anything to be kind to others. It's true that some people may be hard to treat with kindness, especially if our actions are rejected or treated with scorn. But treating others kindly is not about them; it's about us and what's inside of us.

Kindness is found in two important lists in the Bible. I Corinthians 13 is known as the love chapter. Verse 4 says that love is patient and kind. We find the list of the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. The Amplified version says, "But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

In both these lists kindness follows patience. It's hard to be kind to others without

first being patient with them. All these attributes are also almost impossible to produce on our own. These are first of all characteristics of God, and then grow in our lives as a result of His presence within us. To be patient and kind is to act in the same manner as Jesus does.

Psalm 103:8 tells us, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in compassion and loving kindness" (AMP). We are so thankful that this is God's attitude towards us, but He desires that this would also be our attitude towards others.

Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be kind and helpful to one another, tender-hearted [compassionate, understanding], forgiving one another [readily and freely], just as God in Christ also forgave you" (AMP). If we are to treat others as God treats us, we need to be willing to extend the same forgiveness to them as Jesus extends to us.

A former pastor used to say it's better to be righteous than right. It can also be more important to be kind than right. Most people don't need us telling them what they should or shouldn't be doing, but just a listening ear and loving attitude. James 1:19 says, "Let everyone be quick to hear [be a careful, thoughtful listener], slow to speak [a speaker of carefully chosen words and], slow to anger [patient, reflective, forgiving]" AMP.

Kindness is expressed in more ways that just our deeds or how we treat others. It is also seen in our attitudes and expressions. So let's be quick to lift up and encourage others with kindness.

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**Aglow Neighborhood Lighthouse hosts Paint and Scripture event**

YOUNGVILLE — Aglow Neighborhood Lighthouse presents Paint and Scripture with Lois Saff. Come create art pieces that express who you are. Canvas, paints and brushes are supplied. Donations are accepted for additional supplies.

This is located at the Youngsville United Reformed Church on Route 52, Youngsville on Saturday March 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Reservations are required, please call Pat at 845-482-4872 to reserve a spot and art supplies.

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*Poppa Max and St. Patrick:  
kindred spirits*

Happy St. Patrick's Day, and a happy birthday to my grandfather Max Greenberg. I know you'll find this a bit hard to believe, but there's really not much that the larger-than-life patron saint of Ireland has in common with the short-in-stature Jewish man who served patrons at the finest restaurants in Manhattan. As it turns out, there's more comprehensive information about the life and times of the celebrated Patrick than there is for the quiet, workaholic man known to his family and friends as Poppa Max. Go figure.

In fact, there are voluminous volumes on the late fourth- and early fifth-century travels and teachings of Patrick, with quotes and accounts of his work. There are even beautiful portraits of a white-bearded Patrick wearing colorful robes, sporting a gilded miter and clutching a long staff.

Legend has it that Patrick was born around 385 in Roman Britain. When he was about 16, he was captured and carried off to Ireland, made a slave to herd and tend sheep. After six years, he escaped, returned to Britain, had a calling, went back to Ireland as a missionary and was later ordained a bishop. He died on March 17 in 461 and has become one of the world's most popular saints.

Curiously and sadly, there's little documentation beyond a few family photos to chronicle the experiences of Poppa Max.

What we do know is that Poppa Max was a Polish man born somewhere in Russia. He came to this country as a young boy where he met Ethel Posner, who also immigrated from Russia. The pair married, started a family in Brooklyn's East New York with daughters Barbara and Roslyn.

Poppa Max was a longtime waiter in some of the city's high-end establishments, including Gallagher's Steakhouse. He worked long hours and provided well for his family.

He and Nanny Ethel

would drive to Miami Beach in the winter and summer in the Catskills. In their cozy apartment off Kings Highway they had a Zenith remote control color television. You could actually turn the set on, change channels and rise and lower the volume without ever getting up.

Poppa Max must have been some good waiter.

When the 5-foot-4 man could no longer carry out main dishes, he carried around mail in the city for a messenger service. Really.

Poppa Max died in 1990, nearly a decade after his beloved Ethel.

St. Patrick and Poppa Max. Linked in history? Not quite.

But my mom decided the two would be kindred spirits when she realized at a young age that her father didn't know for sure when his birthday was.

Legend further has it that in his haste to escape Russia, Poppa Max failed to take along his birth certificate.

Before you rush to judgment, consider how many things you've left behind on your way to work. Now imagine fleeing your country with Cossacks right behind. That's the image I'm going with.

So as far back as I could remember, my mom decided we'd celebrate Poppa Max's birthday on March 17.

St. Patrick's Day. Why? File it under the list of so many questions I never thought to ask when everyone was alive. And now that I'm dying for an answer, there's no one to ask. That list seems to grow daily.

So, here's a toast to my Poppa Max:

"May the love and protection St. Patrick can give be yours in abundance.

And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand."

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**ON THE ROAD WITH ROGER BAKER**

*Where are we? No. 326*

Where are we this week? If you know, please email editor@sc-democrat.com by 5 p.m. next Wednesday, March 15. Please include your name and mailing address with your entry, and your phone number. Last week's test, seen below left, was pretty challenging, but Matt Johnstone of Liberty knew it was located at Klein and Sons Logging in White Sulphur Springs. Congratulations, Matt. Good luck this week.



Cool working trucks in Sullivan County!



**MEMORIAL: Skylar F.C. Pascale**

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kindness were unparalleled. Skylar was a gifted athlete, avid golfer, surfer, and writer. He was a lifeguard and strong swimmer who



Skylar F.C. Pascale

loved the water, ocean, and beach.

As a high school student at Valley Central, Skylar played varsity football, track, and golf. He was voted Homecoming King, elected Student Government Association President, and was selected to serve as a peer mediator. After graduation, Skylar went on to college. At the time of his passing at the age of forty, Skylar was working with animals and pursuing his lifelong dream of playing professional golf.

"At a very young age, Skylar suffered more personal tragedy and loss than most adults must endure in a lifetime. Despite the hardship and adversity, Skylar always shined bright, made people laugh, and treated everyone with respect," said the family spokesman and fund representative Jason S. Rosenwasser. "Skylar undeniably had a profound impact on each person he encountered in life, often lighting up a room with his smile. He was selfless, generous, and giving, even at a young age. I am confident that he would be both honored and humbled to have his name and legacy attached to a scholarship for a Valley Central senior that could assist them in moving one step closer to achieving their hopes and dreams."

**Life after loss bereavement series starting Apr. 24**

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EDITORIAL

## Toboggan noggin

Growing older, snowstorms went from having that “snow-day” feeling, to having a more serious, even dangerous reputation in the Catskills, with the most recent storm being no different.

Schools close, roads are salted, and inches of snow accumulate on the front porches and car rooftops, but the work still needs to be done. “What a cold, bitter hindrance” someone might note on the winter-time weather blues, just trying to get to their jobs and back home.

This week, some parts of the county received over seven inches of snow – a gift that keeps on giving. New York State declared a State of Emergency in preparation for the storm Tuesday night.

*“The springtime of youth can live on, even thrive, in any season, environment, temperature,”*

Although the area did not encounter the fury of the monster “Nor’easter” that was seen in other parts of the region, Sullivan County got its fair share of this March madness. However, with caution in mind, the snowy surroundings sometimes make

for an excuse to play like a kid once again. Of course, when the storm is in the middle of its tempers and rages, stay inside and off the roads as much as possible. But that is the reassuring thing about snow...you don’t have to drive to see it because it lands any and everywhere.

Thinking with your “toboggan noggin” you can remember and act on the golden memories from a childhood experienced not too long ago. Sledding, snowshoeing, snow angels, and so much more are available throughout the county, like an adventure just waiting to be found.

The springtime of youth can live on, even thrive, in any season, environment, temperature, as long as the heart desires it so. That “winter wonderland” feeling still waits patiently for the recollection of those who wish to keep the fireplace of their younger days ablaze.

That being said, don’t forget to put the stress down every now and again, pick your head up in a proud manner you used to do before the world got cold, and stick your tongue up to the sky...you just might catch an old dream just before it melts.



### The Best of Nellie

Reprinted from March 20, 1952

A few lines from the editorial column last week has brought about much comment. It concerned the unfriendliness of the folks in our town. The Editor, I believe, meant to bring to our minds the fact that strangers need a bit of friendly action on our part to get them started in a new community.

With that I agree but there is something, too, in the stranger putting forth a little effort in getting acquainted himself. I came here a stranger and a teacher. But a part of our training in Normal School was instruction in getting to know the people of whatever community we were in. We were told that the easiest way to get to know people was to attend church. There it would be easy to make contact. We were told that it was a part of our duty to become acquainted with the parents of our pupils. We were warned that we might have to ‘work’ at getting to know the parents but that it was a necessary part of teaching to know the parents and the home background if we were to be of the greatest help to the children in our care.

For some years after I had stopped teaching I was active every fall in helping with a reception for all new teachers. A ‘get-acquainted’ idea that brought little success, for, from then on, for the most part, the new teachers made little effort to follow up the opening made for them.

We, as members of this community, want the teachers to feel welcome and ‘at-home’. Many of us put forth quite a little effort to do this, but we can’t do it without cooperation. And, in defense of the teachers, a lot of other people never once extend a friendly hand.

As an individual, I have always tried to make myself known to strangers, and especially teachers. I have welcomed them to the community and invited them to come to my house. Few have ever taken advantage of the invitation, so in those cases I have thought that perhaps they preferred to make other friendships. I feel that there are others like me and so, it cannot be said that the fault lies all on one side or the other.

It is the old, old story of the old man in a little town being approached by a stranger and being asked what kind of a town it is. The old man inquires as to the type of town the stranger has come from and upon being told that it was an unfriendly, gossipy town, the old man warns that his town, too, is like that. And then being approached by another stranger the old man asks of his former place of abode and when the stranger relates that it was a friendly, good town which he hates to leave, the old man says not to mind, for this town, too, is friendly and good and that the stranger will like it here.

I have noticed one thing in the years past that any teacher who comes into this community and makes an effort to join in community activities, to take an active part in civic progress, in their church activities, have found it easy to become acquainted. That is true of any stranger in the town.

We want new people in our town. We want them to feel welcome and wanted. We must try a little harder to get to know these folks, and they must try a little harder to get to know us. And so, there is coffee welcome on our doormat, our door is open, and there is coffee brewing in the kitchen. Come and see us.

- N.C.S.



PHOTO BY ALLEN FRISHMAN

## Not-so “fair weather” friend

With skis in hand, some energetic music, and wearing its best hat was this not-so “fair weather” friend. Ready to spend all day outside in the recent snowfall, this snowman was created by Allen Frishman and his family. This frosty friend stands out from the rest with its red torso. Halfway through March, winter still lets us know which season we are in. Even as the days get longer and the Sun gets stronger, hopefully snowmen like this will stick around for as long as it can – even through the not-so-fair weather.

## Tech checks and balances

### LIFELINES

KATHY WERNER

Let’s call them payments. Since I do work as an independent contractor (mostly writing and consulting, not installing new windows), I do receive physical checks.

The best part is that I can now deposit these checks immediately, using my smart phone. I don’t even have to move from the kitchen table to do my banking. My Grandpa Kohler, who was born in 1901, loved all the technological wonders he saw, and would no doubt be amazed and delighted by all these advances.

I have also become quite adept at using my Apple Watch to pay for things. This little computer-on-my-wrist is handiness itself. Just push a button and my Apple Wallet appears. I find the card I want to use, double click, hold the watch near the credit card terminal, and the transaction magically occurs. Presto! I can now go to stores with only my car fob

in my pocket. No need for a wallet because that’s on my watch. Crazy.

I would venture a guess that foot traffic in most banks is down, mostly because so many of the banking tasks that used to require a teller can now be done independently. With access to ATMs to withdraw money and a phone to accomplish remote check deposit, most folks’ banking needs can be taken care of without visiting a bank.

You can pay most of your bills online, so there is no need for checks. You can also set up your banking accounts online, so you have instant access to balances. Do you know anyone who still receives monthly checking account notices by snail mail, complete with the actual checks they wrote? Me neither.

I can’t imagine what’s next in this amazing world.

KATHY WERNER is a three-time National Newspaper Association Award winner for the Democrat, and a true member of the family.

## Creek House Grill’s corned beef is extraordinary

### COOKING IN THE COUNTRY

CLAIRE STABBERT

When I heard rumors about the Creek House Grill’s corned beef being the best around, I was definitely interested to find out for myself.

Everyone has stories about how their grandmother’s was best, and it IS one of my all-time favorites.

I’m happy to report that we no longer have to wonder and daydream and argue about such things, because the Creek House Grill has arrived in Callicoon to settle the score. It’s extraordinarily tender, with a perfect balance of salt and acidity from the brine, and when anointed with a little Colman’s mustard and mounted between two slices of fresh rye, impossible to beat. Don’t believe me? I ate their sandwich last Friday and Saturday, just couldn’t get enough.

And if I can’t convince you that their corned beef is better than anything I’ve ever had (my mother’s family name is Sullivan, after all) you’ll just have to go try it yourself before agreeing with me.

Chef John Dettori wouldn’t divulge any secrets but this sort of thing is probably best left to the professionals anyway.

However, corned beef is far



from the only Irish fare they’ll be serving up this weekend (available with Colman’s mustard between rye or accompanied by cabbage, potatoes, and carrots). You’ve got Irish lamb stew, shepherd’s pie, bangers and mash, and Dolly’s Irish Breakfast to decide among. Just don’t skip the masterfully-drawn pint of Guinness and homemade Bailey’s cheesecake, whatever you do.

Their website and Facebook pages have this weekend’s menu as well as regular postings of the brunch and dinner menus. Enjoy the wonderful atmosphere, delicious fare, great music, and the best craic! Be sure to call (845) 887-3116 for a reservation. Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all!

CLAIRE STABBERT is an accomplished cook who loves to try new recipes. While she does enjoy eating at restaurants, she also loves to whip up a good meal at home. Claire gets her cooking inspiration from her grandfather and grandmother, Fred and Shirley Stabbert as well as Great Grandma Nellie.

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The Creek House Grill’s corned beef sandwich is grilled high and very delicious, take it from me.

# Here they come!

**To the editor:**  
The New York City Mayor [Eric Adams] is moving 100 migrants to Sullivan County. This is in response to President Biden moving migrants throughout the United States. He is being helped by some of your local people. Remember who they are when things start costing more in Sullivan County.

**Diane Klinger  
Woodbourne**

would want to see/hear. With a mission to inspire, educate and empower individuals through the arts and humanities, Bethel Woods can surely do a better job of securing and promoting musicians and artists that reflect America. Just imagine how many more audience members and guests of Bethel Woods could be inspired and empowered when they see and hear performers that look a little more like them.

**David Lavallee  
Callicoon**

## Concerned about debt

**To the editor:**  
I am concerned about our country defaulting on our debt. On January 19, the United States hit a limit on how much money it can borrow, forcing the Treasury Department to initiate "extraordinary measures" to make sure the nation has enough cash to fulfill its financial obligations. Janet Yellen, Treasury Secretary, told Congress she was initiating a "debt issuance suspension period" that would last through June 5. The "X-date" – the point at which the U.S. will no longer be able to pay its bills and is likely to default on its debt – will be in mid-August. The Treasury debt limit, also known as the debt ceiling, is a limit to the amount of money the U.S.

