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Welcome Back Grahamsville Deli!

With a bright and shiny new look and an old familiar feeling, it's official, the Grahamsville Deli, a landmark, has reopened its doors! Grahamsville is alive again!



After a busy weekend, Medi is ready to get back in the kitchen early Monday morning. Ken Walters, also an early bird is enjoying a good cup of coffee before starting his day.

For so many, this has been a long anticipated moment. Homemade daily specials we all love, cooked by Medi himself, are ready to eat in or to go.

Friends and neighbors, as in the past, gathered on Saturday at tables to catch up on what's happening in the neighborhood while they satisfied their appetites. A familiar face in town and long time customer said he had been waiting for two years to bite into the Grahamsville Deli BLT he held in his hand!



Owner, Medi was proud to point out three generations –his three children and two of his grandchildren who were all on board with him on Saturday welcoming back customers of the past, as well as new people from the area and those passing through.

There is nothing like a family-owned local business to make you feel at home. Grahamsville Deli is the place to go if you are looking for good food along with warm and friendly service. If it is just a quick stop to pick up milk, bread, or a grocery item you will still share the same outgoing cordial service that Grahamsville Deli has built its reputation upon for many years.

Welcome back! Best of luck to the whole family on its continuing venture!
The **Grahamsville Deli** is located at 164 Main Street, Grahamsville, N 12740

Ten Mile River Scout Museum Hosted Photo Exhibit at Bear Mountain Park Inn

Nearly seventy-five people attended the Ten Mile River Scout Museum's and TMR Alumni Association's April 2-3 photo show at the Bear Mountain Inn featuring pictures from the Kanohwahke Scout Camps, Bear Mountain State Park, N.Y. New York City Scouts attended summer camp at the Kanohwahke Scout Camps, Bear Mountain before TMR opened in 1928.

Museum Chairman Michael Drillinger, Alumni Association Chairman Johannes Knoops and Museum Treasurer David Malatzky addressed the audience. Several members of both organizations and the Bear Mountain State Park participated in the ribbon cutting. Prior to the ribbon cutting attendees hiked to the campsites. Sue Scher, local historian, led a discussion about the camp and local history. The photos will be on permanent display in the lobby of the Bear Mountain Inn. (Contd. Pg. 4)



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: "And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin."

Matthew 6:28

Graveside Service for Marie Dean



A graveside service for Marie Dean will be celebrated on Saturday, April 16th – 1pm at the Claryville Reformed Church Cemetery

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

April 9, 1952

Mrs. Emma Brooks is selling stock, farm machinery, sapping equipment, and furnishings at auction on Saturday, April 19th. Mrs. Brooks rented the land and farm buildings to Roy and George Burch. She expects to continue to make her home there.

Mr. and Mrs. A.I. Field of Liberty announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol, to Mr Ralph Folcarelli of Grahamsville Miss Field is cafeteria manager at the Tn Valley School and Mr. Folcarelli is TVS librarian

Mrs. Emma Van Aken of Claryville died early Tuesday morning at the Hamilton Avenue Hospital. She was born November 3, 1875 on Red Hill to Leander Barber and Katherine Anapel Barber. In 1894 she married Sanford Van Aken. They lived all their married life on Red Hill. They were the parents of seven children and five grandchildren.

The rather big news of this week

is the surprise party given to Mr and Mrs. Van Furman on Saturday night. Something like sixty people suddenly arrived unannounced to celebrate the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs. Furman.

April 11, 1962

Mrs. Hazel Huson, 65, died at Horton Memorial Hospital in Middletown. Mrs. Huson was born in the Town of Liberty on November 17, 1896, the daughter of Thomas and Louisa Misner Drennon She was married to the late Edwin Huson who died in 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Denman of Grahamsville are the proud parents of a daughter, Janice, born April 6th at the Loomis Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Denman, Sr. are the paternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. James "Mentnech of Woodbourne are the proud parents of a daughter born April 5th at Maimonides Hospital.

New members received into the membership of the Methodist Church on Sunday morning were: Mr and Mrs Edgar Allison and sons, Carl and James. Mr and Mrs William Decker and Mr and Mrs, Darrell Keller. Baptismal service was held for Wendy Susan Smith, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Thomas D. Smith. Godparents were her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Greene, Jr of Woodbourne.

April 19, 1972

Patricia Gorman, daughter of Mr and Mrs. James Gorman, won the FFA Speaking Contest on the District level. She will next compete in the sub-stale contest to be held Thursday, April 20th at Canajoharie.

An Eagle Scout Board of Review was held April 14, 1972 and Tom Marshalek, Jr. son of Mr and Mrs Tom Marshalek of Woodbourne was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest rank. A Court of Honor will be held to present Tom with his medal along with the recognition and honor for his achievement

A very, very Happy Anniversary to Mr and Mrs Clark Ryan who will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary on April 23rd. Also, belated 'good wishes' to Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Velie who celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on April 5th. (Contd. Pg. 3)

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

(From Pg. 3)

April 15, 1982

John Sheeley has been named to the Dean's List at the College of Agriculture and Life Science at Cornell University. He had an outstanding scholastic average of 3.52. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Horace Sheeley of Grahamsville.

Shirley Mattison and Bob Mangels were married April 11th in Christ Lutheran Church in Ellenville with the Rev Frank Wilhelm officiating. The bride is the daughter of Natalie and Cliff Mattison of Lackawack Hill. The bridegroom is the son of Dorothy and the late Peter Mangels of Bardonia, Rockland County, NY. The couple plan to honeymoon in Atlantic City, Virginia and Washington DC for a week. Upon their return, they will reside in Ellenville. Bob is a disc jockey on WELV and Shirley is a teacher in the Pine Bush School system.

Household Hint:

Ready to Dye the Eggs?

Boil better eggs by adding 2 tablespoons water before boiling. Keeps them from cracking.

You can make a brighter egg dye solution by dissolving the egg dye tablets into distilled white vinegar. Pour one cup of vinegar into a container with one egg dye tablet. Stir the solution with a spoon to dissolve the tablet completely before use.

... and if you prefer to use food coloring...

Add 1 cup boiling water to a heat-safe glass.

Add 2 teaspoons of vinegar.

Add 20 drops of food coloring, depending on how dark you want the coloring.

Lower an egg carefully into the colored water. ...

Repeat with all colors.

Let the eggs sit in the dye until the desired color is reached.

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

The Lily - Apostle of Hope

The anticipation of the bounties of spring is upon us. The ground is still cold. People around the world are increasingly desolate. They still battle the affect of a global pandemic. We are troubled by the strife of war in Ukraine. Many times throughout history, the enemy has distorted God's creations, deceiving the people to believe lies. During our darkest moments, it is fundamental to remember God as the supreme power.



A frail flower, the lily has a history of religious significance; they were mentioned in the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments. The lily along with many things of this world, even the earth itself and its splendor is a sign of resurrection and new life.

Liliaceae, the lily family, includes many flowering bulbs, such as bluebells, hyacinths, and tulips.

Some believe white lilies sprouted in the Garden of Eden as Eve's remorseful tears fell to the ground. It has been suggested that the 'open flowers' carved on Solomon's temple were lilies.

According to Greek mythology, the lily was created from the breast milk of Hera, wife of Zeus and was recognized as the symbol of purity.

Christianity's most important holiday, Easter is rich in symbols –some secular, some religious.

For the Christian, the lily is representative of Christ's resurrection. It is a sign of purity and innocence, being untainted by 'the world'. The lily also represents a new season, a new birth.

Lilies are often referred to as "white-robed apostles of hope." In many paintings, the angel Gabriel is depicted as handing Mary white lilies, which symbolizes her purity as well.

There are stories that tell of lilies growing where Jesus's tears and blood fell from the cross, and lilies were supposedly found in the Garden of Gethsemane after the crucifixion, tying lilies even closer to the Easter holiday.

The trumpet shape of the lilies brings to mind the sound of the message that Jesus has risen. The flowers are symbolic of the Resurrection -from ugly bulbs that are underground for three years or longer that bloom into beautiful flowers.

Lilies represent rebirth and hope.

The actual Easter lily that many of us will have in our homes and that altars in churches will be filled with on Easter Sunday, takes its roots back to the Ryukyu Islands in southern Japan. It was first introduced to England in 1819 and America in 1880. Lily bulb production was centered in Japan and the southern U.S. in the late 1800s and on, but in 1941 during WWII, the Japanese source was cut off. This resulted in the increased value of the lily bulb. Soon, growers in the U.S. boomed and by 1945, there were about 1,200 growers from Vancouver, Canada to Long Beach, California. This has since reduced in size, leaving only about 10 growers in a small region of the Oregon-California border. Today, the region is called the Easter Lily Capital of the World, where over 95 percent of potted Easter lily bulbs are produced.

The bulbs are harvested in fall, then packed and shipped to commercial greenhouses. In order to get the flowers to bloom for Easter, they are planted in pots and forced to bloom under controlled conditions. As Easter falls on a different day each year, dependent upon when the first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox occurs –any time between March 22 and April 25 –this can be a challenge. Commercial greenhouse growers have got it down to a science. They look for bud and leaf development timing to determine if bulbs will bloom at the correct time or not. If the plant is going to bloom too early or late, the growers can adjust the humidity and temperature of the greenhouse to achieve the desired bloom time.

From the fields to the greenhouse to your home, the Easter Lily has become the traditional, time-honored flower of Easter- a symbol of hope and rebirth. Whether given as a gift or enjoyed in your own home, the Easter Lily serves as a beautiful reminder that Easter is a time for rejoicing and celebrating and continues to be a beautiful reminder of the significance of this celebrated season.

The assurance of God's grace will begin to break through the ground in an array of color in every variety. The world may seem like a frightening place, just as the Lord adorns the flowers and initiates the regrowth of Spring we can fill our hearts with the hope of peace. In the most difficult moments of worry or anxiety, God faithfully reminds us to "consider the lilies of the field" – the Apostles of Hope.

Happy Easter! Happy Pasach! Happy Spring!



Ten Mile River Scout Museum Hosted Photo Exhibit at Bear Mountain Park Inn

(From Pg. 1)

About the TMR Scout Museum

The Ten Mile River Scout Museum exists to preserve and promote the spirit and heritage of New York City Scouting at the Ten Mile River Scout Camps and selected venues through the creation of historical archives, displays, exhibits of photos, memorabilia, documents and tangible items in both indoor and outdoor settings. We also recognize the local history in the vicinity of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps.

It is located in the Sullivan County Catskills in New York State, near Monticello and Narrowsburg. Towns and villages in this region include but are not limited to Bethel, Callicoon, Cocheton, Delaware, Fallsburg, Forestburgh, Fremont, Highland, Liberty, Lumberland, Mamakating, Neversink, Rockland, Thompson and Tusten.

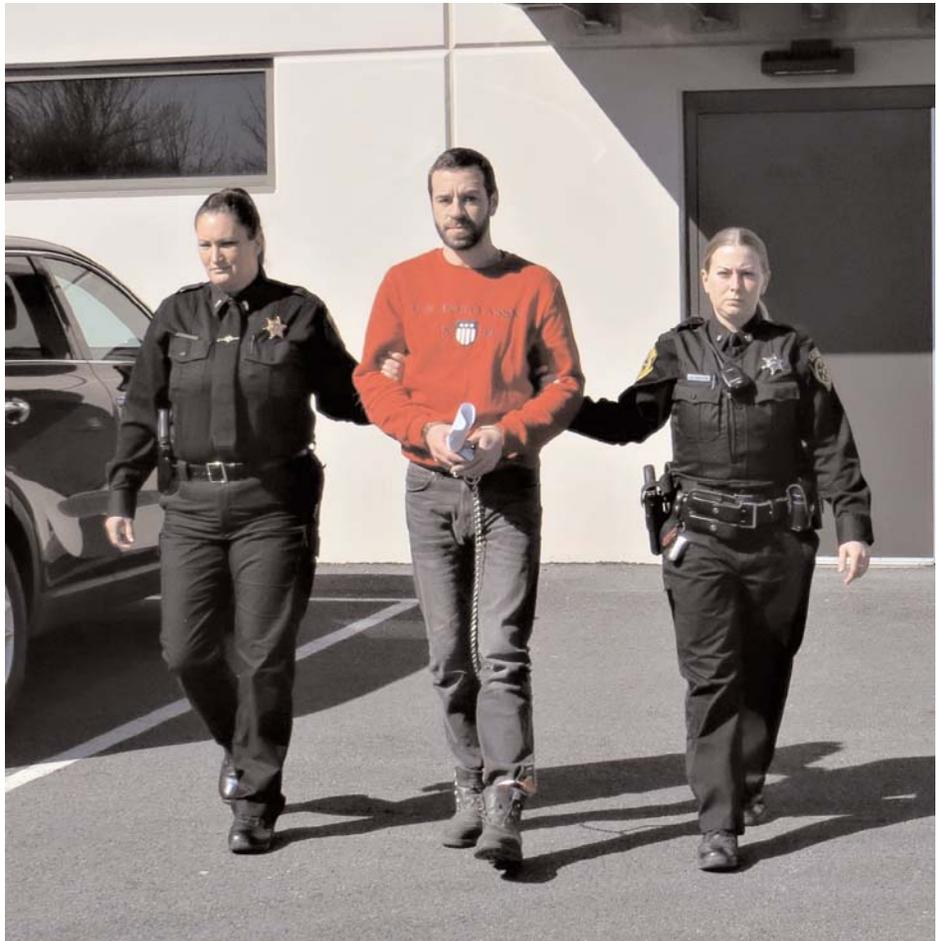
Bank Robbery in Monticello

On Friday April 8, 2022, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a robbery at the M&T Bank located at 4446 State Route 42 in Monticello.

Witness told sheriff's detectives that a white male wearing an orange shirt and no mask, entered the bank at about 1:20 pm and passed a note to the teller stating he had a gun and demanded money. The suspect then fled the bank with a sum of U.S. Currency. .

As a result of that investigation, the robbery suspect was identified as Charles Pratt, 33, of Watertown NY. A warrant was issued for the suspect and the vehicle he was driving. The vehicle was reported to be stolen. Late Saturday evening an alert NYPD officer in the 32nd precinct in Manhattan spotted the vehicle parked on the street. The suspect was found asleep in the back seat. He was arrested and charged by NYPD with possessing the stolen vehicle. Sheriff's detectives extradited Pratt Monday morning from New York City and returned him to Sullivan County where he was charged with Robbery 3rd degree, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 3rd degree and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle 1st degree, all felonies. Charles Pratt was arraigned before Neversink Town Justice Michael Scagnelli and sent to the Sullivan County Jail without bail pending a future appearance in the Town of Thompson Court.

Sheriff Mike Schiff said that his deputies aggressively pursued this case from the start. "We have a motivated group of deputy sheriffs who take these crimes very seriously. They were relentless in their pursuit of this suspect", said the Sheriff. The Sheriff also acknowledged the police officers of the NYPD 32nd precinct. "We all know how busy they are in New York City with their own investigations. They did a great job spotting the getaway vehicle on the street and apprehending the suspect". The Sheriff said that he was thankful that no one was injured during the commission of the crime or the subsequent apprehension of the suspect.



Bank robbery suspect Charles Pratt is led to his arraignment Monday morning by Sheriff's Lieutenant Cheryl Crumley (l) and Deputy Kearstin DeGraw (r)

The Echo Man

Mysterious Book Report No. 485

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna



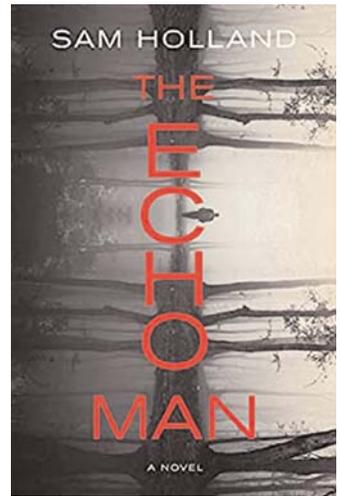
The Echo Man, (Crooked Lane, \$26.99, 326 pages, ISBN 978-1-64385-991-0), the debut of author Sam Holland, is fascinating, frightening and utterly compelling reading . . . but you'd better be able to handle a lot of gore if you decide to give it a go . . . because it's about serial killers. Real ones. And their depravity is on full display as a killer called "The Echo Man" by the newshounds, goes about the business of re-creating the terrible murders of psychos like Jeffrey Dahmer, Ted Bundy, and Charles Manson, to name just a few. There's others. Many of them, and equally as demented, but not as well known.