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government is authorized to borrow to pay its bills. Because the United States runs budget deficits, it must borrow huge sums of money. Raising the Treasury debt limit allows the United States to finance existing obligations – it does not authorize any new spending. If the debt limit is not raised or suspended, the U.S. will eventually default on its bills. The debt limit has precisely nothing to do with whether we increase or cut spending in the future – that's a red herring. What would default look like? Letting the country default on its bills would have massive economic consequences for most Americans -- job loss and high unemployment, Social Security cuts, Medicare cuts, spikes in borrowing rates, stock market crash, national recession, and chaos in global financial markets. The amount of the debt limit is set by law and has been increased or suspended many times over the decades to allow the Treasury Department to finance the government's operations. Ultimately, it will be up to Congress to decide whether to let the country borrow more money. Political brinkmanship over the debt limit is painful to watch when the stakes are so high for all of us.

**Martha Scoppa  
Liberty**

## Reflecting America

**To the editor:**  
Bethel Woods is an amazing venue with incredible event staff. Every year, we look forward to reviewing the summer concert series line-up and every year it continues to lack diversity and reflects a limited and specific range within music. What might it look like to balance honoring music legends while bringing in more contemporary, younger, and popular performers (outside of country and rock) that reflect the diversity of America? Indeed, it is only because places like Woodstock gave younger performers an opportunity that they went on to become legends. I would imagine it is probably quite a challenge to book performers at a medium-sized venue such as Bethel Woods, but I am just hoping that the gaps in this year's line-up can be a little more reflective of what I would imagine many different types of people

## SEND US A LETTER

The Democrat welcomes letters to the editor. We ask that they be no longer than 300 words, typewritten or neatly printed, and include the author's signature, address and a

# Frisbee business

## RANDOM THOUGHTS

HUDSON COOPER | HUDSONCOOPER4U@GMAIL.COM

*'Each pie came in a tin plate embossed with the words "Frisbie's Pies." ... Yale discovered that the tin plates could be tossed with the flick of the wrist.'*

getting a license. The concept of a flying disc traces its origins back to ancient Greece. There is a famous statue of a man hurling a circular object. His name is Discobolus and might be the first to toss a frisbee-like discus. I do not know if he was a talented dancer, so I cannot vouch for him inventing the disco. In the 1870's a baker named William Russell Frisbie from Connecticut started a business selling homemade pies. Each pie came in a tin plate embossed with the words "Frisbie's Pies." Eventually a group of students from Yale discovered that the tin plates could be tossed with the flick of the wrist. With so many pie plates zipping around, they learned to shout "Frisbie" to warn of the incoming projectiles. Another theory about the discovery of the flying disc originates from a beach outside of Los Angeles. Walter Morrison and his future wife, Lucille, decided to burn off some calories after their Thanksgiving meal in 1937. They took a tin of popcorn to the beach. Once the tin was empty, they began tossing the lid

back and forth. People began watching and some joined in marveling at the flight of the flying lid. One of them offered Walter 25 cents for the lid. Walter gave the guy the lid for free. On their way back home, Walter and Lucille talked about turning this flying lid into a business. They found out that you could buy them in bulk for five cents. They started a business that existed on a local level.

The business was interrupted by World War II when Walter, a pilot in the Army Air Force, was shot down and held as a prisoner of war. After the war, Walter tinkered with the design and invented an improved version of the popcorn lid that was more aerodynamic. He named it the "Whirlo-Way" after a famous racehorse of the time. His company began producing the first plastic flying discs in 1948. They renamed them the "Flyin' Saucer" perhaps joining in the UFO craze that enveloped the country after the incident in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. In 1957 the Wham-O company bought out Morrison's business. They renamed the flying disc "Frisbee" having discovered that it was the popular name used by the students at Yale. So, if winter ever gives up its grip and spring arrives, grab a group of friends and find an open field to toss that disc around and yell "Frisbee!"

**Hudson Cooper** is a resident of Sullivan County, a writer, comedian and actor.



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## Certified Nurses Day is 3/19. Recognizing all they do, 24/7.

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visit [garnethealth.org/careers](http://garnethealth.org/careers).  
Pictured are a few of our certified nurses.



**COMING UP**

In this space: special free listings of events to occur in the next few days. In the Early Bird Edition: notices for Tuesday through to the following Friday inclusive. In the Weekender Edition: notices for Friday through to the following Tuesday inclusive.

We must receive information on events to be listed in this section at the Callicoon editorial offices no later than noon Friday for Tuesday's Earlybird Democrat and noon Wednesday for Friday's Weekender Democrat.

Email [Calendar@sc-democrat.com](mailto:Calendar@sc-democrat.com) to submit an event.

**Friday, Mar. 17**

The Ethelbert Crawford Public Library is hosting a Teen Art Night. Teenagers ages 12 through 18 are welcome to join for an afternoon of crafts and fun. This will occur from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Located at 479 Broadway, Monticello.

The Western Sullivan Public Library is hosting a DIY Spa Lab at 4 p.m. Come learn how to create natural recipes to make your skin glow. This is located at the Jeffersonville Branch at 19 Center St, Jeffersonville.

The Western Sullivan Public Library is hosting Craft Lovers with Ciera at 4 p.m. Join Ciera to create bamboo starbursts. This will occur at the Delaware Free Branch located at 45 Lower Main St, Callicoon. Register on their calendar at [www.WSPLonline.org](http://www.WSPLonline.org).

**Saturday, Mar. 18**

Damascus Community Center and the NEPA Maple Producers Assn. will host a pancake breakfast from 8AM-12N at the township building, 60 Conklin Hill Road. Cost is \$12 for adults; \$7 for children 12 and under. On the menu: scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, applesauce, OJ, coffee, tea, and REAL maple syrup to slather all over the pancakes. After you've had your fill you're invited to attend a self-guided tour of our local sugar bushes and learn about the amazing procedure of syrup production. For more info call Linda at 570-729-7270. If no answer please leave message.

**Sunday, Mar. 19**

Monticello Fire Department is hosting their annual spring pancake breakfast. Location is at the Monticello Firehouse on 23 Richardson Ave. This event will start at 7 a.m. and will end at 12 p.m. Cost for adults is \$9 dollars, seniors is \$7 dollars, children is \$6 dollars and children under five years old eat for free.

Claryville Fire Department is hosting an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. until 12 Noon. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance during breakfast so bring your cameras to take pictures. Cost for adults is \$11 dollars, children ages 5-11 is \$5 dollars and children under 5 years old eat for free. Take-outs are available at 845-985-7270.

**Monday, Mar. 20**

Safe Harbors Lobby at the Ritz is hosting International Day of Happiness from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Join us as we come together as a community to celebrate International Day of Happiness on Monday, March 20 from 4 - 7 p.m. with music, games, food, improv, crafts and more. This event is free and open to the public. Located at 107 Broadway, Newburgh.

The Ethelbert Crawford Public Library is hosting Pokemon Club for children ages 7+. Come enjoy Pokemon with various activities. This event starts at 4:30 p.m. and is located at 479 Broadway, Monticello.

The Western Sullivan Public Library is hosting a Computer/Tech Support from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. This will be located at the Tusten-Cochecton branch at 198 Bridge St, Narrowsburg.

The Western Sullivan Public Library is hosting a Children's Garden Class at 4:30 p.m. Come learn about gardening and help decide what kind of plant to grow. This will be located at the Tusten-Cochecton branch at 198 Bridge St, Narrowsburg.

**Tuesday, Mar. 21**

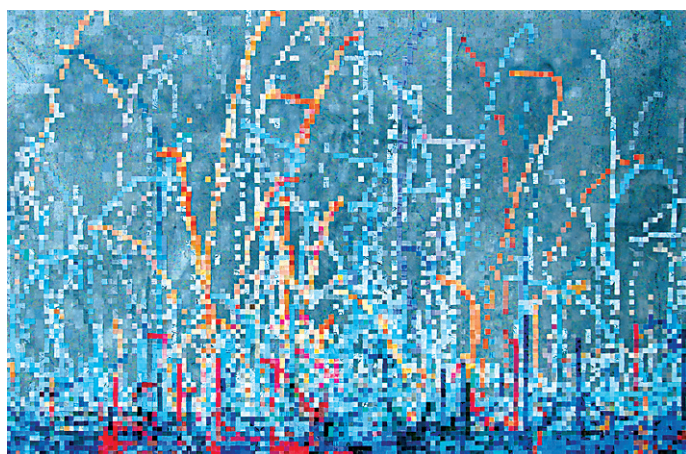
The Ethelbert Crawford Public Library presents Author Talk. Jernard Wells will discuss his new book titled, "Southern Inspired." This will occur at 4 p.m. Located at 479 Broadway, Monticello.

The Community Garden Club of Liberty will meet at noon for their Annual Potluck Luncheon at Cornell Cooperative Extension In Liberty. Members will bring their favorite dish. A business meeting will follow the luncheon. The Garden Club history and nostalgia will be shared by members. Guest are welcome. For further information, contact Judy Bergstrom at 845-794-7631.

The Western Sullivan Public Library is hosting a Computer/Tech Support from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. This will be located at the Jeffersonville branch at 19 Center St, Jeffersonville.

The Western Sullivan Public Library is hosting a Tech Educational Series for Internet and Safety tips. Learn about how to stay safe while using the Internet. This event will occur at 6 p.m. and will be through Zoom. The Zoom link and password will be emailed to you after registration.

# Catskill Art Space announces exhibits



Carter Hodgkin, Particle Horizon, 2022.

LIVINGSTON MANOR — Catskill Art Space is pleased to announce three solo exhibitions with work from Carter Hodgkin, Nene Humphrey and Jon Kline. The exhibitions will be on view in the ground floor galleries of Catskill Art Space, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY from March 25 through May 6, 2023. Exhibition hours are Friday and Saturday, 11am - 5pm, and Sunday 11am - 3pm. The three artists pull from interdisciplinary pursuits grounded in science to explore their respective artistic practices. Hodgkin draws on particle physics and forms in nature, creating code generated particle collisions to inform her painting. Humphrey's installation, inspired by dreams, goes as far as to offer video of the amygdala filmed through a high-powered microscope at the LeDoux lab at New York University, where she is the artist-in-residence. Kline uses light sensitive paper to capture the sky at different times, closely attuned to place and shifts in light.

Carter Hodgkin, Visual Fields, connects digital technology and painting, utilizing conceptual and chance-based themes to create her mesmerizing work. In this series, the artist modifies code attune to gravity, exploring particulates' descent and reverberations upwards. Hodgkin extracts a digital file of the collision, transforming the image into a mosaic, applying hand-painted paper squares onto painted canvas. The painting becomes a mediation between defining and dissolving the pictorial plane, evoking microscopic landscapes from outer space or the ocean depths. What

emerges are paintings which reflect a tension between technology and handcraft, exploring a relationship between algorithmic data and the pictorial.

Nene Humphrey will present This Like a Dream Keeps Other Time, a series of video, sonic and performative works created in collaboration with jazz musicians Matana Roberts and Staar Busby, along with video designer Simon Harding. Together, the works create a tangible space that mirrors the ephemeral part of the brain where complex emotions are born. These works were inspired by a dream the artist had in which she was learning to sing from "choir ladies" at Plainview Baptist, her late husband's family church in rural Georgia. The works investigate both the overlooked importance of dreaming to our psychological health and scientific research demonstrating that feelings of well-being and mood elevation are programmed biologically to surface with communal singing.

Jon Kline's work explores the subtle language of natural light and time, working with both cameras and light sensitive paper. Each piece involves observing, measuring, recording, and comparing the color and intensity of the overhead sky at specific moments in time from one place and from multiple places on the globe. Employing both alternative and digital means, Kline's photographic and film projects explore the primacy of light and temporality. Kline's presentation at CAS will include two murals that record the sequential shift in the color and intensity of light at a specific moment in time at this latitude.



Nene Humphrey, Dream Scroll, 2021.

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**ALMANAC**

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**Sunday, March 19 7 am-Noon** — Annual Spring Pancake Breakfast -Adults \$9, Seniors \$7, Children \$6, under Five Free. At Monticello Firehouse,

23 Richardson Avenue, Monticello, You're invited to come sit down with us for breakfast.

**BRIEFS**

**Volunteer open house**

**set for March 26 at Time and the Valleys**

GRAHAMSVILLE — Volunteer Open House will be held on Sunday, March 26, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum, St. Rt. 55, Grahamsville, NY. The afternoon is a welcome and introduction to the Museum and all that we do for anyone interested in learning about volunteering.

The afternoon includes refreshments, door prizes, tours of the Museum's current exhibits and information gathering about the Museum's volunteer needs and the many benefits of volunteering. Attendees will learn about all of the different ways they can help and make a difference with teaching students, greeting visitors at events, in the Museum shop, office tasks, scanning photos, projects at home, and more!

Benefits to being a Museum volunteer include a 10% discount in the Museum Shop, an invitation to a special yearly recognition

event, gaining new skills, and meeting new people and making new friends. By also joining Sullivan County R.S.V.P. (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) they can receive mileage reimbursement, too!

Volunteers can help one or two afternoons a month or more, whatever suits their lifestyle, as much or as little as they like. All information and training will be provided. NO previous knowledge of history or museum experience is required, just time and a willingness to learn.

"We have many volunteer needs including helping in the museum shop, reception desk and offices," according to Volunteer Chairperson, Mary Inghrim. For more information on the volunteer open house, the many different volunteer positions, benefits and training, email [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or call the Museum at 985-7700.

**New English as a Second Language class begins March 29 in Monticello**

MONTICELLO — Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County is pleased to announce the start of a new ESL (English as a Second Language) Class starting on Wednesday, March 29. The class will run every Wednesday from 7pm to 9pm at the Literacy Center, 63 North Street, Monticello, NY.

Pre-registration is not required. Please call 845-794-0017 for more information.

This class is recommended for beginning English Language Learners.

This class is made possible by a grant from The Wolf Lake Neighbors Foundation.

**For Rensselaer County spring events visit [remscotourism.com](http://remscotourism.com)**



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# DINING & entertainment guide

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Monticello Fire Department Annual Spring  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
Sunday, March 19th  
7 AM till 12 PM  
You're invited to come sit down with us for breakfast!

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845-794-6330

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# Pine Bush Super visits Mamakating

BY SAMANTHA MONTAGNA

WURTSBORO — “I am here to serve” and “make Pine Bush schools better” said Brian Dunn during his presentation to Mamakating’s Town Board. During the board meeting on March 7, Dunn said he wanted to start building alliances with tax payers, municipalities, and parents in his new role as Superintendent of Pine Bush schools.

Dunn stated that he was “thrilled to be in Pine Bush” and is adding his service to Pine Bush to his 25-year career in public education. He came to the board to let them know the state of Pine Bush schools, communicate his four top goals, and advertise Pine Bush’s trade initiatives and summer enrichment programs.

To start, he noted that COVID “destroyed so many things,” and it can be seen in the kids. Currently, there is a skill gap in math, reading, and writing skills due to the pandemic. The switch to online learning “was the best we could do,” but still resulted in “learning loss.” There is a challenge in meeting students where they are while trying to get them where they should be, he said. He also explained that social, emotional and human relation skills are essential in the age of “ubiquitous devices” and announced to everyone while he held up a cell phone: cell phones “are educational terrorists.” He praised his colleague Amy Creeden, Superintendent of Middletown Schools, as brave for banning cell phones within her district, but stated that he isn’t sure Pine Bush is ready for that step due to safety concerns.