As the story begins, detectives Cara Elliott and Noah Deakin are called to the scene of a brutal kidnapping and murder. They discover the body of a young woman in the trunk of a 1965 Ford Galaxie who's been brutally stabbed and murdered. They don't realize it at the time, but it's a reenactment of a serial killing by a mass murderer named Edmund Kemper, and it's only one of many to come. At about the same time, a woman named Jessica Ambrose is burned out of her house . . . where her husband was killed in the fire. Accused of murdering him, she's soon on the run, when she meets a disgraced detective named Nate Griffin, who believes she's innocent and decides to help her. Together, they discover a shocking link between a series of unrelated appearing murders and realize that there's a common thread. Someone is restaging the crimes of some of the 20th century's most appalling serial killers. When Nate notifies Elliott and Deakin however, they instinctively push back in disbelief. It seems that the three of them have a history. But the truth is the truth, and it will not be denied. After following up on the tip, the two cops discover that he's right. As a killer goes about staging more and more terrible murders he's working up to what he calls his masterpiece. With pressure mounting from the public and the police command, the race is on to apprehend the killer and clear Jessica's name. The savagery is unrelenting and the corpses keep coming in this terrific homage to the most awful crimes in human history. You won't be able to stop reading!!

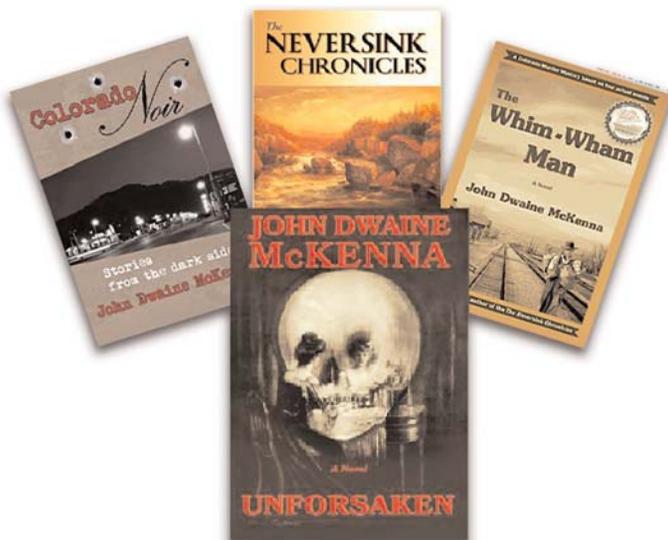
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Time for Spring Cleaning, Sullivan County!

Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck Returns April 1st through June 30th

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's Annual Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck is set for **April 1 through June 30, 2022**. By resolution of the County Legislature, the disposal fee will be waived during that time for roadside & public trail litter.

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

"This is a great way to 'clean ourselves up' as we start a new tourism season," Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty notes. "One of the first impressions we make on visitors is the state of our roads. Frankly, we all feel better when our roads look better, and this is an opportunity to work on a project we all agree about."

Residents who wish to participate in the Litter Pluck may pick up their free disposal coupons, along with program guidelines, on or after March 21 at their town or village hall, County-operated transfer station, or the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department in the Government Center. Participants will be asked to register at the County-operated transfer station at the time of disposal.

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



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All Family Farm (AFF), located in Middletown, NY and founded in 2018 by veterans Nathan and Misty

Allanach, raises and sells heritage breed Berkshire pork. Together with CCE Sullivan ag educators, they will discuss their mindset on the management of their farm, including pasture management, operations, and sales. Beginning with an overview of how they made business choices around their acreage, they will review two farm operational systems: the feeding silo and the loading system for hogs preceding transport. Attendees will tour the farm, visit the farm store, and learn how the farmers market their products. Veterans will have the opportunity to survey the land currently in production, discuss small business strategies, learn technical methods of small-scale production, and ask questions in real time to a veteran family farm.

Lunch is provided and participants will receive a copy of the book, "Storey's Guide to Raising Pigs, 4th Edition: Care, Facilities, Management, Breeds". A bootwash station will be provided for participants with livestock to maintain farm biosecurity.

Pre-registration is required for this FREE veteran-only program by web at sullivanvance.org/events, email at sullivan@cornell.edu, or phone at 845-292-6180. All Family Farm's address will be provided with registration.

This workshop is sponsored by Cornell Small Farms Farm Ops program. Farm Ops aims to support military service members and veterans who desire to explore and/or pursue agricultural vocations. Learn more at smallfarms.cornell.edu/projects/farm-ops.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. The public can contact the office to request accommodations.

DEC Forest Rangers

Week in Review

Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

Ulster County

Drone Mission: On March 29, Forest Rangers Martin and Franceschina conducted a drone flight over a 200-acre mine in Ulster County. Rangers were requested to assist DEC's Division of Mineral Resources in documenting the progress of a mine reclamation project. Rangers used multiple small unmanned aircraft systems to collect photos and videos of the site. Flights will be conducted again later this year to document the progress of the project. DEC maintains a large Unmanned Aviation Unit consisting of members from several divisions including the Division of Forest Protection, which has several highly trained, FAA-certified Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) pilots across the state. Rangers use drones to assist with search and rescue operations, fighting wildfires, and other non-emergency missions as requested.



Aerial view of large waterbody in former mine

Fire Suppression Training: On March 30, Forest Rangers Parlier and Sweeney taught the DEC Basic Wildland Fire Suppression course to recruits at the Yonkers Career Fire Academy. On April 2 and 3, Forest Rangers Parlier and



Training group poses for a photo with rakes

Sweeney taught the course to eight fire departments in Dutchess County. These field exercises took place at Taconic Hereford Multiple Use Area in Pleasant Valley and more than two dozen firefighters attended. All participants learned about fire suppression techniques, as well as fire behavior and how weather plays a role in wildland firefighting.

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Wilderness Rescue: On April 2 at approximately 8:30 p.m., DEC Dispatch notified Forest Ranger Fox of a hiker who was vomiting and unable to continue hiking in the Elm Ridge Wild Forest. Ranger Fox made contact with the subject, a 77-year-old from Farmingdale, who was experiencing nausea and weakness. After determining the subject's location on the Escarpment Trail, Rangers Fox, Gullen, and Mitchell hiked in to meet him and his hiking partner, who were slowly continuing. Rangers provided hot fluids and food and start-



ed a fire to warm the pair. Eventually, the subject recovered enough strength to continue. Rangers carried the subject out of the woods. Rangers provided a courtesy transport to the subject's vehicle at the East Windham trailhead.

Resources were clear at 2:30 a.m.

April is here and we're ready for your visit in our legendary Sullivan Catskills. So come on get hoppy

Start your visit with tours and tastings at our breweries. They're all part of the Good Taste Craft Beverage Trail. Please designate a driver because we have six of them where you can wet your whistle: Callicoon Brewing Company, Catskill Brewery, Roscoe Beer Company, Russian Mule Brewery, Shrewd Fox Brewery and Upward Brewing Company. While you sip the beer, have a nosh, and enjoy the unique surrounding at each location, be sure to chat up the brew masters at each location. They love to talk about their craft.

Beer pairs beautifully with barbecue. And now that spring is here, it's time for a visit to Smoke Joint Catskills in Livingston Manor. The grill's fired up and you will be too when you bite into the smoky St. Louis Pork Ribs, Beer Brisket or Half Chicken. Wash it down with a local brew by the can from Roscoe Beer Company, Upward Brewing or Catskill Brewery. There's more barbecue at Chick E Ribs-wood fired, slow-cooked and now open in their new Liberty location. If it's burritos you crave, you must check out: El Sombrero Tex Mex Bar and Grill in Rock Hill, Dos Gatos Cantina at The Alder at Resorts World Catskills. And watch for the season openings of The Cabin at Hessinger Lare and the Catskill Food Truck-both featuring a Mexican twist.

Just take a hike through our woods or paved trails. You can also walk through our main streets and shop for home goods, antiques, jewelry, baked goods, wine and spirits. There's no shortage of art galleries and exhibits to keep you moving and on your feet- including the latest shows on view at The Museum at Bethel Woods and Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Later, take a ride out to Callicoon where the Callicoon Theater presents A Night of Live Rock N Roll and Cult Movies. The show starts with a live performance by local garage rock duo, Basic B*tches. (Parental discretion advised). After a short intermission and a few retro cartoons, settle in and watch the 1984 classic cult movie "This is Spinal Tap" in all its original glory.

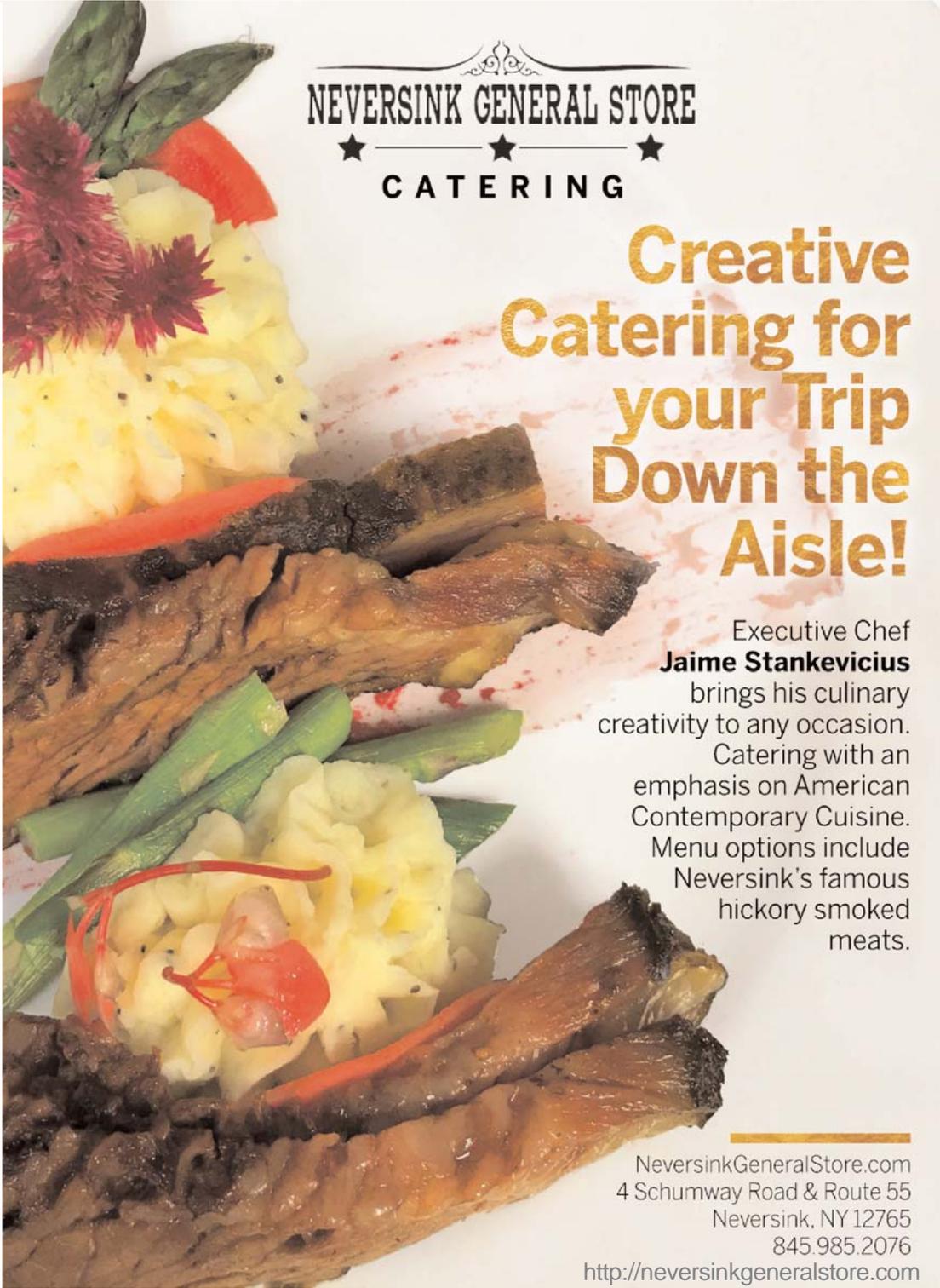
And no visit here would be complete without a tour of the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail—a collection of 60 hand painted sculptures perched throughout our towns, villages, and businesses, all commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock Music and Art Festival held right here in our Town of Bethel.

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If you experience technical difficulties with Eventbrite, please call (845) 377-3727 or email musicon-marketellenville@gmail.com with details of your reservation and we will assist you.

Reserve your spot here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/music-on-market-presents-soul-city-tickets-305155968717>

The Scene Too -Jane Harrison

A big welcome back to THE GRAHAMSVILLE DELI! Although still in a 'soft opening' phase, I have it on good authority that it will soon be back in full operation soon.

And it won't be long before THE HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE will also be opening for the season.

I visited two new venues this past week...and by new, I mean really brand spankin' new. The first was THE TANGO CAFÉ in Hurleyville for their 'first Monday' (meaning the first



Monday of the month) Open Mic hosted by **CASWYN MOON**. The TANGO CAFÉ sits behind the HURLEYVILLE ARTS CENTER just off Main Street and looks deceptively small. But upon entering, one finds a generous seating area for dining and an equally generous bar area and a slick, not unpleasant New York City vibe.

CASWYN MOON once again shows his organizational skills, in addition to his musical acumen, in not just setting up but keeping the music flowing with few gaps and attracting some of the musicians one rarely sees at Open Mics...including **DAVID ROSENBERG** who initiated the wildly popular Open Mic at **DeFILLIPI'S BAKERY** in Monticello on Sundays, 11am to 1-ish.



Three other major surprises were **PATTI GRECO**, **BRYAN GORDON** and **D'RAZ'**. I regret not speaking to Patti and only briefly with D'Raz', but I did corner poor Mr Gordon. The last (and only) time I saw him was Pre CoVid at the **PICKLED OWL**. Perhaps it was that venue,



where the emphasis is on dining, but what I saw in the few songs he did was a very powerful performance (which may be why his name keeps popping up over the last year in other venues). It was one of those times where one stops and turns to listen. He's on my list now of someone I need to see next time he's booked.

Among the others performing (that I know) were **TERI PARIS**, a woman with a voice that has graced many a musical theatre stage,



MOSHA SOKAL, a gifted singer/songwriter who has made a name for herself in the back-grounds of recordings by notables, and my neighbor **ELAINE** who brought an ancient instrument that looked to be perhaps Himalayan with strings and cymbals. The fact that this instrument was intact and that she could actually **PLAY** it, were both pretty remarkable. I love Open Mics!!

Last Saturday night found me at another brand-y new revamped venue in an old familiar spot. The much-loved **BUM** and **KEL'S** in Loch Sheldrake closed forever during the CoVid years. Recently, it has reopened as **KEL'S ON THE LAKE** with a completely new look. Gone is the iconic oval wooden bar and its interior has been reworked to, you guessed it, a slick New York City looking interior.

But I was there to see **ALBI BELULI**. There is a reason he is one of the most sought after performers in several counties. When this man rocks out (which has to be difficult for a solo performer), the music he chooses spans decades and that he is able to tie it all seamlessly together. I do believe he is one of those rare ones that can scan an audience and know what to pull out of his vast repertoire. Conjecture aside, before the end of his first set, he had people singing along.



A note about the food in both places: The Tango Café has a full dining menu including appetizers. Kel's On The Lake has basic bar food (for right now anyway).

Then Sunday was party day! **D'RAZ'** not only provided the music for the first brunch of the season at **CABERNET FRANK'S**, but it was also his birthday! I've seen **D'RAZ'** and his accordion as a side man with other bands and heard him solo with a few songs for the first time at **NICKY REDD'S** memorial and again at the 'first Monday' at the **TANGO CAFÉ** and my reaction to both was "Hmmm".



So what did I hear on Sunday when he had the stage to himself? How about Elton John's **HONKY CAT** with piano and bass. Or **GROOVIN'** by the Rascals with almost a synthesizer effect. Or Bill Withers **USE ME** with a guitar. This ain't grampa's Polka accordion!! Then there were the songs you don't often hear like Van Morrison's **DOMINO** and **THE BALLAD OF JOHN AND YOKO**. And his unique version of my departed buddy Harry Nilsson's **LIME IN THE COCONUT**. He takes a song, and between his instrument and a strong clear voice, makes them his own.

But my favorite of the afternoon was **YELLOW MOON** (the Neville Brothers). Love that Cajan vibe!

And the brunch was good too!
With Easter on the horizon, these are all I know for sure:
Wednesday, Open mic at **CABERNET FRANK'S** hosted by **CASWYN MOON**; 7pm
Thursday, Open mic at **THE DALE** in Mountindale, hosted by **CASWYN MOON**; 7pm
Next Saturday, April 16, **THE JOHNNY JULES BAND** will be at **CABERNET FRANK'S**; 8pm

It's been long weeks with seemingly endless rain.
It's been a long winter.
It's been a longer two years.
I'm just grateful for this lull.
Until next time.....

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NYSEG to Permanently Close Liberty Walk-in Office Office will close effective April 18, 2022

LIBERTY, NY New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) announced it will permanently close its Liberty walk-in office located at 26 Wierk Ave., Liberty, NY, 12754, effective April 18, 2022. The office has been closed since February 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, customers could drop off payments outside the building, but over time, more and more customers have chosen to pay their bill online, over the phone or at another location.

Customers who prefer to pay in person can visit approved pay agents conveniently located near the Liberty office. A full list is included below. Payments can be made without a fee at these approved pay agents. Otherwise, customers are encouraged to pay using one of the following options:

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Performance dates: June 10-12 and 17-19. Friday and Saturday performances at 8 PM, Sunday performances at 2 PM

All auditionees will be asked to cold read a scene. Then individual play directors will arrange readings for specific plays

For more information: haroldtigh50@gmail.com or 845-807-7212.

SUNY Sullivan Health and Social Sciences Day

Saturday, April 30

12:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

(Check-in starts at 12:30 p.m.,
"E" Building) SUNY Sullivan Campus
112 College Road, Loch Sheldrake, NY

Find out about rewarding careers in the Health & Social Sciences fields.

Check out our Health & Social Sciences programs & meet the faculty.

Tour the campus, field house, and residence hall after the event.

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Registration requested, but not required.

<https://suny-sullivan.com/health-social-sciences-day/>

DID YOU KNOW?*

Demand for employees in the Health and Social Sciences fields is growing at above average rates across the country, with projected growth rates of up to 39% over the next 10 years and a median pay of up to \$89,999 (as of 2020).

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New Paltz Climate Action Planned Events

The THURSDAY, April 7th TIAA-DIVEST action was postponed due to rain. Please come out this THURSDAY April 14th to push TIAA to Divest from fossil fuels 12 noon at Excelsior Plaza In front of Humanities Building and JFT

New Paltz Climate Action is co-sponsoring a few events that focus on divestment from fossil fuels and illegal land grabs:

WHAT: Don't Be Fossil Fooled by TIAA: speakers, signs, banners, and YOU.

WHEN: Thursday April 14th, 12 noon - 1 PM

WHERE: SUNY New Paltz, Jacobson Faculty Tower, front plaza

WHY: TIAA invests all the pensions for SUNY faculty and staff; students' tuition money is going to TIAA. But TIAA has invested over \$20B in fossil fuels, AND TIAA grabs small farms, forest and grasslands to turn into toxic industrial agriculture, which also harms climate and communities on a massive scale.

* TIAA funds WAR! TIAA has invested \$174 million in Gazprom, Lukoil and Rosneft, the Russian oil and gas corporations which are bankrolling Russia's Ukraine invasion.

* TIAA invests over \$414M in Chevron, which has destroyed Ecuadoran communities in the Amazon. Chevron persecutes those who expose its environmental crimes.

* TIAA invests \$265M in Shell, \$243M in Exxon, and over \$98M in Enbridge, the company building the Tar Sands Line 3 pipeline on Anishinaabe land.

* TIAA invests over \$100M in Adani, the coal company building a massive, notorious coal mine in Australia on stolen Indigenous traditional land.

* Plastics is the new coal! Horribly, TIAA is invested in Formosa Plastics, the plastics giant now trying to build a new plastics plant in St. James Parish, Louisiana (aka Cancer Alley). Plastics is toxic and deadly. We're not having it!

OUR DEMANDS:

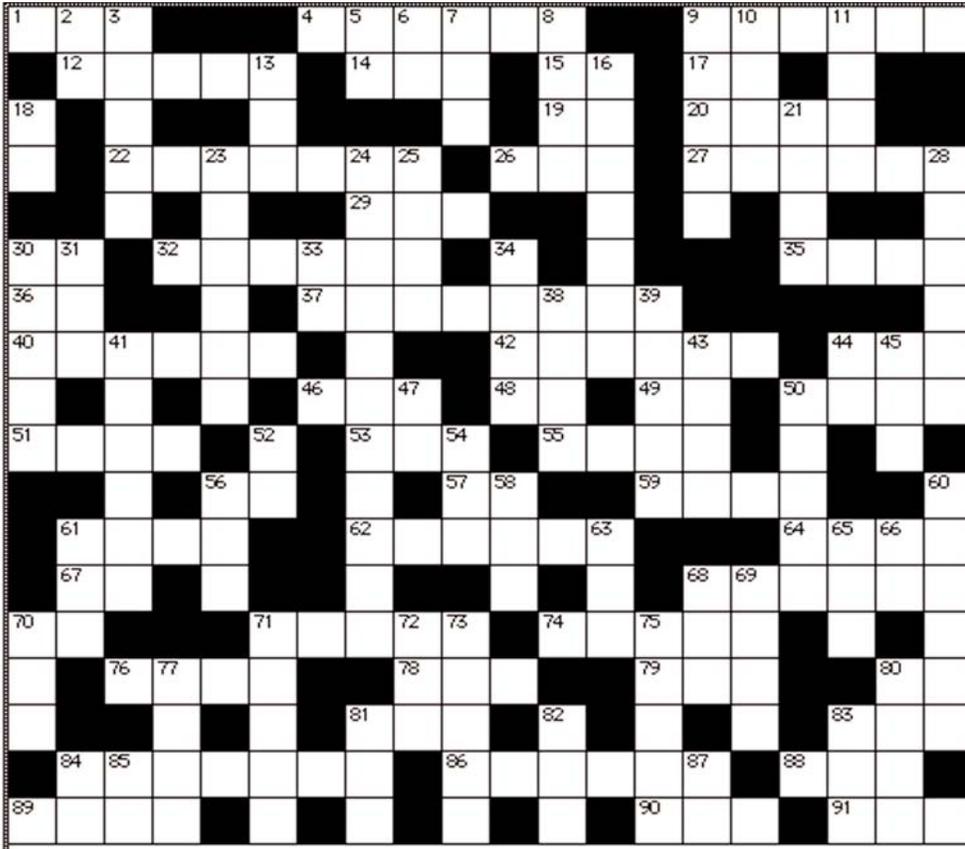
Divest from all fossil fuels by 2025, and Stop Land Grabs!

SUNY New Paltz passed the first of 13 Resolutions nationwide pushing TIAA to divest from fossil fuels and stop land grabs. But TIAA isn't listening. They're green-washing instead of divesting. Over 25,000 people have signed THIS PETITION. Let's make them listen.

Please join us. If you or someone you know would like to speak at this combined press conference / rally, please contact us: contact@tiaa-divest.org

TIAA-Divest! website lists all the actions.

Rejoice! - L. Comando



ACROSS
 1 Produced a flame
 4 Unleavened bread
 9 Evening meal
 12 Counterpane
 14 Type of filled pastry
 15 Used to link alternatives
 17 Printer's measure
 19 The person speaking
 20 Ten cents
 22 Motivate
 26 Reverend
 27 Mass departure
 29 Self-pride
 30 Referring to the man
 32 Employing
 35 Dutch cheese
 36 Extraterrestrial
 37 Spring festival commemorating the Israelites from Egyptian bondage

40 Popular Easter animal
 42 Something done again
 44 One and one
 46 Inquire
 48 Mountain
 49 Bachelor
 50 Simmer
 51 Waistband
 53 Securities Exchange Commission
 55 Tread water
 56 Fourth note of the major scale
 57 Indefinite article
 59 Fluorescent color
 61 Cause to become healthy again
 62 Collective phenomena of the physical world
 64 Character in 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
 67 Preposition
 68 Full of

happiness
 70 After noon
 71 Shout for joy
 74 Month of Easter and Passover 2022
 76 Small jumping insect
 78 By way of
 79 Era
 80 Mile (abbrev)
 81 Risk something
 83 Spasmodic contraction of a muscle
 84 A day of festivity
 86 Oldest festival of the Christian church
 88 In accordance with
 89 Horse of a small breed
 90 Neversink or Merriman
 91 Snaring trap
DOWN
 2 Intelligent Quotient
 3 Bulbous spring flower
 5 Associated Press
 6 Chemical element titanium
 7 Japanese

school of Mahayana Buddhism
 8 Abode
 9 Passover meal
 10 Type of gnome computer system
 11 Having two or more different colors
 13 Pointed end of something
 16 Restore life
 18 Depart
 21 Fault in a person that is less serious than the fault of the once criticizing
 23 Non-physical part of a person
 24 Reawakening
 25 Symbols of new life
 28 Something that stands for something else
 30 Part of the Seder Plate
 31 Seventh

letter of the Greek alphabet
 33 Internet Protocol
 34 What the early bird will catch
 38 People who served in the military
 39 A popular spring bird
 41 Container made from cane
 43 Moniker
 44 In the direction of
 45 Triumph in
 47 Kinetic energy
 50 He hides the Easter eggs
 52 Los Angeles
 54 Feline
 56 Move through the air
 58 An edible kernel
 60 Relating to the

universe
 61 Meat traditionally served at Easter dinner
 63 Extrasensory perception
 65 Long period of time
 66 Twelfth star in a constellation
 68 Lively dance
 69 Margarine
 70 Cooking utensil
 71 Sweet sugary food
 72 Night before an event
 73 Solemn acts
 75 Speak with great enthusiasm
 77 Popular Easter flower
 80 Swamp
 81 Short for good-bye
 82 Distinct ideology
 83 Cardinal number
 84 Exclamation of surprise
 85 Not off
 87 Egyptian sun god

Sweet Ricotta Easter Pie
 Makes 2 deep-dish pies
 12 large eggs
 2 cups white sugar
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 1 tablespoon lemon zest
 3 pounds ricotta cheese
 1 tablespoon lemon zest
 Your favorite recipe for the pie crust (for 2 pies)
 Preheat oven to 325° F.
 Beat the 12 eggs, 2 cups sugar and vanilla extract together in a large bowl. Add ricotta cheese and mix well.
 Roll out 2 of the balls to fit into the pie pans. Pour the ricotta filling evenly into the pie crusts. Top each pie with 8 narrow strips of dough. Brush top of pie with milk for shine, if desired.
 Bake in preheated oven for 20 to 30 minutes. Continue to bake until a knife inserted in the center of each pie comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes more.
 Cool completely on wire racks.
 Refrigerate until serving.

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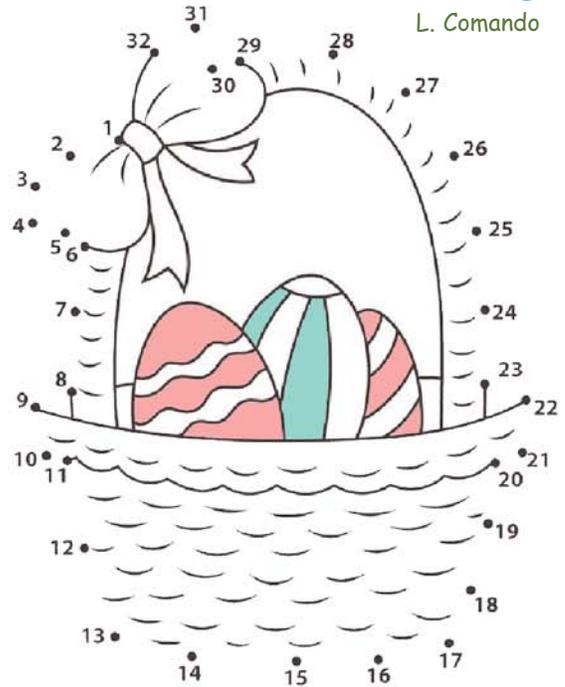
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Kids' Holiday Fun Page

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- LILY
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Public Encouraged to Remove Birdfeeders, Feed Pets Indoors

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today reminded New Yorkers to take down bird feeders and secure garbage to avoid potential conflicts with black bears.

Bears are emerging from their dens, and now is the time to take steps to reduce potential conflicts through the spring and summer. Bird feeders, unsecured garbage, and outdoor pet and livestock feed can attract bears and lead to potential conflicts for homeowners. Repeated access to bird feeders and garbage can make bears bolder, seeking additional sources of human-related foods inside vehicles or buildings, particularly when natural foods are scarce.

Feeding bears intentionally is illegal. Unintentional feeding through bird feeders and unsecured garbage also has consequences for communities and may ultimately be deadly for the bear if the bear becomes a greater threat to people and property after exposure to these sources of food. It is important to properly manage attractants to avoid human-bear conflicts.

DEC advises everyone residing in or visiting bear country (most of upstate New York) to remove any attractants. People should take down birdfeeders and clean up any remaining bird seed now, begin storing garbage inside secure buildings until the morning of collection, and feed pets indoors. By taking these simple steps, New Yorkers can help ensure bears will find food naturally, which protects people, property, and bears.

For more information, please visit DEC's webpage on reducing human-bear conflicts.



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NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Now Hiring for 2022 Camping and Summer Recreation Season Seasonal Recreation Staff Opportunities Available

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the availability of employment opportunities for the summer recreational season. Individuals looking for seasonal summer employment who enjoy the outdoors are encouraged to learn more about opportunities to work at DEC facilities.

DEC operates 52 public campgrounds and five day use areas throughout the Adirondack and Catskill Parks. DEC hires more than 500 seasonal employees to provide a variety of services throughout the summer season. All levels of experience and skill sets are needed, ranging from supervisors, lifeguards, security, maintenance, cleaning staff, and booth workers. Some positions start as early as May, but varying start dates can be accommodated based on school and work schedules.

Individuals at least 16 years old interested in summer lifeguarding positions at DEC facilities must complete the waterfront lifeguard course to be considered for employment and a no-cost waterfront lifeguard course will be offered April 19 - 22, in Gloversville, Fulton County. The free lifeguard course includes certification in required lifeguarding and waterfront skills, CPR/AED for professional rescuers, and first aid.

All applicants for seasonal summer employment must be willing to work weekends and holidays. Those interested in summer employment with DEC or looking for more information should visit DEC's website, call (518) 457-2500 Ext. #1, or email campinfo@dec.ny.gov.

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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

MARCH 18, 2022

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

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022
At 7:00 P.M. (EDT)**

for the purpose of presenting the school budget for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting, including the VOTE upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2022-2023 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 1:00 and 8:00 P.M. daylight savings time at the Main Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Central High School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition will also be submitted for voter approval at said Annual Meeting:

"Shall the Board of Education be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund, designated as the 2022 Capital Reserve Fund, in accordance with Education Law Section 3651(1), for the purpose of paying the cost of future building projects and facility renovations, in a maximum amount not to exceed \$20,000,000, plus accrued earnings, to be raised by annual transfers of unappropriated fund balances, annual transfers of excess funds from the General Fund in an amount up to \$750,000, for a probable term of ten (10) years, effective July 1, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2032, provided that, pursuant to Education Law Section 3651(3), no expenditure shall be made from such fund except upon authorization of the voters of the District for the purposes specified herein?"

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, on or before 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 18, 2022. Nominating petitions shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer, and, must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. For 2022, there are three Board seats available which are three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025, for seats currently held by the following Board of Education members:

Keri-Ann Poley
Erin Mentnech
Joseph Colón

Candidates whose names will appear on the ballot will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the public at the Annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the Secondary School Library Lower Level.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Tuesday, May 10, 2022, and Wednesday, May 11, 2022, in the Administration Building, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 12, 2022, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to May 17, 2022. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. (Contd. Pg. 19)

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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

(From Pg. 18)

The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote. Potential voters who are concerned about appearing for personal registration due to COVID-19 risks, may register online at the Department of Motor Vehicles voter registration website at the following URL: <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>. Potential voters may also register by downloading a Voter Registration Form from the New York State Board of Elections website (<https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html#VoteRegForm>), completing it, and mailing it to the Sullivan County Board of Elections at the address listed on the second page of the form.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (845) 985-2296, ext. 5102 and normapena@trivalleycsd.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 21, 2022. Military Voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter by filling out a Military Voter Registration Application, which can also be obtained by requesting an application from the District Clerk. Military Voter Registration Applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2022. Military voters may indicate a preference for receiving a military voter registration, military ballot application, or military ballot by mail, fax, or e-mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. The School District will transmit military ballots to military voters no later than April 22, 2022. Completed military ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2022 in order to be counted.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee Ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 10, 2022) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 16, 2022), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the annual meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee voter ballots have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the District Office until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the vote.

Please be advised that due to the ongoing and dynamic nature of the response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the dates and procedures relating to school elections may be subject to change pursuant to the Governor's executive authority or through legislative enactments.

By order of the Board of Education
 Norma Peña, District Clerk
 Dated: March 18, 2022

4/7; 4/14; 4/21; 4/28

**Tri-Valley CSD
 Board Meeting
 Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

Meeting Opening Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.,
 Secondary School Library Lower Level,
 Anticipated Proposed Executive Session 6:00 p.m.,
 Secondary School Library Upper Level,
 Regular Meeting #19 resumes approximately 7:00 p.m.,
 Secondary School Library Lower Level.