He continued by telling the

board his four main goals for Pine Bush schools. The first is to improve students in grades three to eight in annual state assessments by 20%. He calls it the “pipeline to proficiency,” and explained that the higher students can achieve by grade three significantly impacts their chances of graduating high school. Right now, Pine Bush’s graduation rate is 92-94%, and he’d like to see that number improve.

The second goal is to reduce the violence and fighting in Pine Bush schools, and he attributes the violence as a failure of the schools in some way, and it is unacceptable. He said he put \$400,000 into additional security to ensure that there is an adult in every single hallway at all times. Dunn later noted a 2% reduction in problematic behaviors and less fights especially in the elementary schools has already occurred.

His third goal is to reduce chronic absenteeism by 5%, and he noted that this is the hardest goal because legislation that has given schools recourse to this problem has disappeared. Currently, 1,350 students are chronically absent within the district, and other than calling CPS, there is little the school can do to get the students back into school. He said that he wants teachers and staff to make more home visits and phone calls and for people to get the word out. He later stated that he has not made much progress on this goal currently.

Councilman Peter Goodman asked if this was due to a lack of parental guidance, and Dunn noted that it is part of it, but mental health, social anxiety, and school refusal are big problems, and advocating for smarter pol-

icies is needed but will take time.

His final goal is one he loves: Pine Bush will support equitable learning for students regardless of their background. It does not matter where a student comes from or how much money they have: they will be treated with love and kindness, and the more this is prioritized, the better everyone will be, he said.

Finally, he praised Pine Bush’s emphasis on trade programs and summer enrichment. He explained that the Advanced Manufacturing CTE program is one of the best in the country, and students are walking out of high school ready to walk into a high paying job. He explained that the government wants to bring jobs back to America due to national security issues, and Pine Bush is leading in that initiative.

In addition, Pine Bush is offering eight summer programs on things like manufacturing, fine arts, aviation, and more, and he encourages people to sign their children up.

Councilman John Rufer asked what can be done to help the schools in their goals. Dunn ended his presentation on a suggestion of collaboration. He asked people to build relationships with their schools directly.

He noted that going on Facebook was not building a relationship, and that parents, municipalities, and schools need to work together in an authentic way to reduce the mistrust that is plaguing the schools.

Dunn even responded to Councilman Mordas’s question about developing internships for the trades within municipalities stating, “yes, let’s get together.”



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Frost Valley YMCA’s Expanded Financial Assistance allows more children to experience Day Camp.

## Frost Valley announces Day Camp expanded financial assistance

CLARYVILLE—In addition to its tiered pricing, Frost Valley YMCA has expanded its Financial Assistance for all families registering their children for Day Camp. The Administration of Frost Valley YMCA has implemented this expansion for the Financial Assistance program to further assist families that have been negatively impacted by the current economic climate, namely the inflation crisis.

Frost Valley YMCA wants to ensure that children from all socio-economic backgrounds have the opportunity to spend their summer attending Day Camp, building lifelong skills, abilities, and friendships, and discovering their full potential.

The old rubric was reevaluated and revised to reflect the current needs of the families looking for financial assistance. Frost Valley YMCA updated its rubric for all families based on several factors, including average income for families

from New York State, as well as what is currently defined as a living wage, and the poverty line for the geographic region.

Frost Valley YMCA, believes every child deserves a summer camp experience. That is why they offer financial aid – or “camperships” to families who apply.

The generous support of donors provides financial assistance to individuals who otherwise would not have this life-enhancing opportunity. Without this loyal commitment to their mission, thousands would miss out on the joy of exploring the wilderness, laughing with friends in a cabin, or making memories around a campfire.

Anyone interested in applying for Financial Assistance is encouraged to contact Frost Valley’s Registrar’s Office as soon as possible since spaces fill up quickly. For more information visit [frostvalley.org/for-all](http://frostvalley.org/for-all), call

845-985-2291 ext. 203 or email [campregistration@frostvalley.org](mailto:campregistration@frostvalley.org).

Frost Valley YMCA is a values-driven organization that fosters youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility throughout educational and recreational programs for all.

Located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, Frost Valley provides year-round access to nature and fun through programs such as summer camp, adventure trips, farm camp, equestrian programs, group and family retreats, family weekends, school trips, team building and more.

Frost Valley, a not-for-profit organization chartered through the YMCA of the USA, is guided in this pursuit by its core values which serve as pathways for guests as they bond with nature and each other: Caring, Community, Diversity, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Respect, Responsibility, and Stewardship.

### SCHOOL NEWS

## Sullivan West Elementary school announces honor roll list

SULLIVAN WEST — Sullivan West Elementary school is pleased to announce their honor role list for the second marking period. The students who are on the list are:

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Chauncey Thomas was one of the most prominent residents of the upper Delaware River valley in the 19th century, a successful entrepreneur who, among other accomplishments, built the first suspension bridge connecting Barryville and Shohola, PA., and envisioned the Shohola Glen Amusement Park that was eventually built by bluestone magnate John Fletcher Kilgore and attracted tourists from far and wide.

One of Thomas' first and most ambitious projects was undertaken with his first wife, Margaret Bross Thomas, and was ultimately unsuccessful. It was the Barryville Family School for Young Ladies.

Both Chauncey and Margaret Thomas had distinguished, though very different, lineages. He was descended from Moses Thomas, one of the earliest settlers in Cushetunk, the first permanent European settlement in the Upper Delaware, although that was his great-grandfather and not his grandfather, as many online sources indicate. His great-grandfather was killed when a Delaware war party attacked the Cushetunk

settlement in October of 1763. Chauncey's grandfather, Moses Thomas II, was killed while fighting for the Patriots at the Battle of Minisink in 1779. His father, Moses Thomas III, was a judge in the region and operated a mill and other businesses, but still found time to father 11 children.

Margaret Bross, on the other hand, had a much less storied ancestry, though certainly no less prominent. She was born on April 22, 1819 in Sussex, NJ (some sources say Port Jervis, NY). Her father was Deacon Moses Bross and her mother was Jane Winfield Bross. She had 14 siblings, most of whom distinguished themselves in adulthood. Her older brother William, for example, became Lt. Governor of Illinois after a successful career as an educator and businessman.

Margaret was well educated, especially for a woman of the day, attending the Milford Academy and then the very prestigious Troy Female Seminary in upstate New York, the first women's institution of higher education in the United States, founded and operated by the legendary Emma

## RETROSPECT

### JOHN CONWAY

# The Barryville family school for young ladies



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Margaret Bross Thomas.

Willard.

The Troy Female Seminary, which, to this day still operates in Troy as the Emma Willard School, was the first school in the country to provide the same educational opportunities to "young ladies of means" as was

typically available to boys. Early on, it became a highly respected training ground for teachers and writers, and today can count among its many graduates the poet Laura Benet, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Olivia Slocum Sage, the actress Jane Fonda, and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand.

Margaret graduated from the Troy Female Seminary in 1836. In 1839, she accepted a position as Vice Principal of the Ridgebury Academy in Orange County, where her brother William was principal. While employed at Ridgebury, she also wrote professionally on occasion, her articles appearing in various newspapers and magazines.

Margaret Bross and Chauncey Thomas were married around 1840 (some

sources say 1843) and lived in Barryville for a time. By the spring of 1843, they had announced a joint project: the Barryville Family School for Young Ladies.

The couple proposed to open the school on May 8, 1843, advertising that they would accept "12 or 15 young ladies as boarders, and instruct them in all the branches of an accomplished female education."

Their solicitation indicated that "instruction would also be given in fancy-work, embroidery, needle-work, the French language, and music on the piano and guitar. The strictest attention will be paid to the manners, and moral and religious improvement of those that may be entrusted to their care."

Although Mrs. Thomas had impressive credentials and the list of references they provided in their solicitation read like a who's who of clergymen and academics in the region—including Emma Willard herself—the timing of the project probably could not have been worse. Many families of means were still reeling, six years later, from the great financial panic of 1837, and the economy

had not quite returned to its pre-depression state. There may have been other factors as well, but for whatever reasons, it seems as if the Barryville Family School for Young Ladies never got off the ground.

Although research is continuing, there has been no record yet uncovered that the school ever actually educated a single young woman.

Margaret Bross Thomas had four sons, three of whom lived to adulthood. Two graduated from Williams College: Moses Bross Thomas became a college professor, and William Russell Thomas the editor of the Rocky Mountain News in Denver, Colorado. Her youngest son, Chauncey Thomas, Jr., graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and achieved the rank of Rear Admiral, eventually serving as the Commander of the Pacific Fleet.

Margaret Bross Thomas died on December 17, 1856. She was just 47 years old.

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Well a couple of weeks ago I said "Beware the Ides of March" and look what happened. We've now had more snow in March than January and February combined and it is probably not over yet. Customers ask me all the time when they are in getting seed starting supplies, when is it going to be safe to plant outdoors or when can I start to prep the garden. Looking at the weather lately, the safe answer is July!

Every year is different, but based on past weather trends, it looks like it is going to be cold through mid-April before we start to warm up and then it will go from winter to summer in a matter of a couple of weeks, so if you blink you miss spring all together. We, at the store, are just like everyone else, we are preparing for spring but

there is only so much we can do indoors before we need to get out in the yard.

Our garden center is full of snow right now and even though we are starting to pot up bare root trees and shrubs right now in our greenhouse, they can't stay inside very long or they will start to bud out, long before they should. So when we get them potted we need to get them outside, but with all the snow, space is very limited. Once we do get the snow out of the garden center we need to clear out all the leaves and debris that has been deposited there all winter and get all of the overwintered plants out and cleaned up for spring.

There is a lot of work to be done, and we are just waiting for the snow to melt so we can get started. Likewise our customers are chomping at

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### Waiting for spring

the bit to get outside and start working in their yards as well. Once the snow melts off the yard, you'll need to wait for it to dry up a bit or else you are just going to be tracking a lot of mud into the house. Once the time is finally right this spring, it is going to be an exciting year.

Last fall we, at the store, were thrown for a loop when we found out that our major fruit tree supplier was closing up shop and retiring. Kelly Nurseries out of Phelps, New York has been supplying us with the majority of our

fruit trees and berry bushes since this store opened in 1987, and I previously ordered product from them when I worked for my dad at the Liberty Agway store in 1983. As far back as 1978, when I used to go to regional trade shows with my dad, I knew the guys in the office and the sales force for Kelly Nurseries. So it was a shock to say the least.

So over the winter my garden center manager, Chris, and I have been working on sourcing good quality plant material for this spring.

Luckily, Kelly Nurseries gave us their suppliers list so that we had someplace to start. We got orders in a little later than usual so we didn't get everything we wanted, but we are starting to get in a nice selection of fruit trees and berry bushes for this spring. We will once again have many of the old favorites, like Granny Smith Apples and Concord Grapes, but there will also be many new varieties that we have never had before. The varieties are too numerous to list off, plus I don't want to count my chickens before they hatch, as not all of our plants have landed on site yet. Once we get them all, I'll be able to field calls on what varieties we have.

We will also have two new flowering plant suppliers that hopefully will prove to

be very beneficial in supplying a multitude of small flowers and vegetables this spring. So even though we are in a holding pattern just waiting for spring to arrive, you know what "they" say, Good things come to those who wait. Hopefully that will be the case this spring and to get it off to a good start, we are having a St. Paddy's Day Sale today through Sunday, March 19th. All green items in our showroom 25% OFF. The item can be green or just have some green on the package it comes in, that's a lot of items. And when you come in, stop out into the big greenhouse, we'll probably be out potting up some of these new varieties of fruit trees that just came in this week. I hope the snow melts before we run out of room.

March 17 - The Sullivan West Musical Production Club Presentation Disney's "The Little Mermaid" held last weekend is getting amazing reviews! Many talented students and fantastic performances by everyone! Take a look at the many Facebook posts and enjoy the beautiful pictures and videos.

Way to go Bulldogs! There was a good turnout at the J&H Express Gas Station in Youngsville on Saturday. People came to have coffee and visit with Sheriff Mike Schiff and County Clerk Russell Reeves, joined later by County Legislator

Luis Alvarez, Callicoon Supervisor Tom Bose and Undersheriff Eric Chaboty. Love the pictures on face book, I am sorry I didn't make it. Getting together in the community and visiting over coffee while voicing concerns is a good way to help in many areas. Many thanks to Jay and Hinton Patel for being dedicated to helping the community!

Meet your friends before the Jeffersonville St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday the 18th, at the St. George Church (located at 97 Schoolhouse Road) for a delicious Pancake Breakfast. They will be serving from 8

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a.m. until Noon. Adults \$8, Children 5-12, \$5 and under free. Come out, support the volunteers at the church while enjoying great food and then dash down to Main Street for a fantastic, fun-filled time at the Parade that starts at 1 p.m.

Attention all Red Dogs (current, new & former) you are invited to march in the Parade! Please wear your game jersey or something RED! Lineup is at the Lions Field at Noon.

The Jeffersonville's Farmers' Market (located at 4906 State Route 52, Jeffersonville) is looking for vendors! This is their third season and they want to be bigger and offer more. Sundays, May 21st-September 4th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. They are currently accepting applications for 2023. Spread the word! Contact: jeffnyfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Talk about helping your

community, the Sullivan County BOCES students in the welding program are using their skills to help their community by making a chicken cooker for the Hortonville Fire Department. Thank you guys!

The NYS DEC has the 2023 #BIRDNY Challenge back and better than ever! Birders of all ages are encouraged to spot and record any 10 bird species of their choice, encouraging all ages to take a chance to win great bird prizes. The challenge runs from March 1st to November 1st and you can submit your observation logs online with an online form. All participants will receive a

commemorative challenge patch. FMI: Including ideas on species to observe and places to go, ibirdny.org.

Speaking of birds, a lot of people are telling me they have seen robins in their yards? I have yet to see one up on my hill where we get lots of snow and high winds—maybe they are too smart to come up here yet? Lets hope March is going to go out like a lamb...since it started like a Lion. I'm ready for sunshine, blooming flowers & birds singing weather!

Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day! Hope to see you at the Parade!

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## Bethel Business Assn. meets; discusses upcoming Bethel Guide

STORY AND PHOTO  
BY FRED STABBERT III

KAUNEONGA LAKE - The Bethel Business Assn. held its monthly meeting at the Local Table & Tap in Kauneonga Lake on Wednesday evening with nearly 20 members in attendance.

Regular business matters were discussed by the membership and then Sullivan County Democrat Assistant Advertising Director Barbara Matos discussed the upcoming Bethel Destination Guide. "We have published the award-winning Bethel Destination Guide for six years," Matos told the membership. "This year the guide will be

published on June 16 and the advertising deadline is May 26.

In 2020, the Democrat won a National Newspaper Assn. third place award in the Best Multiple Advertiser Section category for its Bethel Destination Guide.

"It shows how much work and attention to detail both the Bethel Business Assn. and Democrat put into this project," Matos said. "We are so delighted to be able to produce such a high-quality, national award-winning product that put Bethel at the forefront of the tourism field."

For more information, call Matos at 845-887-5200.



# Estelita's Story of the American Dream

BY VALERIE GREGORETTI

**H**ave you seen the latest transformation at 251 Bridge St.? On that charming corner, you'll now find Estelita's: Taqueria & Restaurante. It's completely new ownership, new staff, and new menu. Flavorful Central American fare and of course, margaritas; brought to you by Steve

and Estela Gregoretti.

You may recognize the name. Hi, I'm Valerie and I own The Tusten Cup. Steve and Estela are my dad and step-mom, I hope you get a chance to meet them. They're both warm, welcoming people who value hard work and good food.

As the restaurant came to fruition, it sparked some extra curiosity about my step-mom's roots. I found her story quite heartwarming, and you might too...

V: Estela, when did you develop a passion for cooking and how did you learn?

E: Growing up in Honduras, I began cooking at age 7 out of necessity for my 3 brothers and 3 sisters. I learned some from my mama, but mostly I taught myself. I've spent a lot of time in the kitchen, it's my happy place.

V: Upon coming to the U.S. you began your career in restaurants, tell me about that.

E: Yes, I came to America in my young 20's and worked in Latino restaurants for 17 years. First as a hostess, then cashier, and I worked up to becoming a server.

V: It makes sense you'd want to someday be on the kitchen side of things. Did you plan to someday own a business?

E: In my country, we have roadside stands that make delicious food. As a little girl, I always imagined myself owning something small like that one day. I never dreamed I'd have a restaurant of this size, I feel very blessed.

V: Before moving to America, what type of work did you

do in Honduras?

E: I worked many different jobs. For a long time, I worked in a Chiquita Banana factory. We would sort through the bananas, trim down the bunches, wrap the tops and pack everything neatly into their boxes for shipment. It was hard work!

V: This is the epitome of the American Dream!

What made you choose Narrowsburg for your restaurant?

E: Ever since I started coming upstate with your father Steve, I loved it. When I first saw mountains here, I cried because it reminded me so much of Honduras! I love the river too, it's beautiful. Where I come from, Latino cuisine is everywhere... but not here. I wanted to offer something different to the area that they don't already have.

V: It seems word is spreading quickly. How's it all going?

E: The first two weeks were very overwhelming! But we got it down pretty fast considering how quickly this all came together. Most importantly, customers have left many compliments and clean plates behind. To have that impact on someone makes my whole day!

With handmade soft corn tortillas, homemade chips, and fresh cultural flavors - I can see why! It's always a treat when I get to enjoy my step mom's home cooking, now you can too; Every Wednesday - Saturday from 12-9pm.

Follow on Instagram and Facebook @EstelitasRestaurant Visit [www.stelitas-restaurant.com](http://www.stelitas-restaurant.com) for more.

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## SW club spreads 'Kindness and Compassion'

STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY JEANNE SAGER

Stay positive. You can do it. Be the bravest you can be.

Penned in colorful ink by the kids of the Sullivan West KC Club, these are the sorts of messages that cover the bags headed for local oncologists' offices.

KC stands for "Kindness and Compassion," club advisor Tara Brey explained as her group of fourth and fifth grade students prepped to fill the bags to the brim with goodies meant to brighten the days of local residents fighting cancer.

The club started at Sullivan West Elementary a decade ago as part of the district's commitment to Rachel's Challenge, a non-profit that works to fight bullying and build positive school cultures around the country.

The non-profit was named for Rachel Joy Scott, one of the teenagers shot and killed at the tragic Columbine, Colorado school shooting in 1999, and Sullivan West has taken up its mantle to encourage students to think of and do for others.

That's resulted in countless efforts from the kids in Brey's group over the years, from collecting items for local animal shelters to organizing food drives to replenish local pantries.

Creating bags for cancer patients was an idea that hit close to home for Brey and many of her students. It's estimated by the American Cancer Society that 1.9 million Americans are diagnosed with some form of the disease each year, and each of those people has family and friends who are affected



Clockwise from above left: Lucas Sullivan and Keelin Guinan share a laugh as they stock their bags with snacks.

Students came up with their own empowering messages to add to the bags.

Kerry Hirsch digs through a bucket of Chap-Sticks to find just the right one for her bag.

in their own way — Brey's students among them. Some have lost grandparents to the disease, some have even lost parents.

Brey said she presented the idea to her students, who discussed it as a group and agreed this was an important way to help their own community.

From there, they turned to the community, asking for donations of items that could be used by patients during their lengthy chemotherapy treatments. The response,



Alice Ferber dumps her bag out on the hallway floor so she can go through to check that each necessary item is included.

Kylie Houghtaling and fellow KC Club members add gum and cookies to their bags.

Amelia Mall decorated her bag with a host of positive affirmations.

Brey said, was nothing short of incredible.

Donations came in loads, with a member of the Good Housekeeping staff donating dozens of copies of the magazine's latest issue, residents donating brand-new blankets and hundreds of Chap-sticks and so much more.

While the goal had been for each student to fill one bag, most of the 23 kids in the club were able to load two, with items still left over to be taken by Brey to local oncologist offices.



Along with playing cards, snacks, coloring books and other items for the patients is a special message from the Kindness and Compassion Club: "We wanted to give you things that you may be able to find comfort in while you are receiving your treatments. Even though we do not know you personally, we still want you to know how strong and important you are to the people in your lives. You got this! Best wishes for now and always."



## Top talent to be featured at Catskill Cuisine festival in May

Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts are teaming up to host a first-of-its-kind immersive culinary event coined Catskill Cuisine, taking place May 13. Tickets go on sale to the public Wednesday, March 15 at 10 AM ET at Catskill-Cuisine.com.

The festival will seamlessly blend cuisine, music, and family-friendly entertainment, while allowing local culinary experts and accomplished American chefs to take center stage. Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, the historic site of the 1969 Woodstock festival, will activate its iconic grounds, museum, Event Gallery, Market Sheds, Festival Tents, Terrace Stage and Concourse Walkway with tastings, demos, pairings, shopping and entertainment— all representing the Sullivan Catskills diverse and delicious bounty. There

will also be an educational portion for children to learn about local cuisine.

The destination's natural rivers, micro-organic farms and forests serve as endless inspiration for the exploding culinary scene, driven by a wealth of local sustainably-sourced products, fresh-from-the-farm produce, and a range of quality craft beverages.

Confirmed celebrity chefs in the Event Gallery include Alton Brown, Scott Conant, Alex Guarnaschelli, Marcus Samuelsson, and Geoffrey Zakarian. General Admission ticket holders can expect appearances from Melissa Ben-Ishay, Cesare Casella, Saul Montiel, Ayesha Nurdjaja, and Labelle Farms internationally renowned chefs. Plus demonstrations by chefs from Foster Supply Hospitality; Claire Marin of Catskill Provisions; Seminary Hill Executive Chef Jack Tippett; Jean Paul Medina of Callicoon



A dish from Foster Supply, which will be in attendance at the festival and is a nominee for the James Beard Award.

Hills; Neversink General Store's Jamie Stankevicius; Kartrite Resort & Indoor Waterpark Executive Chef Kevin McAfee; Resorts World Catskills Executive Chef Ted Iwachi, and more to come. A full schedule and lineup of chefs will be announced in the coming weeks.

"We are proud to unify the local and regional community to showcase the best in the culinary landscape," said Roberta Byron-Lockwood, Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association President & CEO. "Our county's distinct energy

and thriving culinary scene will be on full display, just as we gear up for the bustling spring and summer season."

With experiences suited to a variety of interests and audiences, ticket offerings include:

General Admission: cooking demonstrations, tastings, and appearances from notable chefs; access to book signings and merchandise; live music; shopping and sampling at local and regional vendors; and access to the kids zone.

VIP Gastronome Pass:

standing room access to the Event Gallery, which will be transformed into a culinary theater with celebrity chefs Alton Brown, Scott Conant, Alex Guarnaschelli, Marcus Samuelsson, and Geoffrey Zakarian preparing dishes inspired by the Catskills; as well as early entry; premium parking; admission to the Museum at Bethel Woods; as well as everything in GA Super-VIP Connoisseur Pass: all of the GA and VIP benefits, plus reserved seating; admission to a VIP lounge that includes food samplings, live music, and "Meat" & Greet opportunities with the celebrity chefs; super premium parking; exclusive commemorative swag; and a docent-led Behind the Scenes tour of the Museum.

"We're thrilled to host the inaugural Catskill Cuisine Festival and celebrate the bounty of the region with the community and visitors," said Bethel Woods Center for

the Arts CEO Eric Frances. "With the backdrop of our breathtaking and historic grounds, this event promises to be a unique experience that can only be captured in the Sullivan Catskills."

Between 2,000-3,000 people from the New York metropolitan area and Sullivan County are expected to attend the inaugural Catskill Cuisine event, bringing together the best in the culinary landscape and connecting visitors with local makers in the beer, wine, cider, spirits and food industries.

To further celebrate cuisine in the region, culinary specialty events will take place at selected Sullivan Catskills prized locations on Friday, May 12, including Scott Conant's renowned Cellaio at Resorts World Catskills, Foster Supply Hospitality Restaurants—a 2023 James Beard Award nominee, and other local hot spots.

DEATHS

**Letha E. Friend**  
Family matriarch dies at 100

Letha E. Friend, also known as Lee, passed away at home surrounded by her family on March 13, 2023. She was 100. Lee was born in DeBruce, New York and resided in Liberty for most of her life. She was a designated housewife by title, but with that came great honor and passion to take care of her family. Lee loved to play BINGO, feed the birds, garden, go fishing, play cards, and plant flowers of all colors and varieties.



Above everything else, she enjoyed spending time with her family. She will truly be missed by everyone that knew and loved her.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her granddaughter Michelle Friend, her great-grandchildren Matthew, Evangeline, and Rylan Friend, her niece Kathy Kendall and her husband Lynn, nephew Phillip Owen, great niece and nephew Jennifer Kendall and Mark Kendall and a host of friends.

She was predeceased by her husband Arthur "Ike" Friend, her son, Randy Friend Sr., grandson Randy Friend Jr., her sister Virginia Owen and niece Theresa Owen.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Best Friends Animal Society, 307 West Broadway, New York City, NY 10013. (Bestfriends.org).

Visitation will be on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Ramsay Funeral Home, 275 South Main Street, Liberty, NY 12754 from 12:00-2:00pm. A funeral service will begin at 2:00pm at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Liberty Cemetery, Liberty, NY.

Arrangements were under the care of Colonial-Ramsay Funeral Home, for further information please call 845-292-7160 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

*"Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of memories."*

**Ecumenical service of healing set for March 22**

LIBERTY — There will be an ecumenical service of healing event in Liberty. Come and join the healing service where there will be many different activities. Some activities include prayer, laying on of hands, hymns and many healing stations.

This event will be on Wednesday March 22, at 6:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Located at 24 Chestnut St. Liberty.

**SDG law partner named one of Hudson Valley's best attorneys**

WAPPINGERS FALLS — Jessica J. Glass of Stenger, Diamond & Glass, LLP (SDG) has been named one of the Hudson Valley's top real estate attorneys by Hudson Valley Magazine. Glass is listed in the March issue of the magazine, where it highlights the region's top lawyers for 2023, in a variety of categories.

The attorneys on the list were chosen through an online attorney peer review

process conducted by a national research firm and approved by Hudson Valley Magazine.

"I'm honored to have been recognized along with so many other well-respected, experienced attorneys in our area, and particularly honored to have been nominated for this recognition by my peers," says Glass who specializes in commercial and residential real estate, as well as business

law and liquor licensing. "Every day, my partners and I strive to live up to this high standard of excellence and to exceed the expectations of our clients."

Glass is a native of the Mid-Hudson Valley and joined SDG Law in 2015. She was elevated to partner in 2020 and currently serves as co-managing partner of the firm.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
**Jessica J. Glass, partner**

*Yoga & mindfulness in preschool & Pre-K classrooms*

LIBERTY — Yoga in the Classroom is one of the many practices early childhood education teachers can utilize to keep their students engaged, increase their strength, flexibility, and mobility, build students' focus and concentration, and implement teachers' own self-care to avoid burn-out. To learn more, join Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County for a six-hour professional development training taking place on Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Extension Education Center, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

This training is intended for anyone spending time with toddlers and preschool-aged children, including those who have attended the Yoga & Mindfulness for Children Teacher Training, and need a refresher or additional content. Participants will gain an understanding of integrating yoga and mindfulness-based preschool activities into their class day.

Through interactive discussion and lots of playful, experiential practice, participants will learn developmentally appropriate and engaging breathing activities, yoga postures, song and movement sequences, and games and relaxation techniques that support social, emotional, cognitive, and physical health and well-being. Refreshments will

be provided with two 15-minute breaks, and a 30-minute lunch break.

Participants will learn the components of an effective preschool yoga class and how to:

- Self-regulate through movement and breathing techniques
- Offer appropriate options for movement and sound in any space
- Incorporate effective proactive behavior management strategies

This offering is FREE with required pre-registration. To register, participants can register online at [https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event\\_registration/main/events.cfm](https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events.cfm). More information can be found at <http://sullivancce.org/events>. Email [srb46@cornell.edu](mailto:srb46@cornell.edu) or call 845-292-6180 x 117 with related questions.

Participants will receive a certificate of completion that can be valid for Yoga Alliance

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# Manuel de Jesus Jarrin

## A Liberty Life



Buddy and his friend Dottie

**Manuel of Jesus Jarrin lived in Liberty, New York for 22 years. He was known to most as Buddy. He lived at 280 North Main Street, Apartment 1D. He attended St Peter's church at times. He taught as a substitute teacher at the schools in Liberty. He had an Art Class in a St Peter's church classroom. He loved painting. There were multiple exhibits at the Liberty Library of his work. He designed the center garden at the south end round about with multi-colored flags.**

Manuel was a Graphic Designer by trade. He was born at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan on June 21, 1934 to Anita Valis and Manuel Jarrin. He had three siblings: Deana, Yolande and June. He grew up in Washington Heights. He loved playing stick ball in the streets. He would always be at his father's side as a child thus earning the nickname "Buddy" from his Dad. He attended George Washington High School. He went to Pratt Institute in Brooklyn for his undergraduate studies where he earned his degree in Industrial Design. He was married to Felicia Henriques in 1956. They moved to Troy, Michigan and had four children: Keith, Christopher, Gregory and Jennifer. He worked for Ford and Earle Design for 13 years.

Manuel moved back to New York City to open his own business, Jarrin and Levitan. It became Jarrin Design a few years later. He married his second wife Jo-Anne Elikann in 1970 and had two children: Casey and Ivy. He worked and lived in New York for the next 35 years as a Graphic Designer. He settled in Liberty in 1999 after attending the baptism of his grandchild, Felicia Jarrin, at St Peter's Catholic Church.

Buddy would go across the street to the Liberty market almost daily. He frequented multiple restaurants including McCabe's and Charlie's. His favorite place to share a meal with his family was Piccolo Paese. He loved to stroll down Main Street and greet his neighbors with a simple phrase: *"Have a happy day."*

He appreciated his neighbor Dottie and his superintendent Joe. They were family to him. His doctor was David Schwalb who cared for him with love and compassion. When he became ill in June 2021, Buddy loved his nephrologist, Juan Goyzueta, who treated him like a King. At Catskill Regional, he was treated like a VIP at all times. Buddy said that he received incredible care by all the nurses, doctors, aides, secretaries, housekeepers and dietary staff at his outstanding community hospital. He even called Hospital Administration to tell them that he had received excellent care during his stay.