**Fallsburg CSD
 Board of Education
 Meetings**

**April 12, 2022
 (Tuesday: BOCES vote)**

May 4, 2022

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Notice of Complete Application**

Date: 03/24/2022

Applicant: SULLIVAN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
64 FERNDALE LOOMIS RD
LIBERTY, NY 12754

Facility: LADLETON STREAM RESTORATION
2328 DENNING RD
DENNING, NY 12725

Application ID: 3-5120-00140/00001

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 15 Title 5 Stream Disturbance
1 - Section 401 - Clean Water Act Water Quality Certification

Project is located: in DENNING in ULSTER COUNTY

Project Description:

The applicant proposes to disturb approximately 1,110 feet of the East Branch Neversink Creek (Water Index #: D-1-82, Class C(T)) and 280 feet of a tributary to the East Branch Neversink Creek (Water Index # D-1-82-6, Class C(T)) associated with a stream restoration project to stabilize the streambanks and channel, reduce flood risk, and improve aquatic habitat. A total area of disturbance of approximately 1.3 acres within the East Branch Neversink Creek and approximately 0.06 acres within the tributary is proposed in order to regrade and install stream and streambank stabilization measures along both streams and to shift the East Branch Neversink Creek. Newly constructed floodplains will be covered with topsoil, seeded, and planted with native vegetation.

This is an updated publication based on revised project plans submitted to the Department after the previous ENB publication date of 03/30/2022.

Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination

Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency: None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

Evaluation using a Structural-Archaeological Assessment Form or other information has concluded that the proposed activity will not impact registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)

It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.

Availability For Public Comment

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 04/28/2022 or 15 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person

ELLEN M HART
NYSDEC
21 S Putt Corners Rd
New Paltz, NY 12561
(845) 256-3051

4/14/2022

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

**2022-2023 Opening
Tri-Valley Central School**

School Nurse
LPN/RN License Required

Please forward resumes & Tri-Valley's application
(located at www.trivalleycsd.org) by **Apr 30th**
To: tri-valley-recruitment@scbores.org
Attn: Nurse Search EOE

4/7; 4/14; 4/21

Town of Neversink SPRING CLEANUP 2022

Spring Cleanup will be held on April 23, 27 & 30 AND May 4, 2022. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with RED 2022 permits will be allowed 2 loads which must be brought during the Spring Cleanup dates. Permit cards will be punched for each load. TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of with payment being made by SW coupons. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. Due to the high volume of traffic during spring cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Spring Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.

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

Special Announcement about Budget Vote in FCSD

This year's School Budget Vote and Election for Board of Education members on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 will be held in the Board Room at the Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School instead of the high school library. If you are facing the front entrance to the school, take the road that is on the left side of the building. The Board Room is on the same floor as the Superintendent's Office. There will be plenty of lawn sign and large banners showing the way. Voting hours are 11 AM to 8 PM.

Please Take Notice:

Covid-19 Home Test Kits

are available at
Town of Denning Town Hall
1567 Denning Road Claryville, NY

Mondays through Thursdays
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
until they are gone.

Call (845) 985-2411 for more
information.

Full Time Residents Only
Proof of Denning
residency required
ONE kit per household
(2 tests)
Signature required

Ulster County
is tracking distribution

**COVID HOME TEST KITS
ARE AVAILABLE AT THE
NEVERSINK TOWN
HALL**

- **Must be a Town of Neversink Residents
- **Two tests per household
- **Available 8:30 to 4:30 M-F

ST. MARK'S UMC
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INDOOR YARD and CLOTHING SALE

Will be opened every Friday from 10 - 3

Something for Everyone



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Sundown United Methodist Church

Bake Sale April 16th 9 - 12

Easter Breakfast April 17th - 9:30

Covered Dish Supper May 7

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



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The Little Church with the Big Heart
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sunday, 8:00am Service of Holy Communion
Music by Fred VanWagner

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845-436-7539

For information contact:
The Reverend Diana Southwick Scheide
Canon Missioner of the Delaware Catskill Episcopal Ministry
PO Box 296 Callicoon, NY
vicardcem@gmail.com
845-887-3201 • 717-870-7874 cell

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule: Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 3:00 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
(845) 434-7643

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Thrift Sale

April 23rd 9 am-12 noon

May 7th 9am- 12 noon

Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches House Worship Plan

Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>

Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740

Dial by your location
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.
If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the
Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

Grahamsville Reformed Church

The Church with a friendly welcome

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

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:00 am
Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor
Church Hall available for rent
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

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St. Augustine's Chapel
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword

Clip & Save

Grahamsville United Methodist Church



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

Thrift Sale Schedule 2022
All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

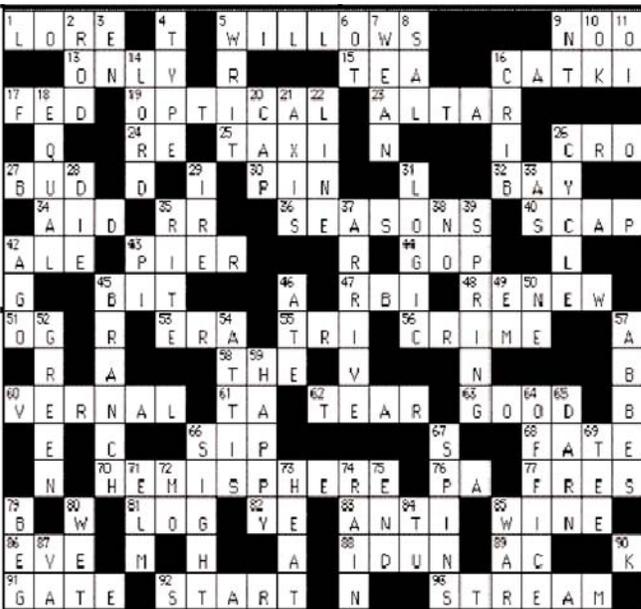
April - 23rd	August - 13th and 27th
May - 7th and 21st	Sept - 10th and 24th
June - 4th and 18th	October - 8th and 22nd
July - 9th and 23rd	Nov - 5th and 19th

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays
from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment.

Call Lee (985-3128) or Ruth (985-7222).

<http://grahamsvilleumc.org> • grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Seung Jin Hong, Pastor



All Aboard!
Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1-4 pm
in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also
WANTED
People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU
answer

6	3	8	4	9	2	1	5	7
9	1	4	3	5	7	8	2	6
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2	8	1	7	3	4	5	6	9
3	4	9	6	1	5	2	7	8

Sundown United Methodist Church WSCS Ladies of Sundown UMC

Bake Sale

April 16th 9 am - 12 noon
at the Church Hall

Easter Breakfast

April 17th - 9:30 am
at the Church Hall

Following
Easter Service
at 8:00 am

Covered Dish Supper

Saturday, May 7, 2022 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall

(Covered Dish Suppers will be held the First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall)

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AL-ANON MEETINGS- <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

VETERANS always Free search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the
Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.
For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4/12/22 Denning Town Board Meetings 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
 4/13/22 Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
 4/15/22 Town of Neversink Holiday - **GOOD FRIDAY**
 4/16/22 Sundown UMC **Bake Sale** 9 am - 12 noon Church Hall
 4/17/22 Sundown UMC **Easter Breakfast** 9:30 am Church Hall
 4/19/22 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
 4/21/22 Town of Denning Planning Board 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
 4/23/22 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon
 4/28/22 Neversink Fire District Monthly meeting 7:30 PM
 5/3/22 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
 5/4/22 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
 5/7/22 **Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 Church Hall
 5/8/22 Claryville Fire Department **Mother's Day All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 8 am - 12 noon

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

Local Town Hall Websites:

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update

April 11 - April 15, 2022

Monday, April 11

- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board**, at 239 Golden Hill Ln, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Kingston
- o **5:30 PM - Health, Human Services & Housing Committee**, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 873 4555 3690, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, April 12

- o **4:00 PM - Workforce Development Board**, by teleconference, to register contact repu@co.ulster.ny.us, or call (845) 340-3170
- o **4:00 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance**, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 821 2130 8090 By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o **5:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee**, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 842 1794 1984, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o **6:30 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means Committee) - Caucus: Democrats**, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 839 4745 9983, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

Wednesday, April 13

- o **5:00 PM - American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee**, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 810 1757 3957, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o **6:00 PM - Commission on Reapportionment, in the Legislative Chambers**, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, April 14

- o **5:30 PM - Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee**, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 890 5691 8410, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o **6:30 PM (or immediately following Laws, Rules, and Government Services Committee) - Caucus: Republicans**, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 871 4608 1727, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

Friday, April 15

- o No Meetings

Help your local business grow Advertise locally in *The Townsman!*

Classified ads - \$5.00
for the first 20 words/
20 cents each additional word

1" Boxed ad (1" x 3")
- \$6.00 per week

Business card ad (2" x 3")
\$12.00 per week

(3" x 4") - \$24.00 per week

(3" x 6") - \$36.00 per week

(4" x 6") - \$48.00 per week

1/4 pg (4" x 5") - \$40.00 per week

1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$64.00 per week

(6" x 8") - \$96.00 per week

Full Page - 8" x10" - \$100.00 per week

Digital Flyer - 8"x10 - \$100.00/week

•• **Full Page Flyer for Local Municipalities
and Organizations** - one time fee-
\$20.00

(once the flyer is inserted we will publish it
each week through to the week of the
event)

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

Low Rates High Visibility!

Remember All the Fun You Had at the Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sales?

We Can't Allow that to Change!

It was so much fun going to the Thrift Sale this past Saturday!

The next Thrift Sale at Grahamsville UM Church will be held on **April 23rd**. Volunteers are still needed to make sure they can continue to hold all the Thrift Sales posted on their calendar!

We all had a lot of fun looking for that special item and finding a lot more! Not only was it fun finding great bargains, but it was also a lot of fun seeing familiar faces and meeting new friends who were having just as much fun.

All those years, all those bargains, fun and food were **made possible by volunteers**. **Volunteers are special people** who gave some time and effort back to the community. In the past volunteers found their little niche - whether it was sorting the new items that were brought in by donors, washing items so they were pristine when you bought them, placing the items in an orderly fashion on the racks, tables and shelves, or being there on a sale day helping those making purchases.

Unfortunately time has taken its toll on the number of volunteers that are needed to make the Thrift Sales continue to happen. Some of the volunteers are longer with us, or are now unable to perform as they did in years past. How sad it would be not to have someone follow in their footsteps and step up and volunteer! **If you love coming to the Thrift Sales, why not become one of the volunteers?**

You don't have to be a member of the Grahamsville UM Church to be a volunteer. Think about it. If everyone who came to the Thrift Sale in the past were to volunteer just a little of their time and a little effort, we could all look forward to future **Thrift Sales!**

Please fill out the form below and bring it with you to the church on Sunday and leave it with the pastor or mail it to: **Grahamsville UM Church, P O Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740 Attention: Thrift Sale Volunteers**; or if you come to the next **Thrift Sale on April 23rd**, bring the form with you and give it to one of the volunteers.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please check what type of volunteer service you can offer to
help make the GUMC Thrift Sales continue to Happen!

_____ Help sort donations

_____ Wash items when necessary

_____ Help with displaying and placing merchandise for sale

_____ Help at the Thrift Sales

____ Other: If you have something else that you may offer to help, please let us know

THANK YOU!

The Daniel Pierce Library
— presents —

Pocketbook B I N G O

Friday, May 20, 2022

Doors open at 6:30 p.m
Calling begins at 7:00 p.m.

**\$40 per
Person**

Includes
7 games, door
prize entry &
light
refreshments



7 PRIZES

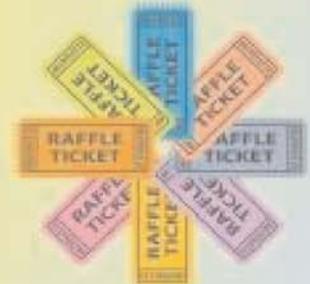
One winner per game



**Tickets on
sale now**

Must be 18 or older
to participate

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Daniel Pierce Library

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www.danielpiercelibrary.org

Tri-Valley Elementary School
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Tri-Valley Elementary School

UPK REGISTRATION

**If you have a child that will be 4
years old by December 1, 2022 please
call us at**

845-985-2296 ext. 5405

Or send an email to:

registration@trivalleycsd.org

**and leave your name, your child's
name and phone number where you
can be reached.**





Fallsburg CSD 2022-2023 Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

**NEW FOR 2022-2023:
FULL DAY PRE-K PROGRAM!**
(2 classrooms with 18 students in each)
(that day program will no longer be offered)

- Pre-K students must be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2022.
- Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2022.

Registration packets can be picked up in the Central Office in the JSHS or completed online.
Please visit <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> for instructions and to reach our online registration form.

****PLEASE NOTE:**
ALL incoming Kindergarteners MUST register, even if registered for Pre-K last year.**

Registration will take place for incoming:
Pre-K students: April 11th - April 29th
Kindergarten students: May 9th - May 20th

For Pre-K:
COMPLETE Registration Packets (including ALL required documentation) will be accepted until April 29th. At that time, a lottery may be held if more register than available seats. Once all seats are filled, students will be added to a Waiting List. Registration will be processed, by date of receipt, for COMPLETE registration packets only.



Fallsburg CSD 2022-2023 Registro de Pre-K y Kindergarten

**NUEVO PARA 2022-2023:
PROGRAMA DE PRE-K DE DÍA COMPLETO!**
(2 aulas con 18 alumnos en cada una)
(el programa de medio día ya no se ofrece)

- Los estudiantes de Pre-K deben tener 4 años cumplidos el 1 de diciembre de 2022 o antes.
- Los estudiantes de kindergarten deben tener 5 años cumplidos el 1 de diciembre de 2022 o antes.

Los paquetes de inscripción se pueden recoger en la Oficina Central en el JSHS.
Visite <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> para obtener instrucciones y acceder a nuestro formulario de registro en línea.

****TENGA EN CUENTA:**
TODOS los estudiantes que ingresan a kindergarten DEBEN registrarse, incluso si se registraron para Pre-K el año pasado.**

El registro se llevará a cabo para los entrantes:
Estudiantes de Pre-K: 11 de Abril - 29 de Abril
Estudiantes de Kindergarten: 9 de Mayo - 20 de Mayo

Para Pre-K:
COMPLETE Los paquetes de registro (que incluyen TODA la documentación requerida) se aceptarán hasta el 29 de abril. Una vez que se llenen todos los asientos, los estudiantes se agregarán a una lista de espera. El registro se procesará, por fecha de recepción, solo para paquetes de registro COMPLETOS.

Legislature Approves \$54,100 for Plans & Progress Round 1

Round 2 Applications Being Accepted through May 6

Monticello, NY - A total of \$54,100 has been awarded to six municipalities, non-profits, and community organizations across Sullivan County through the County's Plans & Progress Program. This funding will leverage over \$110,000 in total project costs.

“The Legislature is proud to once again be able to support local economic development through this initiative,” acknowledged District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart, chair of the Legislature's Planning Committee. “The pandemic briefly curtailed our ability to offer this kind of an opportunity, but I'm pleased to note this will be the first of at least two rounds of Plans & Progress this year alone. These monies will be absolutely essential to completing these worthwhile projects.”

The Plans & Progress Program provides grants of up to \$10,000 to assist local municipalities, community groups, and not-for-profit organizations throughout Sullivan County with projects related to tourism, community and economic development, image enhancement, trails development, health improvement, agricultural and farmland protection, and other community goals.

The Division of Planning is accepting applications for the remaining \$45,900 of program funds until 4 p.m. on May 6. Completed applications may be submitted electronically or delivered to the Division of Planning & Community Development, County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701. Applications will be accepted until all funds are committed.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss any projects with the Division of Planning and Community Development prior to applying. Staff is available to answer questions and to assist potential applicants with project development and applications. The program guidelines and application form are available on the County website at SullivanNY.us. To find it, go the Planning Division page and look in the lefthand menu column for “Community Development and Housing.”

For more information, contact Planning@sullivanny.us, or call (845) 807-0527.

Round 1 Plans & Progress awards include:

- o District 1 - \$10,000 to NACL to winterize its theater in the Town of Highland for year-round performances.
- o District 2 - \$10,000 to The Delaware Company to support the Festival of the Founding Fish: Upper Delaware Shadfest 2022, which will take place at multiple venues throughout the river corridor May 20-22.
- o District 6 - \$5,500 to Radio Catskill to install a Microwave Studio to Transmitter Link that will provide reliable delivery for audio to broadcast news and emergency information to Sullivan County residents despite weather or other interruptions.