Buddy was admitted to the Achieve Rehabilitation facility in Liberty in August 2021 after a fall. In one month's time he had regained his strength and was able to walk again on his own. He really enjoyed physical therapy and the professionals that helped him get better. Buddy appreciated the help he received from the nurses, therapists, aides and dietitians at Achieve. The family is very thankful to the social workers for all of their assistance during his discharge as Manuel was not the most cooperative patient.

Buddy moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico in September 2021 to receive medical care and be close to his family. He always talked about returning to his home in Liberty. Buddy's heart never left New York.

His children all have wonderful partners including Linda Sue, Sequoia, Vanessa, Rick, Erik and Ralph. Manuel has a total of 11 grand children: David, Sarah, Siena, Julian, Luke, Felicia, Chloe, Bethany, Natalie, Mallory and Myles. He loved each one with all his heart.

Manuel de Jesus Jarrin died on October 21, 2022 surrounded by his children and grandchildren in Corrales, New Mexico. He is greatly missed by all of us. He sends his love to all of Liberty for it was truly his home for twenty-two years. **Buddy's family wishes to say thank you to every person that knew him and cared for him. We will be eternally grateful.**



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**(2) Program Aides**

The ideal applicant will assist directors, counselors, and children as needed.

The Lumberland Summer Youth Program is in operation Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from August 1st to 24th. The program runs from 8:45am to 12:00pm each day.

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## Democrat's Challenge Crossword

**Super Crossword** INTERNAL IDENTIFICATION

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Pop's partner
  - 4 Hooded serpent
  - 9 Bygone ruler
  - 13 Tavern seats
  - 19 Nuptial promise
  - 20 Popular typeface
  - 21 Possesses, in the Bible
  - 22 Is unable to
  - 23 "Cocoon" co-star
  - 25 Red gem
  - 26 Singer Keys
  - 27 Talk formally
  - 28 "Never on Sunday" star
  - 31 Suckerfishes
  - 34 Tickle pink
  - 35 — -do-well (idle sort)
  - 36 She voiced Elsa in "Frozen"
  - 39 Piggins
  - 42 "Desperate Housewives" character
  - 43 Dickens' "Tiny" lad
  - 46 Conclude
  - 47 By means of
  - 50 18th Constitution addition
  - 57 Tehran dweller
  - 58 Restroom, informally
  - 59 "— -ching!"
  - 60 1983 Streisand title role
  - 61 Popular Toyota model
  - 64 Person decorating
  - 68 Brain product
  - 69 Eden woman
  - 70 It's south of San Diego, California
  - 74 "Nunney" has three
  - 75 Tee off
  - 77 Political activist — X
  - 78 "No, No, —" (old musical)
  - 80 "Find — and fill it"
  - 82 Of a maritime mil. branch
  - 83 Lofty poem
  - 86 These, to Gabriela
  - 87 Swede transplanted to the U.S., say
  - 93 In position
  - 94 Tycoon Onassis
  - 95 Olympic code for Quito's country
  - 96 Roman 2,051
  - 97 Earp of Tombstone
  - 99 "Desk Set" actress
  - 106 Me, myself —
  - 109 Stay
  - 112 Way to watch a film at home
  - 113 Rapid transit system of a large Spanish city
  - 118 Footways
  - 119 First-year athlete
  - 120 Use a wand reader on
  - 121 Jim Croce hit that's apt for eight answers in this puzzle
  - 124 Current flow measure
  - 125 Comic Idle
  - 126 Arctic
  - 127 Gun, in slang
  - 128 Magoo's title
  - 129 Concluded
  - 130 "It was — and stormy night ..."
  - 131 — -cone (cold treat)
  - 6 Pen brand
  - 7 2011-19 Chicago mayor — Emanuel
  - 8 Away from the wind
  - 9 Feel great excitement from
  - 10 Basking box
  - 11 Baseballer's turn to hit
  - 12 Poetry devices
  - 13 Wound mark
  - 14 Soft powder
  - 15 Big Mac components
  - 16 As if scripted
  - 17 Longest French river
  - 18 Step
  - 24 Heaps
  - 29 Spike of film
  - 30 Lauder of perfumery
  - 32 Prefix with -dextrous
  - 33 Certain Slav
  - 37 Pop singer Diamond
  - 38 Greek Z
  - 40 Small hotel
  - 41 Small vortex
  - 44 Shared, as interests
  - 45 Phil of skiing
  - 47 Bitter feud
  - 48 Determined to do
  - 49 Map books
  - 50 Division of Canada
  - 51 Very unusual achievement
  - 52 Yoko of the avant-garde
  - 53 Sword handle
  - 54 Ana who won the 2008 French Open
  - 55 Cat with no tail
  - 56 "Tell — was dreaming!"
  - 57 Glacier or floe
  - 62 Maximum or minimum: Abbr.
  - 63 Steely Dan album with the hits "Peg" and "Deacon Blues"
  - 65 NFL's Cowboys, on scoreboards
  - 66 German "a"
  - 67 Hitachi rival
  - 71 Arm bone
  - 72 Living in — (oblivious to current events)
  - 73 "Dedicated to the — Love"
  - 76 Swampy area
  - 79 PC key
  - 81 6/6/44
  - 84 Accurse
  - 85 Austen novel
  - 88 Lyricist Gershwin
  - 89 Part of TNT
  - 90 Group of spectators
  - 91 "Tickle Me" Muppet
  - 92 French for "nothing"
  - 97 Arch used in croquet
  - 98 Tightened up
  - 100 QB's error: Abbr.
  - 101 Area for mobile campers
  - 102 Johnson who directed "Star Wars: The Last Jedi"
  - 103 Pets' jinglers
  - 104 Golfer Tom who won the 1996 British Open
  - 105 Be beaten by
  - 106 James — Garfield
  - 107 Actress Watts
  - 108 Rain units
  - 110 PC shortcut
  - 111 With full force
  - 114 St. Pat's idol
  - 115 Satyrical look
  - 116 TV host Kelly
  - 117 Psalm starter
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
RONWES LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/13/2023. Office loc: Sullivan County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Sean Brooks, PO Box 245, Harris, NY 12742. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.  
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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS – ADVERTISEMENT TO BID**

NYSDOT Local Projects Manual Appendix 14-8 Revised May 2021 Notice is hereby given that Sullivan County will accept sealed bids for:

**B-23-27**  
**Culvert Repair Project County Road 33 (CB 198) over Blind Pond Brook**  
PIN 9754.84  
LD 036075

The Owner is the **County of Sullivan** and the work site is located in the Town of Highland, Sullivan County, New York. The project limits extend approximately 140 feet along the roadway at the culvert.

The work includes providing all labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and other means of construction necessary and incidental to the completion of the work shown on the plans and described in these specifications including, but not necessarily limited to the following:

- Remove existing asphalt wearing surface
- Excavate around existing concrete box culvert
- Remove existing membrane waterproofing system from an existing concrete box culvert
- Remove and re-apply grout to existing concrete box culvert joints
- Rehabilitate the existing concrete bridge railing head walls
- Install a spray-applied waterproofing system on an existing concrete box culvert
- Backfill material and install new asphalt wearing surface

This is a State Aid Project and NYSDOT Standard Specifications, officially finalized and adopted on **January 1, 2023** as posted on the New York State Department of Transportation's website must be followed by the successful bidder.

The MBE goal for this project is: 8%  
The WBE goal for this project is: 15%  
The SDVOB goal for this project is: 6%  
**There are no DBE goals for this project.**  
The EEO Employment goals for this project are:  
**17.0% Minority Employment Goal**  
**6.9% Women Employment Goal**

The use of the NYSDOT approved civil rights reporting software, Equitable Business Opportunities (EBO), is required. Access authorization to EBO can be found at <https://ebo.dot.ny.gov/>

No residential or geographical restrictions will be in effect for this project. Applicable Federal requirements take precedence over State and local requirements unless state and local requirements are deemed to be more stringent.

Contract Documents, including Invitation to Bidders, Instructions to Bidders, Wage Rates, Bid Documents, Agreement, Special Notes, Specifications, Contract Drawings and any Addenda, may be examined or obtained, at no expense, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday at the office of:

**Sullivan County Office of Purchasing & Central Services**  
**Sullivan County Government Center**  
**100 North Street**  
**Monticello, NY 12701**  
**Tel #: 845-807-0515**  
**Or requested through Email @ purchasing@sullivanny.us**

No questions or inquiries regarding this bid will be accepted within three (3) business days prior to the bid opening.

Contractors that obtain Contract Documents from a source other than the issuing office must notify the issuing office in order to be placed on the official Plan Holder List, to receive Addenda and any other Bid correspondence. Bids received from Contractors other than those on the official Plan Holders List will not be accepted.

Addenda will be emailed from **Sullivan County Office of Purchasing & Central Services** to Bidders listed on the official Plan Holders List. An emailed response from the Bidder, to the Addendum sent by **Sullivan County Office of Purchasing & Central Services** will act as proof that the Bidder received the Addendum. In addition to an emailed response, Bidders must acknowledge receipt of all Addenda by signing and dating each Addendum on page 18 of the Bid Form and the Acknowledgement of Receipt of Addenda, page 17. Failure of any Bidder to receive any such Addendum or interpretation shall not relive such Bidder from any obligation under this Bid submittal. All Addenda so issued shall become part of the Contract Documents.

Questions regarding the Contract Documents should be directed to **Allyson Lewis, Director, Sullivan County Purchasing and Central Services** either through email at: [purchasing@sullivanny.us](mailto:purchasing@sullivanny.us) or by telephone at **845-807-0515**. Bidders shall promptly notify **Allyson Lewis** of any errors, omissions, conflicts or ambiguity within the Contract Documents within 3 days of bid opening.

All bids must include the completed Bid Form, Non-Collusive Bidding and Disbarment Certifications, and Lobbying Certifications. This is a **unit price** bid as described in the Instructions to Bidders. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each bid must be accompanied by security in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

Bids to be considered must be received in a sealed envelope at **Sullivan County Office of Purchasing & Central Services**  
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by **1:00 pm**, local time, on **April 7, 2023** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the **Sullivan County Office of Purchasing & Central Services**. Bids received after the above noted time will not be accepted. All sealed envelopes should be clearly labeled "**Culvert Repair Project County Road 33 (CB 198) over Blind Pond Brook**"

The Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded will be required to furnish Performance, Payment and Guarantee Bonds from an acceptable Surety Company for an amount not less than 100% of the accepted bid. The successful Bidder and all subcontractors must have an approved CCA-2 on file with NYSDOT prior to being awarded a contract. If the successful Bidder does not currently have a CCA-2 on file with NYSDOT, the Bidder may find the CCA-2 forms and instruction for completion online at [https://osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/form\\_cca2.htm](https://osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/form_cca2.htm)

The successful Bidder will be required to comply with all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 2, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F.2 7804). Successful bidders will be required to pay prevailing wage rates on this contract.

**Sullivan County** reserves the right to consider the bids for forty-five (45) days after receipt before awarding any Contract, and to waive any minor informalities in, and to reject, any and all bids. All bids are subject to final review and approval by the **Sullivan County Legislature** before any award of contract may be made. Receipt of bids by **Sullivan County** shall not be construed as authority to bind **Sullivan County**.

The work will be substantially completed **119 (May 1, 2023 to August 28, 2023)** calendar days from Notice to Proceed and completed and ready for final payment on **November 13, 2023. Road closure of County Road 33 is limited to a maximum of fourteen (14) calendar days and may not begin until July 10, 2023.**

The New York State Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation and Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Title VI Program and Related Statutes, as amended, issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all who respond to the related solicitation, request for proposal or invitation to bid that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability/handicap and income status in consideration for an award.  
(Legal Notice is Continued Above, next column)

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**Technical Questions**  
**Brian Haas, PE**  
**Project Manager**  
**Delta Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors, & Landscape Architects, DPC**  
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**bhaas@delta-eas.com**

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Sullivan County, Liberty, New York 12754, hereby invites the submission of sealed Requests for Proposals on:

**Welding Equipment**

Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on the 14th day of April 2023, at the Administrative Office, 15 Sullivan Avenue, Suite 1W, Liberty, New York 12754. Specifications and response forms may be obtained at the same office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The Board of Education reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject or to accept any and all proposals.

Respondents should familiarize themselves with all requirements and conditions as specified in the Bid specifications.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a properly completed copy of the attached "Non-Collusive Certificate". Failure to sign this statement will constitute grounds for rejections of a proposal.

No respondent may withdraw their bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Board of Education  
Sullivan County BOCES

Susan A. Schmidt  
Deputy Superintendent

Dated: March 9, 2023 111567

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE: TIMBER RIDGE SCOPING DOCUMENT**

Sullivan County Ventures Capital Group, LLC., (APPLICANT) proposes to construct 325 single-family residential units plus community buildings and 80,000 square feet (SF) of commercial space on 308 acres located on the west side of NYS Route 42, in the hamlet of South Fallsburg, New York.

On March 9, 2023 the Town of Fallsburg Planning Board (LEAD AGENCY) issued a positive declaration pursuant to Part 617.7 of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) law. In issuing a positive declaration, the Planning Board has determined that the proposed project may have potentially significant adverse environmental impacts, and therefore an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) shall be prepared.

A draft "scoping document" has been prepared and is subject to public review and comment prior to adoption. The primary purpose of the scoping document is to outline the contents of the EIS and identify the impact analyses to be conducted. Copies of the draft scoping document and other relevant project material can be found on the Town of Fallsburg Building Department web site at <http://fallsburgbuildingdept.com> or <https://bit.ly/TimberRidgeFallsburg>

The Planning Board will accept written comments on the draft scoping document through the close of business on **Friday, April 15, 2023**. Comments can be mailed to the Fallsburg Building Department at **5250 Main Street, South Fallsburg, New York 12779** or e-mailed to [mmessenger@fallsburgny.com](mailto:mmessenger@fallsburgny.com).

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**COUNTY OF MADISON**

In the Matter of the Commitment of Guardianship and Custody pursuant to § 384-b of the Social Services Law

**Alicesandra I. Conklin (DOB: 6/5/2007),**  
**Giselle Conklin (DOB: 8/30/2009),**

Children subject of a Termination of Parental Rights Proceeding

**File #: 11309**  
**Docket#: 8-00347-22**  
**B-00348-22**

**SUMMONS (Publication)**

IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

To: Nicholas Conklin  
9 Isabella Lane, Apt. 112  
Monticello, NY 12701

A petition having been filed in this Court, alleging that the child(ren) should be committed to the guardianship and custody of the Department of Social Services, a copy of the petition annexed hereto;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this court on

**Date/Time:** April 10, 2023 at 2:30 PM  
**Purpose:** Continuation  
**Part:** B  
**Floor/Room:** Floor B/Room 017-Waiting Room  
**Presiding:** Hon. Michael St. Leger  
**Location:** Courthouse  
P.O. Box607  
Wampsville, NY 13163

to show cause why the court should not enter an order committing the guardianship and custody of the child(ren) to the petitioning Madison County Office of Child & Family Services as provided by law.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if guardianship and custody of the child(ren) are committed to the petitioning Madison County Office of Child & Family Services, the child(ren) may be adopted with the consent of an authorizing agency, without your consent or further notice to you.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you have the right to be represented by a lawyer, and if the Court finds that you are unable to pay for a lawyer, you have the right to a lawyer assigned by the Court. In the event of your default, the Court may hear and determine the petition, as provided by law.