Sun Trail Storage

Sun Trail is a local family-owned business
God Bless America
Located on the Corner of Hill Top Rd
and Route 55 Grahamsville, NY



**Hours of
Operation:**
7 AM - 9 PM
Every day
of the week
Call (845) 985-7923
or
(914) 672-3952

Please call for availability first

- o District 7 - \$8,600 to the Town of Fallsburg for the Hometown Heroes Banner project that will honor residents that are active-duty service members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces.
- o District 8 - \$10,000 to the Town of Thompson to create public access to the Neversink River at Bridgeville.
- o District 9 - \$10,000 to Nesin Cultural Arts to host two new free family-oriented events: a professional art show and an immersive family holiday concert.



The Town of Thompson has been awarded \$10,000 in Sullivan County Plans & Progress funding to create public access to the Neversink River near Bridgeville.

Honor the Earth by Pulling Invasives

This member of the buttercup family is no joy. We invite you to help us Earth Day weekend at our Thorn Preserve by pulling the perennial lesser celandine (aka fig buttercup or pilewort).



Earth Day Invasive Pull at the Thorn Preserve

Saturday April 23rd come celebrate Earth Day by learning about how to manage invasive plants. We will cover identification of many common invasive plants of the Woodstock area, and specifically focus on the identification, reporting, and management of lesser celandine (scientific name *Ficaria verna*), an aggressive mat-forming spring ephemeral in the buttercup family.

The day will feature a short tour of walking trails on the Thorn Preserve with discussion about and examples of common invasive plants, followed by a demonstration and volunteer pull focusing on the invasive lesser celandine.

Please come prepared to get dirty: gloves, hand trowels, and a water bottle are all recommended!

Please email Dan Snider-Nerp to RSVP or with any questions about the event at dsnider-nerp@catskillcenter.org

Wax Poetic While Walking on Our Trail

Celebrate National Poetry Month in April by strolling along the trail at our Catskills Visitor Center (CVC) in Mount Tremper and pausing to peruse poetry in nature. This poetry path is brought to you by the CVC and Morton Memorial Library in Pine Hill.

Poetry on the Path

Take a stroll on the trail at the Catskills Visitor Center and pause to peruse some poetry while admiring the surrounding nature. Brought to you by the Morton Memorial Library in Pine Hill and the Catskills Visitor Center in Mount Tremper. This outdoor exhibit will be open daylight hours during the



whole month of April (National Poetry Month). Stop the center after to pick up a copy of your favorite poems, and visit the Library to check out the poetry and other sections.

When

Friday, April 1st, 2022 - Saturday, April 30th, 2022
12 AM - 12 AM

Black Bear Banter at Our Visitor Center

Learn about this popular Catskills omnivore from a NYS wildlife expert, who will talk about black bear biology, safety, and tracks. *(Photo by Thomas Fuhrmann)*



All About Black Bears

Come with questions for an in-person presentation on black bear in the Catskills with DEC Wildlife Technician Brian Keating. He'll talk about black bear biology and safety, and answer any questions from 11am to 12pm. Then anyone who's interested can join Brian for a walk on the trails at the Visitor Center to look for animal tracks!

Pre-registration is encouraged but not required, please email obernard@catskillcenter.org to register. All ages are welcome to join.

When: Saturday, April 30th, 2022
11 AM - 12 PM

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Record Investments in Healthcare, Education, Housing, Infrastructure, and the Environment

**Increases State Reserves to 15 Percent of State Operating Funds Spending by 2025
Strengthens Public Safety and Government Ethics Oversight**

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the highlights of the historic FY 2023 Budget, which blends record investments into the long-term future of New York along with significant one-time aid to help recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and unprecedented fiscal responsibility. This historic blueprint meets the once-in-a-generation moment to invest in New Yorkers by rebuilding the healthcare economy, building the education system of the future, reducing the tax burden for those who need it most, improving the state's transportation and housing infrastructure, combating climate change, creating jobs, and improving public safety and ethic oversight in government.

In pairing bold vision with fiscal responsibility, the Budget brings the State's reserves to 15 percent of State Operating Funds spending by 2025 - a level never seen before. Planned deposits are: \$5 billion in FY 2022, \$5.1 billion in FY 2023, \$2.5 billion in FY 2024 and \$2.9 billion in FY 2025.

"When I was sworn in, I promised that every decision I make will go through one lens: is it the best deal for New Yorkers?" Governor Hochul said. "This budget fulfills that promise and provides us with a blueprint for the short- and long-term future. We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to not just bring relief to families and put more money in people's pockets today, but also to make historic investments in New Yorkers for years ahead. With this budget we are seizing that opportunity and ushering in a new era of a stronger, safer, more prosperous New York State."

Highlights of the FY 2023 Budget include:

Rebuilding Our Healthcare Economy to Provide Care for More New Yorkers

The budget agreement includes a historic \$20 billion multi-year healthcare investment in the FY 2023 State Budget. Creating better working conditions for healthcare workers will be a priority, with \$1.2 billion dedicated to frontline healthcare worker bonuses, as well as a \$4.5 billion multi-year investment in payment reform. Other landmark investments include \$2.4 billion being directed to improving healthcare infrastructure and \$3.9 billion in funding to provide aid to hospitals struggling financially from the COVID-19 pandemic. Another \$7.7 billion will be spent over four years to increase the home care worker minimum wage by \$3. These groundbreaking investments will work together to improve working conditions and grow the workforce by 20 percent over the next five years, and improve the healthcare industry for all New Yorkers.

Building the Education System of the Future

The State Budget provides unprecedented support to build the education system of the future with \$31.5 billion in total School Aid for School Year 2023, the highest level of State aid ever. This investment represents a year-to-year increase of \$2.1 billion (7.2 percent) compared to School Year 2022, including a \$1.5 billion Foundation Aid increase, \$125 million of additional funding for full-day prekindergarten, and a \$451 million increase in all other School Aid programs. The Budget also includes transformative investments in SUNY and CUNY with more than \$500 million in additional support of the systems' operations and \$2.2 billion to fund capital projects on SUNY and CUNY campuses. Additionally, it includes \$150 million to expand TAP, a critical lifeline for students that is currently largely unavailable to those studying part time, to cover students enrolled in six or more credits of study at a SUNY, CUNY, or not-for-profit independent college. This investment in TAP is estimated to provide a life changing opportunity to 75,000 additional New York students annually.

\$32.8 Billion for Transportation Infrastructure

The Budget includes a new historic \$32.8 billion five-year capital plan for programs and proposed projects administered by the New York State Department of Transportation. The adoption of this new capital plan, the largest investment ever in the state's transportation infrastructure, represents a \$9.4 billion (40.2 percent) increase over the prior five-year plan period. The new transportation plan prioritizes and refocuses investments on State and local roads and bridges in smaller municipalities; makes our state's communities more resilient to extreme weather events; and incorporates strategic investments to reconnect neighborhoods and facilitate regional economic growth, while creating thousands of new jobs.

Historic Investment in Clean Energy Infrastructure, Climate Resiliency and Preservation

The Budget will authorize an additional \$1.2 billion for the landmark Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act, bringing the total investment to \$4.2 billion. In addition to the Bond Act, the Budget contains a record \$400 million Environmental Protection Fund to support climate change mitigation projects, improve agricultural resources, protect our water sources, advance conservation efforts, and provide recreational opportunities for all New Yorkers, as well as a \$500 million investment to develop the State's offshore wind supply chains and port infrastructure. This nation-leading initiative will create 2,000 jobs in a growing industry, while helping to make New York the offshore wind capital of the country for years to come. (Contd. Pg. 32)

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The Budget also helps protect public health and advances environmental and economic restoration by extending and enhancing New York's successful Brownfield Cleanup Program and includes an additional \$500 million in clean water infrastructure funding, bringing the State's total clean water investment to \$4.5 billion since 2017.

\$25 Billion Comprehensive Housing Plan

The Budget will advance a bold, comprehensive, \$25 billion, five-year housing plan that tackles systemic inequities by creating and preserving 100,000 affordable homes, including 10,000 homes with support services for vulnerable populations. This plan also electrifies an additional 50,000 homes as part of the State's plan to electrify one million homes and make another one million electrification-ready. Funding includes \$5.7 billion in capital resources, \$8.8 billion in State and Federal tax credits and other federal allocations, and \$11 billion to support the operation of shelters and supportive housing units and to provide rental subsidies.

Expanding Access to Child Care

The Budget reinforces Governor Hochul's commitment to giving children the best possible chance at success and parents the ability to participate and advance in the workforce by investing \$7 billion over four years, more than doubling New York's support for child care. The Budget increases the income eligibility threshold for child care subsidies to 300 percent of the federal poverty level (\$83,250 for a family of four), extending eligibility to more than half of young children in New York. The Budget also expands access to high quality child care by increasing the child care market rate to include 80 percent of providers. This change will broaden the child care options available to subsidy families while also increasing reimbursements for child care providers. To further support providers, the backbone of the industry, the Budget invests \$343 million provide a second round of provider stabilization grants. These grants will go directly to providers and their employees, with 75 percent of the grants dedicated to workforce support, including wage increases, bonuses, tuition reimbursement, and contributions to staff retirement plans and health insurance costs.

Recovering from the Pandemic

The Budget supports programs that are a lifeline for vulnerable New Yorkers as the global pandemic made plain the fragile connection many have to basic needs. As part of an agreement with the legislature to spend \$2 billion in pandemic recovery reserves on one-time investments, the FY 2023 Enacted Budget includes:

- o \$800 million in state funds for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), which has so far paid or obligated \$2.1 billion for rental arrears, sup-

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porting more than 160,000 low and moderate-income households at risk of housing instability;

- o \$800 million for hospitals still experiencing financial distress from the COVID-19 pandemic;
- o \$250 million in utility arrear assistance;
- o \$125 million in homeowner and landlord assistance; and
- o \$25 million in other one-time, non-recurring investments.

Protecting Public Safety and Taking Action Against Gun Violence

The Budget includes meaningful and significant changes to our public safety laws to make our state safer, to tackle the pervasive unease many are feeling in our streets, and to make our criminal justice system more fair for all. These changes include:

- o Allowing judges to set bail for gun charges that were previously subject only to release;
- o Adding factors that judges must consider when setting bail for any bail-eligible offense;
- o Closing problematic loopholes on Raise the Age and Discovery; and
- o Making Kendra's Law more effective.

The Budget also includes \$90 million in new resources to support discovery reform implementation and pretrial services. This includes:

- o A \$65 million investment in approaches to discovery that ensure public safety, including system-wide coordination, technology, expanded storage capabilities, and administrative support; and
- o \$25 million for pretrial services, alternative to incarceration services and reentry programs. These services include reminders and monitoring of court attendance, screening, and referrals for mental health and substance abuse treatment.

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More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

For any other questions
845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

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(From Pg. 34) The Budget will also include \$224 million to fund bold initiatives that will strengthen the gun violence prevention efforts of law enforcement and community-based organizations. Through these comprehensive actions, we will work to restore New Yorkers' sense of safety and community by tripling the state's gun violence intelligence resources, providing \$13.1 million to expand the use of Community Stabilization Units, tripling investment in New York's SNUG outreach program, and allocating \$20 million to respond to regional needs in the aftermath of gun violence.

Tax Relief for Middle-Class New Yorkers and Small Businesses

The Budget will accelerate tax relief to middle-class New Yorkers, the backbone of our economy, by providing the fully implemented reduced tax rates beginning in Tax Year 2023, to deliver relief to 6.1 million New Yorkers. Small businesses were hit particularly hard by the pandemic downturn. The Budget also provides significant support for New York's small businesses, including a new capped refundable tax relief program targeting COVID-19-related expenses. The program provides up to \$250 million in additional relief to small businesses. The Budget also creates a new property tax relief credit, the Homeowner Tax Rebate Credit, for eligible low- and middle-income households, as well as eligible senior households. Under this program, basic STAR exemption and credit beneficiaries with incomes below \$250,000 and Enhanced STAR recipients are eligible for the property tax rebate where the benefit is a percentage of the homeowners' existing STAR benefit. This \$2.2 billion investment will help approximately 2.5 million homeowners.

Suspending Fuel Taxes

To tackle the high cost of fuel, which has surged in recent months as a result of the war in Ukraine, New York will suspend the state sales tax imposed on fuel, the motor fuel tax, and the metropolitan commuter transportation district sales tax imposed on gasoline and highway diesel from June through December 2022, providing an estimated \$585 million in relief for working families and businesses statewide. The State will make roads and bridges and public transit entities such as the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and local transit systems throughout the state whole by replacing estimated lost tax revenue using the State General Fund. Additionally, localities would have the option to cap the price their applicable local sales tax rate is imposed on at \$4 per gallon.

Making Critical Reforms to Restore Faith in Government

The Budget will improve ethics oversight and restore New Yorkers' trust in state government by creating a new entity, the "Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government," to replace the broken Joint Commission on Public Ethics. Nominees for the 11-member Commission will be put forward by the Governor, Senate, Assembly, Comptroller, and Attorney General and then reviewed by law school deans for approval or denial. The Commission will work differently and more transparently than before with special voting requirements eliminated, the body and votes subject to the Open Meetings Law and FOIL, any breach of confidentiality referable to the Attorney General, and improved training of staff and notice to victims who have suffered harm by their perpetrators. The Commission is also required to hold an annual meeting to report on its activities and hear feedback from the public and any findings must be reported in 20 days, down from the previous 45 days. The Budget also includes measures to increase transparency, such as adding domestic partners to be disclosed in financial disclosure forms.

To-Go Cocktails

The Budget will allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages "to go" for off-premises consumption. To-go drinks were a critical revenue

stream for New York's bars and restaurants during the pandemic, helping many small businesses across the state pay their rent or mortgages. The Budget will continue supporting the recovery of bars and restaurants. The new policy addresses the concerns of small businesses operating liquor stores - by requiring food orders, sealed containers, and no bottle sales. Additionally, requiring sealed containers, coupled with open container laws in effect in every municipality of the state, will ensure concerns of public drinking are addressed. The Budget also calls for a comprehensive look at all Alcohol and Beverage Control laws to ensure they are applied and updated relating to this new legislation.

Since the governor proposed her Executive Budget in January, additional revenue has been forecast and surplus funds have been realized. The total Budget for FY 2023 is currently estimated at approximately \$221 billion, based on a preliminary assessment of the negotiated changes to the Executive proposal. The spending plan will include the \$2 billion for pandemic assistance that Governor Hochul indicated was available for use when the Executive Budget was released in January, but had not been included as a spending line-item.

Gillibrand, Colleagues Introduce the Bipartisan Support of Kids Not Red Tape Act; Bill Would Help Schools Continue to Provide Free Meals to Low-Income Students

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand joined 51 of her colleagues to introduce the bipartisan Support Kids Not Red Tape Act. The bill would extend USDA pandemic school meal waivers that have helped students access much-needed meals throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. This bill would extend school meal waivers to September 2023 as they are currently set to expire on June 30, 2022. These flexibilities limit burdensome paperwork requirements and provide schools with additional support to deal with rising costs and supply chain issues, allowing them to continue to provide meals to students throughout the school year and over the summer.

"Thousands of children across New York State rely on school meals - for many, it's their only reliable source of food each day. As food costs continue to skyrocket and families struggle to put food on the table, we can't let our children go hungry," said Senator Gillibrand. "That's why I'm proud to introduce this critical legislation. The Support Kids Not Red Tape Act will empower local schools to tailor their meal programs to the needs of their communities and help ensure that low-income kids always know where their next meal is coming from."

Senator Gillibrand has led the fight against child hunger since the beginning of the pandemic. In 2020, following her push, USDA approved New York State's Pandemic-EBT program, which provides nutritional resources to families that lost access to free or reduced-price school meals. She also urged USDA to extend flexibilities for school meal programs so that students could access meals regardless of school opening status. Last year, Gillibrand pushed to permanently implement a universal school meals program that would provide free school meals to all students. Finally, Senator Gillibrand introduced the bipartisan Summer Meals Act, which would relax the Summer Food Service Program eligibility threshold, reduce red tape for programs that provide meals during both the school year and the summer, and improve access to nutrition in rural, underserved, and hard-to-reach areas.

The legislation has been endorsed by the Mayors Alliance to End Childhood Hunger as well as nearly 2,000 anti-hunger, nutrition, education, children's, school, preschool, and out of school providers, faith groups and industry groups.

Gillibrand, Blackburn and Smith Meet with Ukranian Civil Society Leaders



From the left: Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Tina Smith (D-MN) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Olena Tregub and Maria Berlinksa

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), and Tina Smith (D-MN) met with leaders of Ukrainian civil society, Olena Tregub and Maria Berlinksa. Olena Tregub has an extensive career focusing on corruption prevention in Ukraine and since 2017, has served as a secretary general of NAKO (the Independent Defense Anti-Corruption Committee). Maria Berlinksa is a Ukrainian military volunteer and women's rights advocate who volunteered for the War in Donbas as an aerial reconnaissance drone operator and who has championed women's integration into the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

Gillibrand and Moran had previously met with members of Ukrainian civil society in March on a bipartisan Senate delegation visit to Poland and Germany. The group discussed updates on the ongoing war and atrocities in Ukraine and additional U.S. government aid.

"The images and testimony revealing the ongoing atrocities in Ukraine are horrifying," said Senator Gillibrand. "Hundreds of innocent civilians in Bucha have been killed at the hands of Putin and his generals, and they must be held accountable for their war crimes. I am grateful to Olena and Maria for their insight and expertise, and I will work to ensure that the U.S. continues providing defensive weaponry to our allies and leveling crushing sanctions that starve Putin's war machine. As Americans, we remain united with the people of Ukraine in their fight for freedom."

"Every day we hear more stories and receive sickening images of the atrocities committed by Russian troops against Ukrainians," said Senator Moran. "I appreciate Olena and Maria meeting with us to share their own experiences and insight on how the United States can help the people of Ukraine. During my visit to Poland and at the Ukrainian border, I heard over and over that the aid we had promised wasn't enough and needs to arrive faster. I recently called on the White House to expedite the delivery of weapons and aid to Ukraine and our allies so Ukraine can win this fight."

"Ukrainian civil leaders Olena Tregub and Maria Berlinksa have demonstrated a fearless resolve to stand for freedom," said Senator Blackburn. "They shared details about on the ground conditions and made it abundantly clear that the United States cannot waver in our support of Ukrainian people."

Attorney General James Leads Multistate Coalition Calling on Consumer Banks to Eliminate Overdraft Fees AG James Sends Letter to CEOs of JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America,

U.S. Bank, and Wells Fargo to Eliminate Overdraft Fees

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James led a multistate coalition of attorneys general to call on the CEOs of JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, U.S. Bank, and Wells Fargo to eliminate all overdraft fees on consumer bank accounts. In a letter to each financial institution, Attorney General James urged each bank to eliminate overdraft fees by this summer to create a fairer and more inclusive consumer financial system. Numerous studies have shown that overdraft fees have disproportionately affected vulnerable families and communities of color by unnecessarily saddling them with additional debts that they cannot afford.

"For too long, excessive overdraft fees have hurt the most financially vulnerable New Yorkers," said Attorney General James. "Working families and low-income New Yorkers cannot afford to continue to be harmed by this unfair and punitive practice, while banks reap big profits. I am calling on the largest consumer banks in the nation to do the right thing and remove overdraft fees. We need a fairer and more inclusive banking system that supports all New Yorkers."

Overdraft fees have had harmful effects on millions of consumers nationwide. In some instances, consumers can be charged as much as \$35 for a purchase of \$5 or less. According to the Center for Responsible Lending, a study of overdraft-related fees charged in 2019 found that more than \$11 billion in fees were charged, with 84 percent of those fees assessed to consumers with the lowest average account balances. Another study by the Pew Charitable Trust noted that more than 90 percent of such fees are paid by a small subset of consumers, who generally paid three or more such fees per year while earning less than \$50,000. The reports found that consumers of color were disproportionately impacted by these fees. The consequences are devastating to consumers' financial health and, in the worst-case scenarios, result in individuals losing access to banking services.

Despite this well-known fallout from overdraft practices, these fees remain big business for big banks, according to a recent study published by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, U.S. Bank, and Wells Fargo are among the top five U.S. banks in total assets. According to CFPB, three of these institutions collected 44 percent of total overdraft and overdraft-like fees in 2019 among major banks. Elimination of overdraft fees by these four institutions alone would drastically improve access to fairer, fee-free banking options for millions of New Yorkers and consumers across the country.

Earlier this year, Citi Bank announced that it would eliminate overdraft fees, which followed a similar announcement late last year by Capital One. Citi Bank is the largest U.S. bank to take this step.

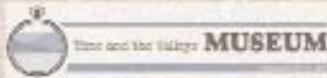
Joining Attorney General James in sending the letters are the attorneys general of California, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Delaware, Hawaii (along with the Hawaii Office of Consumer Protection), Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina (all except Bank of America), Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Washington.

Attorney General James encourages all New Yorkers to be mindful of potential overdraft fees when using their debit cards and reminds them of their rights to opt out of overdraft programs directly with their banks.

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Apr 1-Oct. 31 Bridge Music: 13 th season. Joseph Bertolozzi's musical opus celebrating the Mid-Hudson Bridge. Free. Dawn to dusk. Access from the Mid-Hudson Bridge's pedestrian sidewalks at Johnson-Iorio Park. 281 Haviland Road, Highland. josephbertolozzi.com/bridge-music

Apr 22, 24 Pebble Painting: A fun-for-all art expression. Includes instruction and materials. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 2-3 p.m. Free for overnight guests. \$25 per participant. Emerson Resort & Spa, 5340 Rte. 28, Mount Tremper. 845-688-2828; emersonresort.com

Apr 16, 23, 30 Secret Ruin Hikes: See ruins of the Overlook mountain hotel and explore summit of the fire tower. Breath-taking views at Eagles Point. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 353 Meads Mountain Rd., Woodstock. 765-314-6181; bornwild.rocks/day-trips-2/secret-ruin-hike

Apr 16 Easter Bunny Express: Open air flats. No stops. Individual bag of candy to each person. Check website for schedule. Catskill Mountain Railroad, 55 Kingston Plaza Road, Kingston. 845-332-4854; catskillmountainrailroad.com

Apr 10 Photo with Easter Bunny: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Reservations required. UCSPCA, 20 Wiedy Rd., Kingston. 845-331-5377; ucspca.org

Apr 13 Weaving Geology and Climate Through Time: Learn about the geologic history of the Hudson Valley. With educator Audrey Trossen. 7-8:30 p.m. Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org

Apr 14 A Taste of Rosé: Join Benmarl Winery, Fjord Vineyards, Quartz Rock Vineyard and Nostrano Vineyards at The Barn at Nostrano Vineyards for an elevated evening of Rosé. 6-9 p.m. \$50. 14 Gala Lane, Milton. 845-795-5473; nostranovineyards.com

Apr 16 Bad Seed Cider Company Comedy Night: Features a lineup of standup comedians from New York to L.A. whose credits include top festivals, TV and major club appearances. 8-9:30 p.m. \$17. 42 Baileys Gap Road, Highland. 845-236-0956; badseedhardcider.com

Apr 16 Easter Egg Hunt & Pony Ride: Rain or Shine. Noon. \$35 per session. Ridge Runner Ranch, 85 Hasbrouck Rd., New Paltz. 845-706-3637; ridgerunnerranchny.com

Apr 17 Easter Dinner: 4-8 p.m. \$95. Tavern at Diamond Mills, 25 South Partition Street, Saugerties. 845-247-0700; diamond-millshotel.com

Apr 22-24 Northeast Blacksmiths Association Spring Hammer-In: An exciting weekend of activities for beginners and experienced metal-smiths alike. The Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Road, Olivebridge. 845-657-8333; ashokancenter.org

Apr 22-24 Hudson Valley Tango Festival: Workshops, classes. Senate Garage, 4 N Front St., Kingston. 845-802-5900; senategarage.com

Apr 23 Mid-Hudson Orchid Society Orchid Show and Sale: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wallkill View Farm Market, 15 State Route 299 W., New Paltz. 845-255-8050; wallkillviewfarmmarket.com

Apr 23 Blossom Street Fair - Event by Meet Me In Marlborough: Crafts, farms, food, music, dance, kids activities

and much more. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Rain date 4/24. Main Street, Milton. meetmeinmarlborough.com

Apr 24 38th Annual Kiwanis Kingston Classic: Race start/registration under the 9W bridge downtown Kingston. kiwaniskingstonclassic.com

Apr 30 Rail Explorers Opening Day: Eight mile round trip with electric pedal assistance. 70 Lower High Street, Phoenicia; railexplorers.net

Jan. 1-Dec. 31 2022 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge: Experienced hikers are encouraged to visit the region's six fire towers. Hike to all six Catskill Fire Towers between January 1 and December 31, 2022. Fill out the log of completed hikes along with one favorite photo. Download the Catskills Fire Tower Challenge log (PDF) and email it to catskillchallenge@dec.ny.gov or mail to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Outdoor Recreation, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-1010. Entries must be postmarked by January 7, 2023. Limit one entry per person. Participants will receive a commemorative patch and will be entered to win great outdoor prizes including hiking accessories. Catskills Visitor Center, 5096 Route 28, Mt. Tremper. 845-688-3369; catskillsvisitorcenter.org

Feb. 5-July 17 The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz - "Mary Frank: The Observing Heart:" A retrospective exhibition of Mary Frank's powerful artwork that spans her career of more than six decades. Centered on the twin themes of social justice and the preservation of the natural world. "Museum hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Anderson Gallery and Howard Greenberg Family Gallery, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

Celebrating Student's Creativity

The Wayne County Arts Alliance along with the sponsorship of AM Skier Insurance are excited to provide an opportunity to share some outstanding artwork created in our three county schools. From Middle school to high school, these students are engaged in expressing their voice through the arts! We would like to invite our community to enjoy and celebrate the creative spirit of our youth.

Artworks by students from Wallenpaupack, Wayne Highlands, and Western Wayne schools will be on display at the Dorflinger Factory Museum at route 6 and Elizabeth Street, White Mills. Come join in the celebration on Friday, April 22nd from 6-8, or April 23rd & 24th from 10-5pm.

Ellen Silberlicht, the chairperson of this event believes, "The Arts play a strong part in the development of our children along with keeping them engaged in healthy activities. They are the future of our community, engaging their creative spirit will certainly move us all forward. Giving these young artists an audience acknowledges their hard work, just as attending a sports function supports those players."

AM Skier Insurance is generously sponsoring this show and will be providing awards to the most outstanding artworks to be judged by our local jury. There will also be an opportunity for the public to vote for the People's Choice award. Please come out and see what our youth creates with pen, paper, paint, clay, and other materials. Each person has their own way of seeing and expressing themselves. You will certainly enjoy some incredible artwork by our local students!

2022 Budget Improves Absentee Voting Requires Polling Places on College Campuses

(Albany, NY) - The Fiscal Year 2022-23 State Budget provides for postage paid envelopes to return ballots by voters who choose to cast them absentee. Voting access for college communities has also been significantly expanded. Outlined in Part O of the State Public Protection and General Government, institutions of higher education with over 300 residents will be required to host a polling place on their property beginning with the 2022 General Election.

“Creating a space for students to be civically engaged is vital in maintaining our democracy. For too long, unscrupulous election commissioners have misused their authority to disenfranchise young people. By inserting this provision in the budget the state will have the authority to ensure Boards are working to encourage voting rather than creating a hindrance,” said Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess).

The provision in the budget will require polling places to be situated on continuous college property to assure the sites are not placed on annex campuses or secluded corners. Under this item, colleges will not be required to host early voting locations which will remain under the discretion of the university and Board of Elections.

“As a Commissioner, expanding voting access for vulnerable populations has been a core mission. Unfortunately, students have frequently suffered undue hardships when casting their ballots; whether that is by not having resources to cast an absentee ballot or not having proximity to a voting location. We have seen in the years of running a poll site on the campus of SUNY New Paltz the difference it makes in having a site where students can easily cast their vote and that campus has been recognized for their civic engagement efforts. Both amendments in the budget will go a long way to rectify undue hardships and promote participation in our democracy uniformly across the State,” Said Ulster County Board of Elections Commissioner Ashley Dittus.

“The legislation is critical, because it will stop practices designed to suppress student voting, including situating polling in locations that are difficult to access and dividing campuses into multiple districts. It means that New York college students can now focus more whom they should vote for rather than whether they can vote. We hope it will set a precedent for other states to follow. We are incredibly thankful for Assemblyman Cahill's efforts on behalf of the students across New York State” Jonathan Becker, Executive Vice President, Bard College, Director Bard College Center for Civic Engagement.

“As a named plaintiff and a poll worker, I am grateful that the New York State Legislature has passed this groundbreaking legislation. Youth voters want to vote. It is not true that they are apathetic. It is true that lack of access to the polls is a barrier. This legislation helps New York move the needle on realizing the potential of the 26th amendment and hopefully acts as an example for other states to take the next step.” Erin Cannan, Bard College Vice President of Civic Engagement

In addition to requiring college campuses with 300 or more registered residents to host a polling site, provisions were added to require election boards to mail absentee ballots with a postage-paid envelope included. Eliminating the need to purchase postage oneself removes unnecessary hurdles to voters that wish to participate.

State Budget Includes Funds for Programs & Services in Dutchess & Ulster Counties

(Albany, NY) - The Assembly has approved the final budget for FY 2022-2023, including much needed funding for several indispensable organizations in Ulster and Northern Dutchess. As a result of advocacy from Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) and his colleagues, the budget ensures that essential local programs and services can continue to operate and serve the needs of the community.

The Legislature has approved a total of \$13,500,000 in funding for Agribusiness Child Development (ABCD). ABCD provides quality childcare and early education to the infants and small children of agricultural workers across the state, with locations in both Kingston and New Paltz. Assemblymember Cahill has been a champion of this vital organization and their efforts to support farm workers and their families in the Hudson Valley.

Belleayre Mountain Ski Center has been allocated \$1,500,000 in the state budget for necessary facility upgrades and lift repair. These funds will ensure that Belleayre remains a premier Catskill recreation area, acting as an engine of tourism and a boon to the regional economy.

The Benjamin Center, the research institution connected to SUNY New Paltz, creates a relationship between expert faculty, non-profits, businesses and government throughout the state to advance public interest and bring visibility to important local matters. Locally, the Center has an ongoing partnership with area school districts to help in the acquisition of next-generation S.T.E.M. learning equipment through the Science Lab Initiative, made possible by a grant provided by the office of Assemblymember Cahill. The Legislature has approved \$145,000 in funding for this organization to continue its vital work.

The final budget includes funding for several of our Catskill area environmental groups, including the Maurice Hinchey Catskill Visitor Center and the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies. As the gateway to the Route 28 Corridor, the Visitor Center provides locals and tourists alike with the necessary information to safely recreate in the Catskills and hosts educational programming on the flora, fauna and ecological health of our open spaces. The Legislature has supported that mission by allocating \$150,000 in the state budget to the Center. The Cary Institute, which has long served as the centerpiece of cooperative environmental research in the Hudson Valley, has been allocated \$100,000 in the enacted budget. Through the Catskill Science Collaborative, the institute awards grants to fund studies into the ecological health of our region and host educational presentations about our local environment.

The State Budget allocates \$1,250,000 to the Public Utility Law Project (PULP) for their continued work in advocating for utility consumers. PULP works to protect families from utility shut offs, service denials and other unscrupulous practices and advocates for reduced gas and electric rates for low-income consumers. In recent months, PULP has been instrumental in assisting our shared communities and neighbors in addressing a host of issues surrounding utility supply costs and billing practices.

“Thanks to Assemblymember Cahill's leadership and advocacy, this is a banner day for the children and families of NYS agriculture,” said Susan Dingee, Director of Development at ABCD. “Assemblymember Cahill's longstanding support for the programs and services provided by Agri-Business Child Development across NYS, including the Kingston and New Paltz centers locally, has improved the lives of generations of farm working families. (Contd. Pg. 41)

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We offer our deep appreciation to the Assemblymember and to the NYS Legislature for funding programs that improve equitable access to early childhood education and work to close the economic and opportunity gap faced by so many.”

“The Benjamin Center is honored to collaborate with Assemblymember Cahill to support the development of science and technology labs in school districts across the 103rd New York State Assembly District and mid-Hudson region and at SUNY New Paltz,” said Robin Jacobowitz, Director of Education Projects at the Benjamin Center. “This collaboration links the expertise of several Hudson Valley institutions, including The Benjamin Center, SUNY New Paltz's Schools of Education and Science & Engineering, the Mid-Hudson Teacher Center, Ulster BOCES, and the statewide Master Teacher Program with that of teachers working in STEM fields in regional school districts. It's an exciting collaboration that has promoted innovation in teaching and learning in STEM for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.”

“We deeply thank Assemblymember Cahill for his steadfast advocacy and continued support of the work PULP does to aid New York's low- and fixed-income utility consumers. Our mission has never been more important than now, with nearly one in five households at risk of a shut-off beginning in the second half of April and early May,” said Richard Berkley, Executive Director for the Public Utility Law Project. “Through the State Legislature's ongoing financial support, and the essential partnership and leadership of individual legislators concerned about affordability, reliability and safety, PULP stands ready to help protect low- and fixed-income families, seniors and other vulnerable New Yorkers from the unprecedented wave shutoffs in the weeks to come, while we continue to engage in our daily work of fighting against unreasonable rate increases and for better service to consumers.”