**On your failure to appear as herein directed, a warrant may be issued for your arrest.**

Upon your failure to appear, all of your parental rights may be terminated and your failure to appear shall further constitute a denial of your interest in the children who are the subjects of the proceeding, which denial may result, without further notice, in the transfer or commitment of the children's care, custody or guardianship or in the children's adoption in this or any subsequent proceeding in which such care, custody or guardianship or adoption may be at issue.

**Dated:** February 15, 2023 **Diniqua Sanchez, Chief Clerk**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:  
The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Michael St. Leger of the Family Court, Madison County, dated and filed with the petition and other papers in the Office of the Clerk of the Family Court, Madison County.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION ELDRD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Education of the Eldred Central School District will hold a Budget Hearing at the Junior Senior High School, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, New York, in said district on Thursday, May 4th, 2023 at 6:00 pm (Prevailing time) for the purpose of discussion of the expenditure of funds and the budgeting thereof proposed by the Board of Education for the school year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** pursuant to Section 1616 of the Education Law, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which may be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, and the Real Property Tax Exemption Report annexed to the budget of which it forms a part may be obtained by any resident in the District at the District Office, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, New York, and at each of the two school buildings in the District: The George Ross Mackenzie Elementary School, Glen Spey, NY, and the Eldred Junior/Senior High School, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, NY during the 14 days immediately preceding the annual budget vote and election, between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm prevailing time, other than a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, together with the text of any resolution to be presented to the voters and will also be available at any public or free association library in the District and on the District website. A copy of the detailed statement of estimated expenditures will also be made available at the Budget Hearing to be held May 4th, 2023.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Annual Vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2023-24 school year and the election of members of the Board of Education and any other business that may legally come before this meeting will take place on May 16, 2023, between the hours of 11:00 am and 9:00 pm prevailing time, at the Eldred Junior/Senior High School, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, New York.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:** that any qualified elector who desires to submit any proposition to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting and Election, except as to a question or proposition required by law to be stated in the published or posted notice of meeting, shall file with the Board of Education a petition setting forth such proposition, not less than 30 days (by 5:00 pm on Monday, April 17, 2023) prior to the Annual District Budget Vote and Election and such petition shall be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:** that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm, prevailing time and no later than Monday, April 17, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Nominating petitions are "at large" to fill one (1) five-year term effective July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2028.

The following "at large" vacancy is to be filled by the Board of Education:  
One - five-year term (position of Scott Hallock)

Candidates for office of member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition and each petition must be filed with the Clerk of the District, shall be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District. The petition shall state the residence of each signer and shall state the name and physical residence of the candidate. No person shall be nominated by petition for more than one separate vacancy.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the following proposition will appear on the ballot:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**

Shall the following resolution be approved?  
That the annual budget of the Eldred Central School District for the fiscal year 2023-2024 is hereby adopted and the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the School District is hereby authorized.  
**RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education of the Eldred Central School District, Sullivan County, be authorized to make the expenditures shown in the budget presented by the Board of Education for the 2023-2024 school year.

**PROPOSITION NO. 2**

Shall the following resolution be approved?  
That the Board of Education of the Eldred Central School District is hereby authorized to levy taxes annually, to pay over such monies to the Board of Trustees of the Sunshine Hall Free Library.

**RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education of the Eldred Central School District, Sullivan County, be authorized to make the expenditures shown in the budget presented by the Board of Education for the 2023-2024 school year.

**PROPOSITION NO. 3**

Shall the following resolution be approved?  
That the Board of Education of the Eldred Central School District hereby adopts that beginning the 2023 Board seat member terms to be effective with the election held in 2023 and the proposition passes, one (1) seat will remain unchanged from a five (5) year term (Seat #1). Each election thereafter, one (1) seat will change from a five (5) year term to a four (4) year term until all four (4) seats have been changed to four (4) year terms (Seat(s) #2, #3, #4 and #5).

At each regular school election, members of the Board shall be elected to fill the positions of those whose terms will expire. A term of office begins as provided by law and continues until a successor is elected and qualified. The terms will continue as other successors are elected and qualify their seat.

- One (1) Seat for a Five (5) year term: (Known as Seat #1 – Election Term Expires June 30, 2023)

- Four (4) Seat(s) for a Four (4) year term: (Known as Seat(s) #2, #3, #4 and #5– Election Term Seats that will Expire June 30, 2024; 2025, 2026 and 2027).

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that pursuant to section 2014 of the Education Law, Personal Registration of voters is required, and no person shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 16, 2023, whose name does not appear on the register of the District or who does not register as hereinafter provided, except a person who is otherwise qualified to vote and is registered under the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law. The times and place of registration are set forth below, and any person shall be entitled to have that person's name placed upon such register, that person is known or proven to the satisfaction of the District Clerk, to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared.

The District Clerk shall prepare a register for said Annual Meeting and Election which shall include all persons who shall have presented themselves personally for registration for any annual budget vote and election or special district meeting or election and who shall have voted at any Annual or Special Meeting or Election or conducted at any time during the 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 calendar years.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that Personal Registration may be achieved on any day, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm prevailing time at the Eldred Central School District Office, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, NY up until Thursday, May 11, 2023.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:** that the register of the district, so prepared, will be filed in the office of the School District Clerk at the Eldred CSD District Office, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, NY, where the same shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election, weekdays between the hours of 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, prevailing time or Saturday by pre-arranged appointment only. Said register will be open for inspection at the Eldred Junior/Senior High School, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, NY during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:** the Annual Meeting and Election on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at the Eldred Junior/Senior High School, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, NY, between the hours of 11:00 am and 9:00 pm, prevailing time, where and when the Annual Meeting and Election will be held for the purpose of preparing a register of the school district for meetings or elec-

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tions held subsequent to such Annual Meeting and Election.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:** that applications for Absentee Ballots may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk. The completed application must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than 30 days before and no later than 7 days before the election (by May 9, 2023) at 3:00 pm, prevailing time if the ballot will be mailed to the voter. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or the voter's designated agent set forth in the application, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than Monday, May 15th, 2023 at 3:00 pm, prevailing time. Absentee Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 pm prevailing time on May 16, 2023.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2018-a of the Education Law, qualified voters who meet the criteria for "permanently disabled" and are so certified by the Sullivan County Board of Elections, will receive paper ballots by mail. A list of all persons to whom Absentee Ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting and Election, weekdays between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm, prevailing time until the day of the Annual Meeting and Election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter, whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. **NOTICE IS GIVEN** that Military Voters who are not currently registered to vote may register as a qualified voter of the District by contacting the District Clerk at 600 State Route 55, Eldred, NY 12732; Telephone (845) 456-1009 or email: sibirtzeff@eldred.k12.ny.us, to receive an application to register as a qualified voter of the District for the Annual Meeting on May 16, 2023. The Military Voter may indicate their preference for receiving the registration application by mail, by facsimile or electronic mail (email). The application to register must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on April 21, 2023. The register of voters prepared and filed in the District Clerk's office shall include the names of all military voters who submit a valid military voter registration. A military voter means a qualified voter of New York State who is in actual military service and will, therefore, be absent from the District in which he or she is qualified to vote on the day of registration or election or is discharged from military service within 30 days of an election or a spouse, parent, child or dependent of the military voter if a qualified voter of New York State and a resident of the same school district as the military voter or military personnel residing on a military base within a school district in New York State for a period of 30 days immediately preceding the election.

Military Voters who are qualified voters of the District may obtain an application for a military ballot from the District Clerk at 600 State Route 55, Eldred, NY 12732; Telephone (845) 456-1100, Ext. 5128 or email: sibirtzeff@eldred.k12.ny.us by no later than 5:00 PM on April 21, 2023. The Military Voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application for a military ballot by mail, by facsimile or email. Military ballots will be mailed or otherwise distributed no later than 25 days before the election. Military ballots must be received by the District Clerk (1) before the close of the polls on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the U.S postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the U.S. government or (2) by 5:00 PM on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereof, with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before the election. A list of all persons to whom military ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, prevailing time, until the day of the Annual School District Election and Vote.

Eldred Central School District  
Eldred, New York  
Lisa Sibirtzeff, District Clerk

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,

**NOTICE OF SALE  
IN  
FORECLOSURE**

Plaintiff,

v.

JEFFREY J. PANDOLFO, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF  
MICHAEL J. PANDOLFO A/K/A MICHAEL JOHN PANDOLFO, ET AL,

Defendant.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT**

In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the Office of the County Clerk of Sullivan County on October 6, 2022, I, Jared K. Hart, Esq. the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on March 30, 2023 at Lobby of The Sullivan County Courthouse, Monticello, NY, County of Sullivan, State of New York, at 10:30 AM the premises described as follows:

1667 Shandele Drive  
Youngsville, NY 12791  
SBL No.: 13.-1-26

**ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND** situate in the Town of Callicoon, County of Sullivan, State of New York.

The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. E2019-2611 in the amount of \$358,721.03 plus interest and costs.

The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the Court System's COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale.

Stuart Frame  
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP  
Plaintiff's Attorney  
500 Bausch & Lomb Place  
Rochester, NY 14604  
Tel.: 855-227-5072

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
VILLAGE OF WURTSBORO  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Village of Wurtsboro will receive sealed Bids in conformity with the bid specifications on the following until April 14, 2023, at 3:00pm at the Village of Wurtsboro Office, 7 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wurtsboro, New York 12790.

**REFUSE SERVICE FOR A ONE YEAR TERM,  
WITH ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR OPTION TO BE EXERCISED  
AT THE OPTION OF THE VILLAGE, FOR THE COLLECTION OF  
WASTE IN THE VILLAGE OF WURTSBORO AND  
SPRING CLEAN-UP OF BULKY ITEMS AND  
RECYCLABLE SERVICES COLLECTION**

Each bid shall be in a sealed envelope and shall be marked clearly "BID". Each bid must be received no later than the bid date and time as stated above. All bids must be accompanied by a certificate executed pursuant to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. These Certificates are available from the Village Clerk. Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting the Village Clerk's office at PO Box 157, Wurtsboro, New York 12790, (845) 888 2522.

The Village of Wurtsboro reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bid, and to accept that proposal which in its judgment best serves the interest of the Village of Wurtsboro. Fax bids will not be accepted.

BY ORDER OF  
THE VILLAGE BOARD OF  
THE VILLAGE OF WURTSBORO

Date: March 6, 2023

Gina Langowsky, CMC, RMC, CMFO  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Wurtsboro

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS—SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN – REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC,**  
Plaintiff, -against- ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES RIVERA AKA JAMES M. RIVERA, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; STATE OF NEW YORK CIVIL RECOVERIES BUREAU; MEENAN OIL CO., INC., LP DBA WALLACE OIL CO., AN INACTIVE CORPORATION; JOHN MAROCAN RIVERA AKA JOHN MARCANO RIVERA, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES RIVERA AKA JAMES M. RIVERA, DECEASED; CONRAD M. RIVERA, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES RIVERA AKA JAMES M. RIVERA, DECEASED. Defendants - Index No. E2021-1370 Plaintiff Designates Sullivan County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Sullivan County. To the above named Defendants- **YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated February 1, 2023. **NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME –** If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. **YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.** The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Stephan G. Schick, J.S.C. Dated: February 1, 2023 Filed: February 2, 2023. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 532 Roosa Gap Road, Bloomingburg, NY 12721. Dated: November 1, 2022 Filed: February 15, 2023 Greenspoon Marder LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Angelo A. Regina, Esq., 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10022 P: (212) 524-5000 F: (212) 524-5050 No Service by fax) Service purposes only: Trade Centre South 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 P: (888) 491-1120 F: (954) 343-6982.

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**LIBRARY ELECTION NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Liberty Central School District, Liberty, NY, will be held at the Liberty Public Library, 189 North Main St, Liberty, NY 12754 at from 11:00 AM – 8:00 pm on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

The purpose of the meeting is to vote upon the adoption of a budget for the year 2023-2024 for the Liberty Public Library, and to appropriate the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditure and levy the necessary tax therefore.

Voting hours will be from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Copies of the budget will be available at the Library on March 24 after 1:00 PM.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Liberty Central School District, all qualified voters must be registered to vote at any regular or special election.

Please take notice that all voters who voted in the 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 school elections are not required to register.

Please take further notice that qualified voters of the Liberty Central School District may register for the purpose of voting in the Library Election, at the Liberty Central School Business Office, 115 Buckley Street, Liberty, NY, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, up to and including Thurs. April 6, 2023.

Dated: Feb 21, 2023

Marjorie M. Linko,  
Clerk of the Board of Trustees  
Liberty Public Library

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SULLIVAN  
Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Delta Funding Home Equity Loan Trust 1998-1, Plaintiff

AGAINST

Roy Brown; John Brown, Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered January 13, 2023 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Front Steps or First Floor Lobby of the Sullivan County Courthouse, 414 Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701 on March 30, 2023 at 9:30AM, premises known as 16 Sarine Road a/k/a 14 Sarine Road f/k/a 17 Sarine Avenue, Wurtsboro, NY 12790. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Mamakating, County of Sullivan, State of New York, Section 31 Block 6 Lot 6. Approximate amount of judgment \$129,538.71 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# E2020-391. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the Third Judicial District.

Jared K. Hart, Esq, Referee

LOGS Legal Group LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC  
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff  
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624  
(877) 430-4792  
Dated: January 26, 2023

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Public Notice  
Please take notice that the Planning Board of the Town of Highland will hold a public hearing pursuant to section 190 of the Town of Highland Code, on the application of Ronald Walborn for property identified as the Town of Highland Section 18, Block 1, Lot 7. Mr. Walborn has applied for a Short Term Residential Rental Permit. Said hearing will be held on the 22nd day of March 2023 at the Town Hall 2 Proctor Rd, Eldred NY 12732 at 7:00 O'clock PM, at which all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.  
By order of Highland Planning Board  
PO Box 138  
Eldred, NY 12732  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of ROCK RIDGE ACRES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 02/20/2023. Office location: 5 ROYCE ST, MONTICELLO, NY, 12701. Sec.203 of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 5 ROYCE ST, MONTICELLO, NY, 12701 . Purpose: any lawful purpose 111056

**LEGAL NOTICE**

307 - 311 HARRIS ROAD LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/13/2023. Office loc: Sullivan County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process

against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Sean Brooks, PO Box 245, Harris, NY 12742. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 110861

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Change in Meeting Date  
The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Kauneonga Lake Fire District are changing the date of the March regular business meeting from Tuesday, 3/14/2023 to Tuesday, 3/21/2023. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM at the Kauneonga Lake firehouse, 3574 NYS Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, NY 12749. The meeting is open to the public. 111592

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SULLIVAN The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Asset Backed Funding Corporation, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-HE1, Plaintiff

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered January 13, 2023 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Front Steps or First Floor Lobby of the Sullivan County Courthouse, 414 Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701 on March 27, 2023 at 11:00AM, premises known as 112 Blackberry Lake, Callicoon, NY 12748. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Callicoon, County of Sullivan, State of New York, Section 21 Block 1 Lot 16.3. Approximate amount of judgment \$589,758.87 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 0000927/2017. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the Third Judicial District.