“This spending plan provides significant funding for organizations that offer innumerable benefits to our neighbors and community,” said Assemblymember Cahill. “I applaud their continued efforts and am very pleased that this budget supplies them with the much-needed resources to continue their vital missions.”

Statement from Senator Mike Martucci On the Bills Stadium Deal

“Late last night, I led the Senate Republican Conference's debate on the topic of the Buffalo Bills stadium deal. My hope was to get some straight answers to some serious questions that my constituents, and many others, have about this deal. What I got instead was a filibuster in the form of a rambling history lesson by the sponsor. Since no serious answers were given and this deal was negotiated in secret-sprung on all of us at the 11th hour-I am forced to take my best guess based on what has been reported.

“That leads me to conclude that this is the worst deal in the sports world since Bobby Bonilla fleeced the Mets - still getting paid millions each year after retirement for decades. This deal also reminds me of another infamous deal in Buffalo that cost a billion dollars and bought the taxpayers of this state a solar factory that never met job goals and sent people to jail.

“Many of my Democrat colleagues agree that is a rotten deal, writing a letter to the governor which reads in part, 'This proposal, negotiated in secret and only announced days before the final budget is due, would represent the largest public subsidy to an NFL team in history.' The Chair of the Senate Finance Committee joined in by saying, 'I'm sorry, this is a terrible way-a terrible way to use taxpayer money.' I agree with them all.

“This is a bad, backroom deal where we overpaid-as the sponsor seemed to admit-to prevent the Bills from going to another city. You never get a good deal when you give in to emotional or financial extortion, and Business 101 is you never bid against yourself. I don't blame the owners or the team for this deal. I blame the majority and the governor for

not doing their jobs to protect taxpayers. Loving a sports team or their former owner are not excuses for bilking taxpayers who won't see any of the benefits. I voted firmly against this rip-off.”

Statement from Senator Mike Martucci Blasts Bail Reform Changes

“The criminal justice reforms proposed in this budget, and specifically the changes to bail reform, are designed to make us feel safer but do not actually make us safer. Going back to 2020, progressives attacked the police, threatened to defund them, and undermined their ability to keep us safe. The majorities in this Legislature even tried to gaslight New Yorkers into believing bail reform was not contributing to the statewide crime wave and any narrative to the contrary was political fear mongering.

“Even though these changes are wholly inadequate, the fact the majority is trying to fool the public with this language acknowledges the truth my colleagues and I have been speaking to all along and has been proven by public polling and official crime data - bail reform is extremely unpopular because bail reform is dangerously undermining public safety. I for one appreciate that acknowledgement.

“The problem remains that this language won't change a thing on our streets. The majority must truly back our police officers, be accountable for the pain this policy has caused victims, and commit not only to fully reverse it but pledge to never bring another one of these radical schemes to the floor ever again. We need real change and real consequences for criminals, not a pale imitation, and that's all this is.”

CONGRESSMAN

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NY-19

Weekly Recap

Dear Neighbor,

After another good week, I wanted to give you an update on how I've been serving you.

Celebrating our Community

Over the weekend, I was able to attend some exciting events. I started my Saturday by joining folks with New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) to celebrate their 50th anniversary. I was honored to speak about some of the work I'm doing to support our teachers, staff, faculty, and every other school employee who does incredible work for our young people. It was great to join the event and connect with some local educators.

I was also honored to join firefighters and members of our community for the West Sand Lake Fire Department Installation Dinner. We celebrated the department's 150th anniversary and recognized Mr. C. Michael Deutsch III for 50 years of service.

This week, I was proud to announce that my bipartisan bill, the Military Spouse Hiring Act has 100 Democratic and Republican cosponsors in the House. This legislation addresses high military spouse unemployment rates by expanding the Work Opportunity Tax Credit to include the hiring of military spouses. This incentivizes employers to hire military spouses by allowing them to claim a tax credit equal to a portion of the wages paid to those spouses. I'm glad to see momentum on this bill and will keep working to get it across the finish line.

Talking Building & construction jobs

I was honored to join folks at the New York State Building Trades Council legislative breakfast. I am proud to have helped pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which is helping create good construction and building jobs across New York. I will keep pushing to grow our workforce and support upstate workers.

Advocating for U.S. Dairy Farmers

I also joined a bipartisan group of House members calling on the administration to ensure that Canada lives up to its commitments under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). The USMCA is a critical agreement for dairy farmers in upstate New York. While I was happy to see the USMCA panel move forward with enforcement measures to ensure Canada followed its dairy tariff-rate quotas, I'm disappointed that Canada's proposal falls short of what is required in the USMCA. I will continue fighting for our upstate dairy farmers every chance I get.

Supporting survivors

During this week's Veterans' Affairs Committee meeting, my bipartisan VA Peer Support Enhancement for MST Survivors Act unanimously passed out of committee. This legislation would establish a peer support program at the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) for survivors of Military Sexual Trauma (MST). I'm proud to see progress on this bill and I will keep pushing to get it delivered to the President's desk.

Relief for Restaurants and Other Small Businesses

On Thursday, I voted to pass bipartisan legislation that would provide financial relief to tens of thousands of restaurants, food and beverage businesses, and other small businesses hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, more than

170,000 eligible restaurants - nearly two-thirds of all applicants - were unable to access the Restaurant Revitalization Fund after funding ran out in a matter of weeks.

The Relief for Restaurants & Other Hard Hit Small Businesses Act of 2022 would provide \$42 billion to replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) and \$13 billion to establish the Hard Hit Industries Award Program - an SBA initiative to assist small businesses from across industries that were hardest hit by the pandemic and lost revenue but were not eligible for other grants or awards.

Calls to Freeze Federal Gas Tax

On Friday, I sent a letter to Speaker Nancy Pelosi urging the House to immediately consider legislation to temporarily suspend the federal gas tax. I was joined by Rep. Tom O'Halleran (AZ-01), the lead sponsor of the Gas Prices Relief Act, in sending the letter. We also encourage Congress to work with the President to take additional emergency steps to lower costs and secure American energy independence.

As New Yorkers continue to feel the strain of higher prices at the gas pump and on their home heating bills, we must use every tool available to lower prices. I will continue working to lower costs and support working families, seniors, and small businesses throughout our state and across the country.

A historic Confirmation

This week, Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson made history by becoming the first Black woman confirmed to the Supreme Court of the United States. Justice Jackson's extensive legal career - including serving as a federal public defender, Vice Chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, and a D.C. Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals - has prepared her for this role. I am confident Justice Jackson has the judgment needed to serve the American people. With her historic confirmation, Justice Jackson is breaking barriers and inspiring people across the country.

Congressional Art Competition

The Congressional Art Competition for the high schoolers in NY-19 is still open. I'm invite high school students to participate and submit your artwork before the April 29 deadline.

All submissions will be collected digitally at NY19.Art@mail.house.gov. All high school students who are residents of New York's 19th Congressional District are eligible to submit entries to our office. Each student may submit one piece of art to the competition. If students are unsure of who their Congressman is, they can check the U.S. House of Representatives' "Find Your Representative" tool here to find which congressional district they reside in.

Images of the artwork must be received via email no later than Friday, April 29, 2022 and a release form must be submitted along with each submission. Rules for submission and additional requirements can be found on my website.

Community Project Funding

The Community Project Funding (CPF) application process is open to local governments and non-profits until April 18, 2022.

Find more information and resources to apply on my website: [Community Project Funding | Representative Antonio Delgado \(house.gov\)](#)

APRIL mobile office hours

My team is doing mobile office hours throughout the month of April. Mobile office hours are an opportunity for constituents to meet with my staff and receive assistance with constituent services. See below for dates, times, and locations.

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Weekly Recap

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Mobile Office Hours for April - Monday, April 18th

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Woodstock Public Library	Liberty Public Library
5 Library Lane	189 N. Main Street
Woodstock, NY 12498	Liberty, NY

Resources for Residents

Resources for Ukraine

U.S. Department of State
<https://www.state.gov/united-with-ukraine/>
 United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
<https://www.usaid.gov/usaaid-response-ukraine>

New York Statewide Burn Ban

The New York Statewide burn ban goes in effect from March 16 through May 14.

Cybersecurity Resources

Stay safe when you use the internet. Find the the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) publication of a list of free cybersecurity services and tools to help organizations reduce cybersecurity risk and strengthen resiliency.

NYS Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

If you need help with water and sewer services, the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is here to help. This program helps low income households pay the cost of water and sewer services and can assist households who have past due bills (arrears) for water and/or sewer services.

IRS Child Tax Credit Letters

Did you receive advanced Child Tax Credit payments in 2021? If so, look out for a letter from the IRS.

The IRS started issuing information letters to advance child tax credit recipients in December. Recipients of the third round of the Economic Impact Payments will begin receiving information letters at the end of January. Using the information in these letters when preparing a tax return can reduce errors and delays in processing.

People receiving these letters should keep them. Do not throw them away. These letters can help taxpayers, or their tax professional prepare their 2021 federal tax return.

COVID-19 Booster Update:

This week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized a second booster dose of either the Pfizer-BioNTech or the Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for older people and certain immunocompromised individuals.

The agency amended the emergency use authorizations as follows:

A second booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine or Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered to individuals 50 years of age and older at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.

A second booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered to individuals 12 years of age and older with certain kinds of immunocompromise at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine. These are people who have undergone solid organ transplantation, or who are living with

conditions that are considered to have an equivalent level of immunocompromise.

A second booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered at least 4 months after the first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine to individuals 18 years of age and older with the same certain kinds of immunocompromise.

Learn more at [COVID.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) - Find COVID-19 guidance for your community, [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or [COVID-19 Vaccine | COVID-19 Vaccine \(ny.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov)

As always, it's an honor to represent you in Congress.

Sincerely,

Antonio

Protect Yourself as Water Rises Ready Tips

Flooding is the most common natural disaster in the United States. Climate change makes flooding even more likely as sea rise and storms become more severe.

A report released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in February shows that sea levels along the U.S. coastline will rise 10 to 12 inches over the next 30 years. The report predicts that damaging floods will occur, on average, more than 10 times as often as it does today For info: . (<https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/hazards/sealevelrise/sealevelrise-tech-report.html>)

Research (<https://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/climate-change-indicators-river-flooding>) by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) comparing data from 1965 and 2015 shows floods have become larger in rivers and streams across large parts of the Northeast and Midwest. The research also shows that the Northeast, along with the Pacific Northwest and northern Great Plains, face more frequent large floods.

That's why it's important to be ready for floods, whether they are from a thunderstorm, snow melt, hurricane, or other weather event.

Here are some tips to keep in mind:

Learn about flood risks in your area. Check with your local government to learn the history of flooding in your area and follow their recommendations. Go to:

<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

Make a plan for your household, including your pets, so that you and your family know what to do, where to go, and how to protect yourselves from flooding. Go to:

<https://www.ready.gov/plan>

Turn around. Don't drown. Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away. Move to higher ground if you see flood water ahead. Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.

Understand the difference between a flood watch and a flood warning. The National Weather Service often issues a flood watch before a flood warning. A watch means you should begin preparing for a possible evacuation because flooding is possible. A flood warning means flooding is occurring or about to occur, and you should take immediate action to protect yourself.

Consider buying flood insurance if you live in a flood zone. Flood insurance is a separate policy from homeowners and renters insurance. FEMA manages the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). To purchase flood insurance, call your insurance company or insurance agent. If you need help finding a provider, go to [gov/flood-insurance-provider](https://www.flood-insurance-provider.com) or call the NFIP at 877-336-2627.

For more tips and protective actions, visit www.ready.gov/floods

and

<https://community.fema.gov/ProtectiveActions/s/article/Flood>.

RSVP For The Seders!

Passover begins Friday evening April 15th. If you do not yet have plans for the Seders, we invite you to join us! Full information for both seders can be found in the image below this message.

If you have plans which include attending a Seder at the RJC, please RSVP now! RSVPs enable us to be adequately prepared for our guests and thus provide you with the optimal seder experience!

2 simple ways to RSVP:

Email: RSVP@rhinebeckjewishcenter.com

Call: 845-876-7666

We look forward to sharing the holiday with you!

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Registration requested, but not required

<https://suny-sullivan.com/health-social-sciences-day/>

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Music on Market: Soul City

Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 7:30 PM

Soul City: a Hudson Valley based band concentrating on dance music from the Motown, Soul, Disco, and Funk era from the 1960s and '70s to more current R&B dance music.

This concert will be in person at MISU, 40 Market St. Ellenville, NY and live streamed on Zoom. Pre registration on Eventbrite is requested for both. Please consider making a donation for your ticket.



Martucci Delivers Big Wins for Constituents on Multiple Priorities *Votes in Favor of Revenue Budget Bill*

ALBANY, NY - Senator Mike Martucci (R,C,I-Hudson Valley/Catskills) voted last night in favor of the revenue portion of the New York State budget (S.8009-C) which includes multiple tax credits, incentives and relief for struggling families and small businesses. Many of the proposals in the bill are similar to legislation introduced or sponsored by Senator Martucci in standalone bills. The NYS budget consists of 10 bills, each passed separately, that funds the State's fiscal year from April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

"Hardworking New York families and businesses are facing unprecedented difficulties with everyday costs of living. I have consistently been on the forefront of pushing Albany in a direction which better meets the needs of those individuals instead of continuing a radical policy agenda that only hurts them further. This bill includes many of the ideas I've proposed and supported since starting my term, including a Gas Tax Holiday, an enhanced Farm Tax Credit, a Restaurant Back to Work Tax Credit, and an acceleration of the Middle Class Tax Cut," said Senator Martucci. "Since this legislation provides for tremendous benefits to and no tax increases on my constituents, I proudly voted in the affirmative."

New Yorkers feeling pain at the pump - in particular those Upstate in Martucci's district whose only mode of transportation are personal vehicles or businesses with a vehicle fleet, will benefit from suspending the State motor fuel and sales gas taxes from June 1 to December 31, 2022. This proposal will save drivers and businesses 16 cents per gallon under current law, and allow counties to set their local sales tax rate per gallon, rounded to the nearest cent, equal to \$4. Currently they are authorized to set their local sales tax rate per gallon equal to \$2 or \$3.

"The high cost of fuel in our State is blowing up household budgets and hamstringing small businesses like mine at a time when we should be recovering. Senator Martucci's Gas Tax Holiday will lessen the impact of fuel prices that have doubled in the past year and a half, help me put my fleet of nearly 100 vehicles on the road more efficiently, and save consumers the additional costs associated with these hikes," said Mike Taylor, Owner and President of Combined Energy Services in Sullivan County. "I commend Senator Martucci for looking out for our interests and successfully pushing back against the

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prevailing Albany agenda to punish New Yorkers who rely on fuel consumption to get to work or run their businesses every day."

The agricultural industry has suffered severe setbacks in recent years thanks to bad policy from Downstate legislators who do not represent farms or understand the issues they face. Most notably, the Farm Labor Law of 2019 drastically changed the landscape of agriculture in New York State and was forcefully opposed by farmers. Senator Martucci successfully ran on a platform of supporting farmers and fighting for their interests, speaking out with them about these concerns and, once elected, introducing measures to help, including a tax credit to cover the costs associated with its implementation. The doubling of the farm Workforce Retention Tax Credit - from \$600 per employee to \$1,200 - builds on the framework of Martucci's legislation (S.4374) and will serve to help New York's farmers remain competitive and operational. (Contd. Pg. 46)

Martucci Delivers Big Wins for Constituents on Multiple Priorities

Votes in Favor of Revenue Budget Bill

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“The doubling of the Workforce Retention Credit through 2025 and allowing payment of the credit in advance will help New York’s farmers with employees who were impacted negatively by the recent adjustment of overtime hours in the Farm Labor Law to overcome at least some of the financial burden placed on their farm operation,” said Tom Bose, Owner and Operator of Bose Dairy Farm in Sullivan County. “I am grateful that Mike Martucci is our senator because he is always looking out for our interests in Albany and successfully fights back against the New York City agenda to hurt New York farms.”

Restaurants and bars make up a significant part of our economy, and they were unfairly targeted by the State with punitive mandates, curfews and shutdowns despite stepping up to help their communities by providing meals to seniors and those who were homebound during the early days of the pandemic. Now, they are struggling to hire and retain the workforce they need to stay open, with many cutting hours of operation and in danger of closing. The additional Restaurant Return to Work Tax Credit provided for in this bill makes qualifying businesses eligible for a tax credit of \$5,000 per new worker hired, up to \$50,000 per business.

“Senator Martucci was a fighter for the restaurant and bar industry during our darkest days, pushing back against senseless Albany mandates and supporting legislation to help us get back on our feet. The additional Restaurant Return to Work Tax Credit in this bill is a great first step in helping the hospitality industry to that end. I applaud him for his support to make sure all our employees are back to work and our businesses begin to heal and regain their strength they had prior to Covid,” said Joe Betro, Owner of Delancey’s Restaurant and Otterkill Country Club in Orange County. “As the owner of both a restaurant and an event venue, I saw our revenue get reduced by over 80 percent, so I thank Senator Martucci for implementing this tax credit to help us retain employees and stay in business.”