Maria O. Zeno, Esq., Referee LOGS Legal Group LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: February 1, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE Counting Minds, LLC. Filed 12/2/22. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY Desig. for process & shall mail 42 Broadway, NY, NY 10004. Purp: any lawful 110696

LEGAL NOTICE 38 EAST DELAWARE PLACE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/14/2023. Office loc: Sullivan County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: George Nikolados, 10 Colonial Road, Monticello, NY 12701. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 111604

LEGAL NOTICE A nonprofit organization in Wurtsboro, NY is seeking sealed bids for sales and installation of security related enhancements. The project includes: doors, glass panels, and related framings, hinges, closing hardware, and locking systems to provide a minimum 10-minute rating against a forced entry attempt (the "Forced Entry Resistant Standard") with appropriate manual and electronic access control and interfaced locking equipment. These doors will assist in ensuring only authorized individuals gain entry to the site. Selection criteria will be based on experience and knowledge of the systems required, adherence to the projected work schedule, professional references, and cost. Specifications and bid requirements can be obtained by

contacting us at govt-contractbids@gmail.com Please place DOOR SULLIVAN in Subject heading. All interested firms will be required to sign for the proposal documents and provide a primary contact, telephone, and email address. Bids will be accepted until 6:00pm on April 24, 2023 and work is to commence by May 2, 2023 and be completed by May 31, 2023. MWBEs are encouraged to apply. 111633

LEGAL NOTICE CHRIS CAR SERVICE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/28/2023. Office loc: Sullivan County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Chris Williams, 21 Edward Avenue, Monticello, NY 12701. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose 111270

LEGAL NOTICE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN Sealed bids for the following will be received by the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Central Services at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York 12701, (845) 807-0515, until 1:00 P.M. on Friday, March 31, 2023 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. 1. Treatment Chemicals at the Sullivan County Landfill (B-23-28) 2. Steel and Aluminum (B-23-29)

Bid Forms, including specifications, may be obtained from the Director at the above address, and all bids are subject to the terms and conditions therein set forth. Dated: March 17, 2023 111559

LEGAL NOTICE Fallsburg Central School District The Fallsburg Central School District in accordance with section 3635(2) of the Education Law requires that requests for transportation to a non-public school for the 2023-2024 school year be submitted, in writing, prior to April 1, 2023. Fallsburg Central School District residents requesting transportation non-public schools should submit the required form to: Fallsburg Central School District Attn: Transportation Coordinator P.O. Box 124 Fallsburg, NY 12733 111227

LEGAL NOTICE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN Sealed bids for the following will be received by the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Central Services at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York 12701, (845) 807-0515, until 1:00 P.M. on Friday, April 7, 2023: 1. Leadership Development Training Program for County of Sullivan, New York (R-23-08) 2. Seasonal Oper-

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ation of a Mobile Concession at Lake Superior, Bethel, New York for Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation and Beautification (R-23-09) 3. To Conduct a Senior Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis for Sullivan County Office for the Aging (R-23-10) Specifications may be obtained from the Director at the above address. Dated: March 17, 2023 111557

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY JAJ & SONS TRUCKING, LLC JAJ & SONS TRUCKING, LLC filed an Application of Authority with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on the 6th of February, 2023. Office located in Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: 548 Broadway, Monticello, New York 12701. Purpose of business of LLC: any lawful act or activity. The term of the LLC is perpetual. 110645

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Resources/Personnel Officer. Dated: March 13, 202 111601

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA BURKE COUNTY In the Burke Court Notice of Petition for Adoption of a Minor Child, Nathaniel Hunter Spinelli, Petitioner stepparent Jason Spencer Talbot (To Person to be served) Michael Shane Spinelli Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled Notice of Petition Adoption(action) (special proceeding). The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Jason Spencer Talbot adopting Nathaniel Hunter Spinelli. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than (April 12, 2023) and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This, the 3rd day of March, 2023. 111283

LEGAL NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Fremont Planning Board, in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Law of the Town of Fremont, will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 in the Town Meeting Room, 11 County Road 95 in Fremont, NY, in regards to a 2-Lot Minor Subdivision on Lands of Crowley Road ND, LLC, S.B.L. #8.-1-29.10, located at 166 Crowley Rd, Town of Fremont, Sullivan County. Jim Smith Town of Fremont Planning Board Chairman 111591

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LEGAL NOTICE ROCK HILL FIRE DISTRICT INVITATION TO BID Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received until 7:00 pm, April 10, 2023, at the Rock Hill Firehouse, 61 Glen Wild Road, Rock Hill, NY, 12775 at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for the delivery of Propane to 61 Glen Wild Road, Rock Hill, NY from April 2023 to April of 2024. The contractors must also be aware that they must comply with the most recent State wage rates under New York State Department of Labor (www.labor.state.ny.us). In addition, the contractor must comply. Debbie Mitchell, Secretary Rock Hill Fire District 111606

LEGAL NOTICE Town of Delaware Special Meeting of the Town Board A Special Meeting of the Town of Delaware Town Board will be held on Friday, March 24, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 104 Main Street, Hortonville, NY. The purpose of the meeting is to award the stone bids, along with such other and further business as may come before the Board. By: Hon. Tess McBeath, Town Clerk Dated: March 13, 2023 111568

LEGAL NOTICE UNION WORKS ENTERTAINMENT, LLC. Articles of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with Sec. of State of NY ("SSNY") on 02/21/2023. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to the LLC at The LLC, 7 Erie Avenue, Narrowsburg, NY 12764. Purpose: To engage in all things that the company may legally engage in under the Laws of the State of New York. Organizer: J & G Law, LLP, 158 Orange Avenue, Walden, New York 12586.

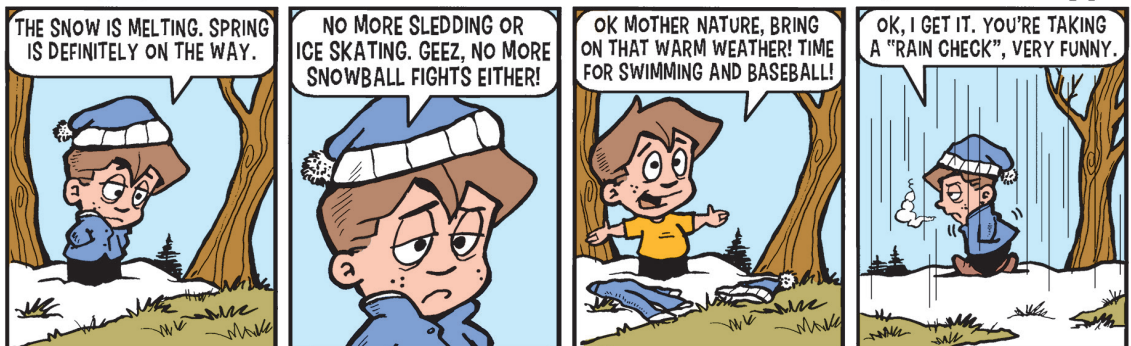
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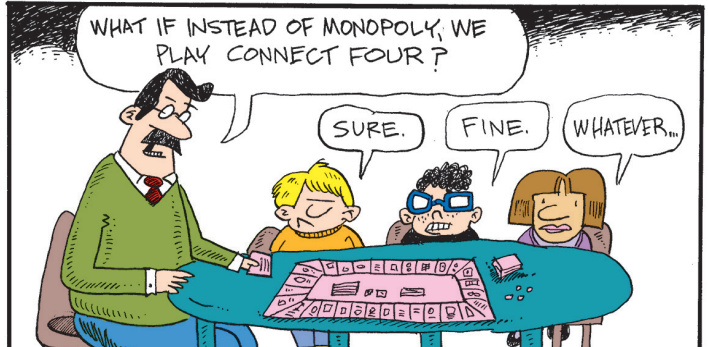
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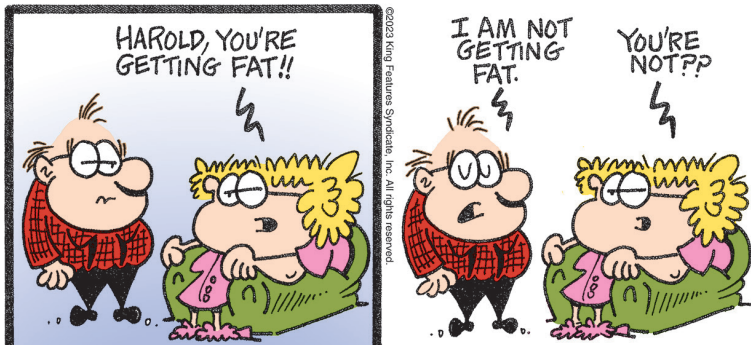
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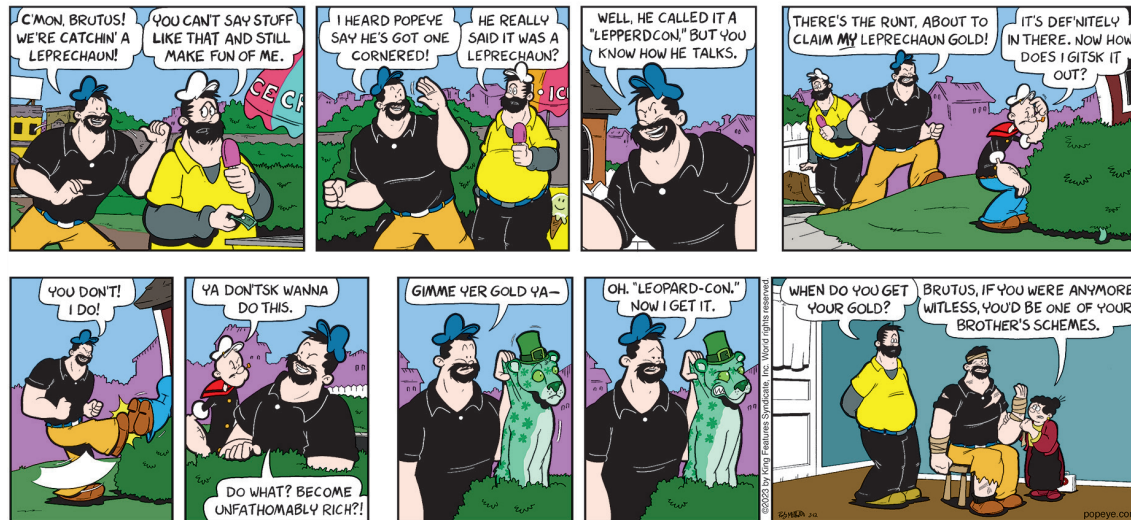
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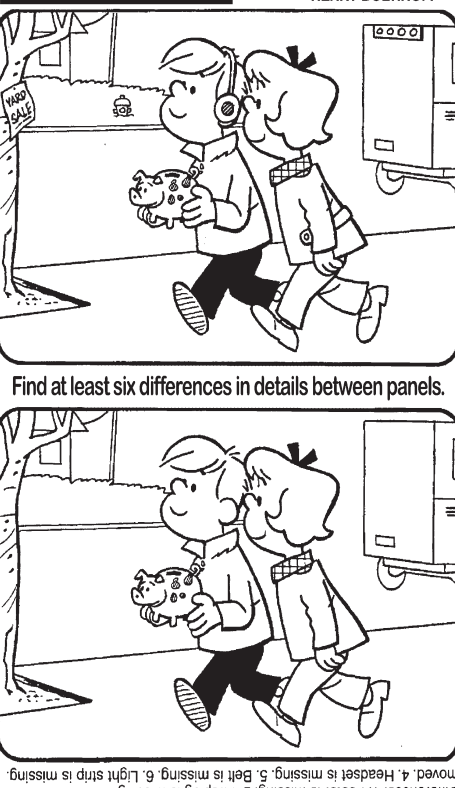


# OLIVE



# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



# Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: G equals O

FVQS HGWBC RGW HQBB SVK  
GUKJVKQC ZGMKR MKKCKC SG  
ZQTMSQTM Q ZGUTME OSQTJFQR?  
KOHQBQSTME HGOSO.

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## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Spy **TANGE**

Think **PONIE**

Please **MARCH**

Cherish **ARODE**

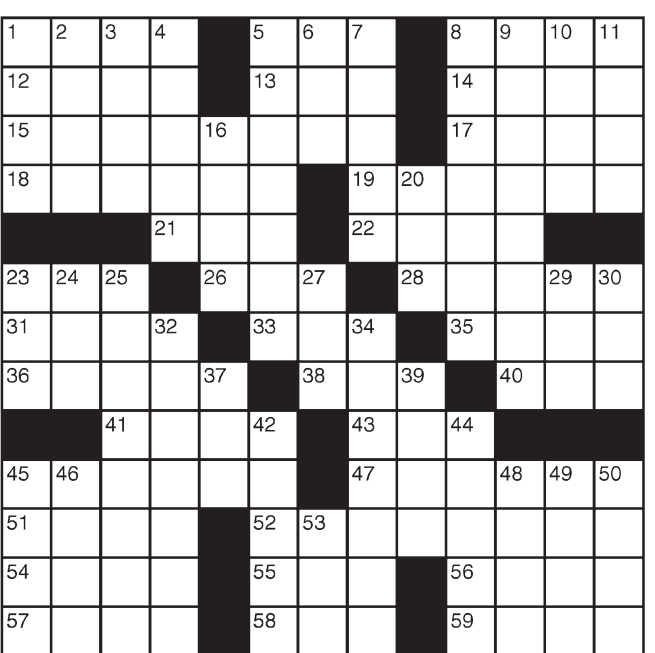
**TODAY'S WORD**

"Here's one from your \_\_\_\_\_, dear."

March 13, 2023 Posting Date

# King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Release money
  - 5 Officer
  - 8 Wife of Zeus
  - 12 "Born Free" lioness
  - 13 Billboards
  - 14 Elliptical
  - 15 Region of northern Italy
  - 17 Breathing (Abbr.)
  - 18 Start a round
  - 19 Aviary noises
  - 21 Irish actor Stephen
  - 22 Visibility hindrance
  - 23 Arced tennis shot
  - 26 Like some humor
  - 28 Avoids work
  - 31 Gumbo or bisque, e.g.
  - 33 Work unit
  - 35 Minn. neighbor
  - 36 Writer
  - 38 Pouch
  - 40 "Rah!"
  - 41 Metric measure
  - 43 - Alamos
  - 45 Big lizard
  - 47 Of the lower back
  - 51 Gasp for air



- 52 Show hosted by Alex Trebek
  - 54 Shoppe description
  - 55 "Alley -"
  - 56 Faction
  - 57 Calendar squares
  - 58 ICU workers
  - 59 Pianist Myra
  - 6 Quirky
  - 7 Intimidate, with "out"
  - 8 Where earth meets sky
  - 9 Battery brand
  - 10 Grate
  - 11 Swiss peaks
  - 12 Not many
  - 20 Actor
  - 23 "Acid"
  - 24 Tic-tac-toe win
  - 25 French red wine
  - 27 Decade parts (Abbr.)
  - 29 Air safety org.
  - 30 Firmament
  - 32 Pittsburgh team
  - 34 Runs like a horse
  - 37 - Salvador
  - 39 Brilliant stroke
  - 42 College study
  - 44 Big hit
  - 45 Apple product
  - 46 Big bash
  - 48 Party cheese
  - 49 Tosses in
  - 50 Deli loaves
  - 53 Long time
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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		1	2					7
	7			3	4			
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		9	2					8
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		4		8	9	6		
1		6		3				

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: What is the name of Scarlett and Rhett's daughter in "Gone with the Wind"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What body of water lies between Australia and New Zealand?
3. TELEVISION: Eric Camden is a minister on which TV dramedy?
4. CHEMISTRY: Which element has the Latin name stannum (Sn)?
5. LITERATURE: Which book is first written in C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia series?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the bird logo on Twitter?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How long does it take a sloth to digest food?
8. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the irrational fear represented by coulrophobia?
9. MYTHOLOGY: Which Greek god stared at his own reflection until he died?
10. INVENTIONS: What did Alessandro Volta invent?

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## WORD LADDERS

Can you go from COINS to SPIES in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

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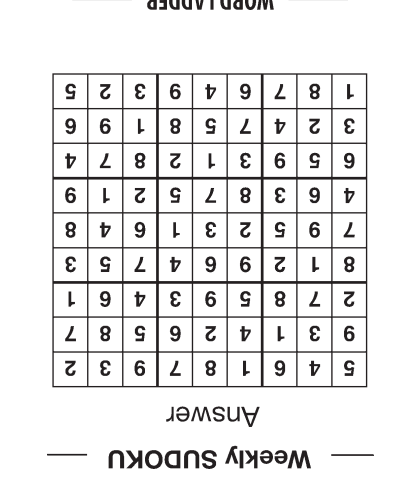
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## SCRAMBLERS

1. Agent 2. Opine; solution  
3. Charm; 4. Adore  
5. "7th Heaven."  
6. Tasmian Sea  
7. "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe."  
8. Larry.  
9. An average of 16 days, and up to 30 days.  
10. Narcissus.  
11. The electric battery.



Solution time: 24 mins.  
Answers



Answers

What could you call the answer  
overhead money needed to  
maintain a moving stairway?  
Escalating costs.

# Coming Tuesday, March 21st... Sullivan County Business Edge

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**Sustaining our growth**

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**SMALL COUNTIES RANKED BY TOTAL NON-FARM JOB GROWTH RATE January 2022 - January 2023**

RANK	COUNTY	RATE
1	Sullivan County	+12.3%
2	Greene County	+12.1%
3	Chautauque County	+12.1%
4	Fulton County	+12.1%
5	Hamilton County	+12.1%
6	Montgomery County	+12.1%
7	Albany County	+12.1%
8	Columbia County	+12.1%
9	Delaware County	+12.1%
10	Hamilton County	+12.1%
11	Ulster County	+12.1%
12	Warren County	+12.1%
13	Franklin County	+12.1%
14	St. Lawrence County	+12.1%
15	Hamilton County	+12.1%
16	Delaware County	+12.1%
17	Hamilton County	+12.1%
18	Schuyler County	+12.1%
19	Cattaraugus County	+12.1%
20	Clinton County	+12.1%
21	Orange County	+12.1%
22	Columbia County	+12.1%
23	Hamilton County	+12.1%
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Post-pandemic job growth in Sullivan County continues to impress. In fact, Sullivan County led all of New York State throughout 2022 in non-farm job growth, according to NYS Department of Labor statistics. That includes our downstate powerhouse of New York City. Considering NYS also surpassed the national job growth average in 2022, Sullivan has seen enviable sustained success. The trick is to maintain that success. That starts with analyzing where our job growth is highest and where it is lowest. Almost a third of the State's job gains were in leisure and hospitality, and we contributed significantly to that for a county of our size — an estimated 600 new jobs in 2022, according to Labor data. Job gains were consistent in financial activities and information, which have never been the strongest performers in Sullivan County. In addition to leisure services, we saw decent growth in health & education services and trade, transportation and utilities. That's a reflection of the existing businesses, for- and non-profit, in Sullivan. While we seek to improve upon the growth in those sectors, it's

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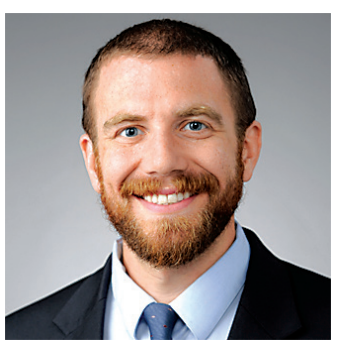
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# 25th anniversary of making healthful decisions conference

MIDDLETOWN — Registration is now open for the 25th Anniversary of Making Healthful Decisions Conference which will focus on Envisioning a Culture of Community: Supporting families and the individual needs of their children. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange and Sullivan Counties, and their organizing partners including BOCES Sullivan County, Garnet Health, Maternal-Infant Services Network (MiSN), Mid-Hudson Chocolate Milk, Orange County Government (Community Outreach and Healthy Families), Sullivan 180, SUNY Bridges, and the Youth Bureau Sullivan County are thrilled to offer this event on Tuesday, March 21st with a snow date of March 28, 2023 at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts in Bethel, NY. "Our goal is to create a day that provides educators, human service professionals and parents the chance to find joy and respite through community connections, while learning integral information to the profound work that they do each and every day," Julika von Stackelberg, Family and Community Resilience Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension stated. CCE is grateful to Garnet Health for being our

legacy sponsor and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts for providing the historical space and Museum tours in kind. The cost to attend the conference is \$65, with a discounted rate for seniors and students of \$45. The program includes a keynote presentation about Mindfulness-based programming for health promotion in school and community settings by Dr. Joshua Felver who is an extension associate of the ILR School's Yang Tan Institute and a visiting scholar in the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research at Cornell University. The day will commence with words from Dr. Anjana Poonthota from Garnet Health who will be sharing an update on the State of Parenting. Afternoon breakout sessions will consist of Healing Happens in Relationships by Jaye Holly from the ANDRUS Sanctuary Institute, Meaningful Parental Engagement by Jaclyn Miller from MiSN and Re-Thinking in-school Suspension by Candace Rivela from the Museum Education and Creative Programs department of Bethel Woods Center of the Arts. A museum tour will



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**Dr. Joshua Felver, an extension associate of the ILR School's Yang Tan Institute and a visiting scholar in the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research at Cornell University will be the Keynote Speaker at the 25th Anniversary of Making Healthful Decisions Conference.**

circumstance, situation or challenge is the BEST Solution as the closing experience. Following the comprehensive agenda, a celebration will take place to commemorate the 25th anniversary of this conference and will highlight the topics through the years. We will be recognizing the "Founding Mothers" of the conference, Linda Bystre Pat Chisamore, Mary Jalloh Darlene Price, Denyse Variano and Betty White, as well as longtime planning committee members, Annie Colonna and Stephanie Sosnowski. Continuing education credits will be available. For more information and to register, please visit <https://cceorangecounty.org/events/2023/03/21/25th-anniversary-edition-of-the-making-healthful-decisions-conference> For questions, please reach out to Carol McLaughlin at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-344-1234 or email to [cm798@cornell.edu](mailto:cm798@cornell.edu)

be part of the day's agenda followed by a somatic experience from Sullivan County, Human Rights Commission, Executive Director, Adrienne Jensen. Scarlett Lewis, founder of the The Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement will lead the group through a comprehensive journey in understanding how Choosing Love in any

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# Celebrate Life Half Marathon



Evan Waterton of Forestburgh came in first place at the Celebrate Life Half Marathon and Lucia Rein Two-Person Relay in Rock Hill.



Nothing could stop these brave racers from conquering the Celebrate Life Half Marathon and Lucia Rein Two-Person Relay in Rock Hill, not even the biting cold.



Far left: With a triumphant smile on her face, Teresa Sanchez, hailing from Yonkers, crosses the finish line.  
  
At left: Beaming with pride and joy, Myriam Loo, the race director, couldn't contain her excitement as runners began to cross the finish line at the Celebrate Life Half Marathon and Lucia Rein Two-Person Relay.



At right: Despite the bitter cold and snow, these unstoppable racers refused to be deterred as they participated in the Celebrate Life Half Marathon and Lucia Rein Two-Person Relay in Rock Hill.

## SPORTSMAN OUTDOORS

JACK DANCAK

### Bears on Webcam!



A homeowner from Pike County Pennsylvania called the Pennsylvania Game Commission and said she thinks there is a bear denning under the deck of her home. Gerald Kapral, the Game Commission's Northeast region information and education supervisor, asked her if she would allow the Game Commission to install a streaming camera where the bear was hibernating, and she agreed. This took place in late December and the home is used only as the summer residence.

aroused. The whole bear family was nestled on a deep bed of leaves and twigs that the mother bear had likely spent days preparing last fall.

Supervisor Kapral said, "As days lengthen and weather warms, mom and her brood will become more active. The sow has been observed stretching and shifting position at times. The cubs will continue to grow and eventually will come out from underneath their mother, by late March they will be grooming and playing with one another."

Kapral went on to say, "At some point, the sow will signal her cubs that it's time to leave, and that they need to get going. They will stay together for a year and a half and will probably remain in the vicinity."

The cameras used to have infrared light to minimize disturbances to nocturnal animals and operate on motion detection. The bears and other wildlife can be viewed at HDCnTap.com or through pgc.pa.gov.

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### CORRECTION

In our Tuesday, March 14 edition we published a story entitled "Sullivan County Democrat Girls All-Stars" (6B). In the list we neglected to add the Monticello athletes. Their All-Stars are Aaliyah Mota, Janee Vias and Gianna DeMaio.

We apologize for the mistake.

### TOP TEN

1. Evan Waterton 1:13:33
2. Dan McGrath 1:15:50
3. John Pozo 1:19:27
4. Bryce Maopolski 1:23:20
5. James Gann 1:24:26
6. Christopher Irwin 1:24:58
7. Stephanie Gerland 1:25:24
8. Ken Campisi 1:25:26
9. Ricky Snyder 1:25:48
10. Justin Roselli 1:26:03

### FEMALE OPEN

7. Stephanie Gerland 1:25:24
25. Jennifer Schramm 1:32:12
30. Amanda Carroll 1:35:06

### FEMALE 16 AND UNDER

1. Taylor Vogt 1:48:32
2. Diya Patel 2:04:58
3. Kaitlyn Morse 2:22:01

### FEMALE 17 TO 19

1. Ryan Rodriguez 2:03:09
2. Skyler Blanton 2:18:20

### FEMALE 20 TO 29

1. Nicole Winter 1:45:01
2. Diana Welch 1:47:13
3. Margaret Dembergh 1:51:26

### RUN RESULTS

FEMALE 30 TO 39		MALE 20 TO 29	
1. Julie Potter	1:41:32	1. Bryce Maopolski	1:23:20
2. Taylor Febus	1:41:41	2. William Estonh	1:32:09
3. Ellen McGrath	1:44:42	3. Giacomo Ruckdeschel	1:54:45
FEMALE 40 TO 49		MALE 30 TO 39	
1. Jennifer Nolan	1:38:49	1. Matthew Grabina	1:27:54
2. Kristen Dams-O Connor	1:39:29	2. Evan Stankunas	1:28:38
3. Jessica Dovico	1:44:57	3. Mark Whalen	1:28:40
FEMALE 50 TO 59		MALE 40 TO 49	
1. Kristen Vogt	1:42:02	1. Christopher Irwin	1:24:58
2. Gina Contreras	1:45:26	2. Ken Campisi	1:25:26
3. Christine Varley	1:48:05	3. Justin Roselli	1:26:03
FEMALE 60 TO 69		MALE 50 TO 59	
1. Pat Mitrofanis	1:52:07	1. James Gann	1:24:26
2. Jean Norton	1:52:39	2. Ricky Snyder	1:25:48
3. Caroline Chant	1:59:31	3. Peter Verdesi	1:29:30
MALE 16 AND UNDER		MALE 60 TO 69	
1. Joseph Mullan	1:35:43	1. Franz Scholten	1:45:35
2. Giovanni Gutierrez	2:03:34	2. Bobby Logan	1:54:45
3. Conor Hennessey	2:51:36	3. Gordon Dean	1:56:49
MALE 17 TO 19		MALE 70 AND OVER	
1. Reece Maopolski	1:38:14	1. Michael Nusblat	2:06:33
2. Robert Pape-Laucella	1:46:14	2. Edward Leydon	2:07:59
3. Gavin Tylenda	2:41:47	3. Mike Merriman	2:14:45

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# 'End of an era'



## Rock Hill Celebrate Life half marathon says goodbye

STORY AND PHOTOS BY PATRICIO ROBAYO

ROCK HILL—After 20 years, the Celebrate Life Half Marathon and Lucia Rein Two People Relay said goodbye.

"It's time," said Myriam Loor, the founder and race director of the half-marathon.

She said that what soccer star Pele said was true: one should retire when they are on top.

"Celebrate Life Half Marathon is at a good place. It's a race treasured by many. I want people to remember it as such. Besides, 20 years is a long time!" Loor told the Democrat.

The half-marathon is more than just a race; it's a gathering of people passionate about fighting cancer. Since its existence, it has raised over \$100 million for cancer patients throughout the years.

"What has made me happy is standing at the finish line waiting for participants and seeing so much emotion on their faces. There's joy; there's sadness; there's pride. They hug one another and smile. They wipe tears. They celebrate life," said Loor.

Runners and walkers alike come together to raise funds that go directly to cancer patients and survivors in need.

The funds can be used for anything from mortgage payments to groceries.

Loor's goal has always been to ensure that 100 percent of the proceeds from the race go directly to the

patients and their families.

A cancer survivor herself, she started the race 20 years ago and never expected what the race has turned into—a premiere half-marathon for the region and Sullivan County.

"I never anticipated that the race would touch people the way it has. It has become meaningful. It really is more than a race. It's an experience," added Loor.

Runners and walkers from across the region and country descended to Rock Hill, NY on March 12, 2023—facing late winter snow and lag of daylight savings time—to race not only for cancer patients but for some, for themselves.

Many run to honor and memorialize a loved one who lost their battle with cancer.

As the runners made their way through the hilly terrain of Rock Hill, the sound of chants and cheers filled the air as the spectators of family and friends lined the sidelines.

The "Motivational Mile" is a powerful tribute to those who had lost their lives to the disease and those who continued to battle against it with signs at mile 1 and then again at mile 11.

Loor said she is not going anywhere and will remain in the community; I'll be involved in the community but at a lesser level. Perhaps I can help other race directors organize their races."



Above: Myriam Loor, race director, welcomes Forestburgh resident Evan Water-ton as he crosses the finish line in first place.

At right: Teresa Sanchez, hailing from Yonkers, approaches the finish line with a huge smile.

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RUN RESULTS & MORE  
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Above left: To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Celebrate Life Half Marathon and Lucia Rein Two-Person Relay in Rock Hill, special medals were created to honor the achievements of the participants.

Above: The Celebrate Life Half Marathon and Lucia Rein Two-Person Relay in Rock Hill had a display of resilience and courage as these racers braved the freezing temperatures and conquered the race.



### LET THE RACE BEGIN!

Runners from all corners of the region flocked to Rock Hill to celebrate the 20th Anniversary and final Celebrate Life Half Marathon and Lucia Rein Two-Person Relay to push their limits and reach for the finish line.