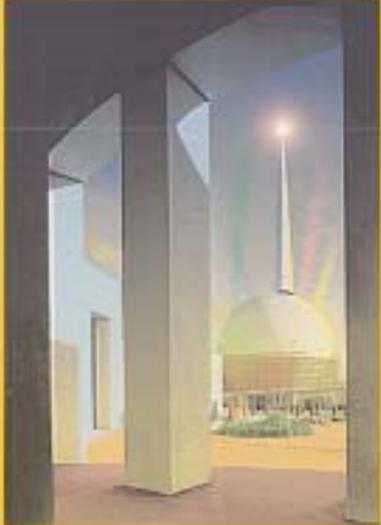
Finally, this bill includes an acceleration of the Middle Class Tax Cut. Senator Martucci is a strong proponent of cutting taxes, especially for those who are employed or employing others. This legislation helps working families and small business owners who deserve to keep more of their hard-earned dollars by accelerating the phase-in of this tax cut by two years.

“Since Day 1 of my term, I have been a commonsense fighter for my constituents and have proudly spoken out against the senseless and, at times, dangerous proposals pushed by the career politicians in Albany. The hardworking families and small businesses in my district need immediate relief from the unsustainable costs of living and doing business here. This bill provides it in spades, including through proposals of my own, and I am proud to support its passage,” concluded Martucci.

Mike Martucci serves as the Senator for New York’s 42nd State Senate District which comprises all of Sullivan County and parts of Orange, Ulster, and Delaware counties. He is the ranking member of the Senate Standing Committees on Disabilities and Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business.

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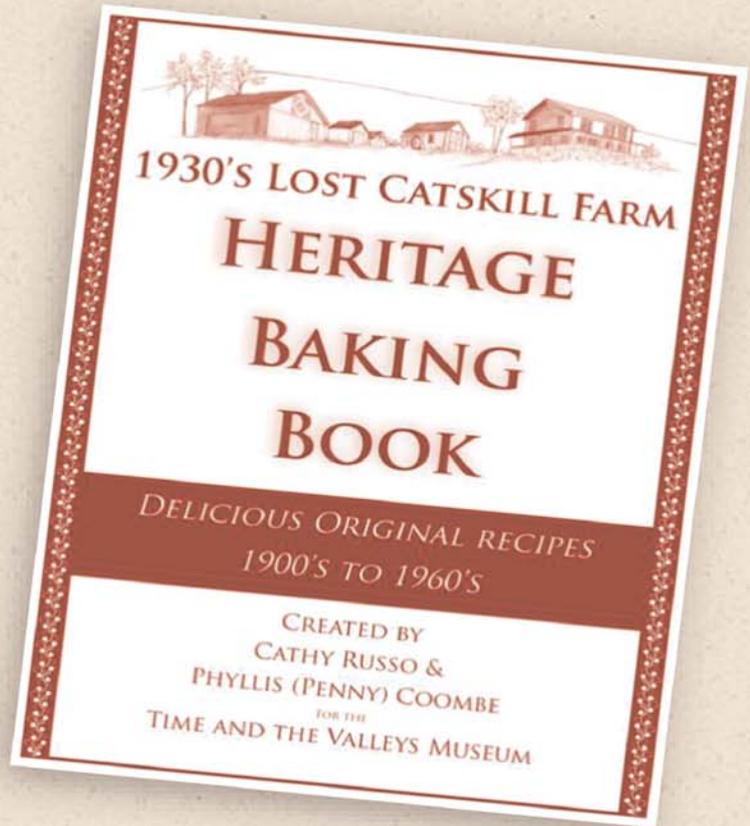
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Awards Through New York's Weatherization Stimulus Program Will Reduce Energy Costs for Low-Income Homeowners and Renters;

Advance Governor's Target of Two Million Electrified or Electrification-Ready Homes by 2030

Governor Kathy Hochul announced \$34 million in federal funding awards for over 1,000 homes to become more energy efficient and climate friendly. Awarded through the state's Weatherization Stimulus Program, the funding will support electrification and electrification-ready upgrades that will lower energy costs and improve health outcomes for income-eligible renters and homeowners.

"New York's nation-leading clean energy goals require that we reduce harmful building emissions across all communities," Governor Hochul said. "Our comprehensive decarbonization strategy includes resources to ensure low- and moderate-income New Yorkers are not left behind in the transition. This \$34 million will bring us closer to our goal of reaching two million climate-friendly homes by 2030 and achieving a better and greener future for the next generation of New Yorkers."

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 allocated additional funding to states to support heat and energy conservation programs for low-income households, including the federally-funded Weatherization Assistance Program. Administered by New York State Homes and Community Renewal, the Weatherization Assistance Program helps reduce energy costs for income-eligible homeowners and renters by providing free services that help conserve energy and improve safety and health standards.

The \$34 million made available for the Weatherization Stimulus Program is intended to reach households that otherwise would not be eligible for deep decarbonization assistance. Using the existing network of Weatherization Assistance Program sub-grantees, 31 awards were granted to nonprofit community developmental organizations and local municipalities to support project scoping and complete work to improve energy efficiency and decrease carbon emissions in income-eligible single and multi-family homes throughout New York State.

Additionally, a portion of the funds will be used to train and enhance existing sub-grantees capacity to deliver these services in the future, supporting the Governor's goals of investing in and developing New York State's workforce for climate-friendly activities.

The potential scope of work through the Weatherization Stimulus Program includes:

- o Cold climate heat pump installation;
- o Electrification readiness (e.g. improvements to electrical service);
- o Ventilation cleaning, sealing and balancing;
- o Health and safety building repairs and improvements;
- o Building envelope improvements including



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The Governor's unprecedented commitment to electrification-ready homes will help meet the State's carbon reduction target set by the New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which requires an 85 percent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels by 2050 and eventually net zero emissions in all sectors of the economy.

The awards announced today build upon the state's Clean Energy Initiative and the \$6.8 billion already devoted to reducing the carbon footprint of New York's building stock, including in HCR's affordable housing portfolio.

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand said, "As energy costs skyrocket nationwide, too many New Yorkers are struggling to pay their utility bills. Families should never have to choose between heating their homes and purchasing other necessities like food and medicine, and this federal funding will help ensure that hundreds of households across New York don't have to. I'm proud to have fought to pass the American Rescue Plan to secure the \$34 million that will make this project possible and I'll keep fighting to lower utility costs for all New Yorkers."

Representative Paul Tonko said, "With energy prices continuously on the rise, countless Americans are feeling the strain on their pocketbooks, and disadvantaged and low-income communities are shouldering the worst burden. I pushed to deliver critical investments with our American Rescue Plan that would support electrification and lower home energy costs, and I am proud to have secured additional needed funds under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. I thank Governor Hochul for her leadership ensuring New Yorkers receive these critical resources that cut costs and support a clean energy future."

DEC Announces Proposed Changes to Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations Proposed Changes Would Expand Hunting Opportunities

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced proposed changes to wild turkey hunting regulations, giving hunters additional turkey hunting opportunities. The proposal, if enacted, would not be in place until later this year and among other changes, establishes a spring turkey season in Suffolk County in 2023, with a season limit of one bearded bird.

"Wild turkey restoration is one of the greatest success stories of modern wildlife conservation," Commissioner Seggos said. "In New York, DEC's management and protection of wild turkeys has allowed the birds to maintain self-sustaining populations in all suitable habitats of the state. This regulation change would expand hunting downstate, ensuring New York remains a premiere destination for turkey hunters in the Northeast."

The existence of wild turkeys on Long Island is a relatively recent phenomenon, with populations growing to more than 3,000 birds. The first turkey hunting season on Long Island was a five-day fall season in 2009 with a one-bird bag limit. After DEC established this season and, later, a two-day youth-only spring season, turkey populations in the area continued to increase. Their populations can now support additional hunting opportunities in the form of a spring season from May 1 through May 31 with a bag limit of one bearded bird.

If adopted as proposed, a spring season would occur in 2023 in Suffolk County.

In addition, another proposal scheduled to take effect this fall, would change the minimum shot size from #8 to #9 for turkey hunting statewide, to account for advances in shotshell technology. Previously, shot sizes smaller than #8 were prohibited because they lacked the kinetic energy downrange to humanely harvest a turkey. Recent advances in shotshell technology use heavier metals such as tungsten alloy, tungsten-iron, or bismuth. These heavier shot types, sometimes referred to as "Tungsten Super Shot" or "TSS," maintain enough energy to humanely harvest a turkey. In terms of kinetic energy, #9 tungsten can have the same weight as #5 lead shot and achieve a higher pellet count.

DEC welcomes public comment on these regulatory proposals through June 5, 2022. Please send comments by email to wildlifer-eggs@dec.ny.gov with "Proposed Turkey Regulations" in the subject line or by mail to Joshua Stiller, NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4754. For more information, visit the DEC proposed regulations page.

Statement from DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos on Passage of the 2023 Enacted Budget

Today we join Governor Hochul in celebrating the historic and transformative environmental achievements in this year's budget agreement. With unprecedented investments in environmental protection and conservation, green energy initiatives and resiliency programs, Governor Hochul and legislative leaders sent a resounding message that New York will tackle the dangerous impacts of climate change at every turn, especially on our most vulnerable communities, while continuing to protect and restore our fragile ecosystem. I applaud the Governor and our legislative leaders for their committed environmental advocacy and courage and in turn, all of us at the Department of Environmental Conservation will continue to work tirelessly to make New York a national leader in conservation, clean energy, and green job creation for generations to come.

Camping permits Required May 15- September 15 at Peekamoose Valley

The Peekamoose Valley (County Route 42 in the Town of Denning) is a popular rustic camping area. Camping permits are now required to reserve primitive tent sites in the Lower, Middle, and Upper fields from May 15- September 15 of each year. Camping is restricted to reserved, designated campsites marked with the yellow camping symbol. Visit Reserve America (leaves DEC website) make a reservation. Permits for the Peekamoose Trailer Field must be obtained from the local Forest Ranger (845-240-6790), and must be requested at least 2 weeks in advance.

- o Lower Field: Camping is restricted to 13 designated sites. Permits can be obtained from Reserve America.
- o Middle Field: Camping is restricted to 7 designated sites. Permits can be obtained from Reserve America.
- o Upper Field: Camping is restricted to 9 designated sites. Permits can be obtained from Reserve America.
- o Trailer Field: Camping is restricted to 6, two of which meet ADA accessibility standards (equipped with fire rings, accessible picnic tables and a nearby seasonal accessible port-a-john). Permits for the Trailer Field must be obtained from the local Forest Ranger (845-240-6790)

Statement from Governor Hochul on Call with HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra Regarding Biden Administration Plan to Welcome up to 100,000 Refugees Fleeing Putin's Horrifying War

"This morning, I spoke with Secretary Becerra to reiterate New York State's willingness and readiness to assist individuals fleeing the egregious violence that has embroiled Ukraine and the region. As the proud home to the largest Ukrainian community in the United States, we are grateful to President Biden for his continued leadership in this moment of global crisis and applaud his Administration's commitment to welcome those fleeing Vladimir Putin's horrifying war.

"Our state has a long and storied history as a safe haven for populations displaced by conflict, including the people of Ukraine, thousands of whom have settled in our state over decades. Just like the Statue of Liberty stands in our harbor to welcome those in need, New Yorkers are prepared to assist in any manner possible to help ease Ukrainian refugees' suffering and ensure a smooth transition into our communities."



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Russia Is The Immoral Enemy

After Putin invaded Ukraine, the U.S. administration timidly succumbed to Putin's threats to widen the war if the U.S. and NATO became directly involved. We abandoned Ukraine to the Russian war crimes machine by not confronting the aggression within Ukraine. Economic sanctions against Russia and the supply of defensive military equipment to Ukraine will not stop the wanton deaths and destruction. They need combat aircraft, tanks and long range offensive missile systems.

The murdering of Ukrainian civilians by the Russian military is similar to the German atrocities committed in Europe during WWII, and the ramifications of the U.S. and NATO not going into Ukraine will reverberate in Europe for many years.

Russia could have military forces closer to the borders of NATO countries, and Russia could threaten these countries unless they agree to leave NATO.

The world is faced with a Russian tyrant who is intent on expanding into other countries and willing to achieve his aims by warfare. The free world will be locked in a new Cold War and possible military confrontations with Russia as Putin tries to recreate the Soviet empire.

NATO should be encouraged to increase its military forces; and offensive missile systems should be deployed in NATO countries.

Russia has exhibited inhumanity to man, and it is the immoral enemy of mankind.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry NH

monitor glass eels at 12 sites on the Hudson River from New York Harbor to the Capital Region.

American eels have one of the most unusual life cycles of any fish. Eels are hatched in the Sargasso Sea north of Puerto Rico, and every spring arrive in estuaries like the Hudson River as translucent, two-inch-long "glass eels." DEC and students check 10-foot, cone-shaped nets (fyke nets) specifically designed to catch these small eels during this life stage. Student researchers then count and release the glass eels back into the water and record environmental data on temperature and tides. Most of the eels are released above dams, waterfalls, and other barriers so that the eels have better access to habitat. Eels will live in freshwater rivers and streams for up to 30 years before returning to the sea to spawn.

Coastal states from Florida to Maine monitor the young-of-the-year migrations of American eels, using Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission protocols. Hudson River eel project participants are trained in these field collection protocols to ensure useful data collection.

New Yorkers interested in volunteering for the eel project, are advised to email eelproject@dec.ny.gov. For more information, visit DEC's website, or watch the eel project video on DEC's YouTube channel.

COVID Cases Slowly Rising, But Hospitalizations Are Not Second Booster Shots Widely Available

Liberty, NY - COVID-19 continues to be prevalent in NYS, with cases slowly increasing again, but the cases are not resulting in an increase in hospitalizations, notes Sullivan County Public Health Director Nancy McGraw.

"There have been no COVID-related hospitalizations in Sullivan County for several weeks now," McGraw says. "Nevertheless, the Sullivan County Public Health Department recommends that local businesses and employers continue to follow COVID-19 safety precautions, including recommending indoor masking during meetings, events and gatherings, increased spacing where possible, and providing hand sanitizer."

Several national and global research studies have indicated that those who became infected after being fully or partially vaccinated were more likely to have a milder and shorter illness compared to those who were unvaccinated.

"Vaccines and boosters continue to reduce a person's risk of contracting the virus that causes COVID-19 and are highly effective against severe illness," explains McGraw. "With a recent increase of Omicron sub-variant BA.2, COVID is still circulating. Vaccines are safe, effective and free, and continue to be our best protection against serious illness."

Booster doses are free and widely available statewide, including at all State-run mass vaccination sites. Eligible New Yorkers may receive an mRNA vaccine - either the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine - for their second booster shot. (A complete list of upcoming Public Health-run clinics is available at

www.sullivanyny.us/Departments/Publichealth/COVIDvaccines/clinics.) (Contd. Pg. 53)

DEC Announces Start of 15th Year of Juvenile Eel Monitoring Area Teachers and Students Join DEC to Count Hudson River Eels

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that all along the Hudson River Estuary, teachers, students, and local residents are donning waders and venturing into tributary streams to participate in DEC's ongoing research on migrating juvenile American eels (*Anguilla rostrata*).

"New York is home to significant habitat critical to the lifecycles of many migratory fish species," said Commissioner Seggos. "Now in its 15th year, DEC's Hudson River Eel Project is an excellent way to connect students and local residents with nature while gathering data to advance the study of American eels and this species' role in our ecosystem."

DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program and Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve initiated the project to gather data for multi-state management plans for eel conservation. Eel collection takes place daily at most sites from mid-March to mid-May. Since the project's inception, volunteers have caught, counted, and released more than one million juvenile eels into upstream habitat. This spring, students, local volunteers, DEC staff, and partner organizations will

Absentee Voters Have a Choice to Make

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Board of Elections wants voters to know about a recent change in New York State election law that may influence their decision about casting a ballot as an Absentee Voter. This law, which became effective January 1, 2022, will change the ability to vote in person on a voting machine.

In the past, Absentee Voters could change their minds and instead vote in person on a voting machine either during Early Voting or on Election Day.

With the new law, any Absentee Voter - including Permanent Absentees who have been issued an Absentee ballot - will no longer be able to vote in person on a machine. If an Absentee voter wishes to vote in person, it will be by Affidavit ballot only.

The Affidavit ballot will be kept separate until the election is completed. Election officials will then verify whether the voter's Absentee ballot has been received. If the Absentee ballot has been received, the Affidavit ballot will not be counted. If the voter's Absentee ballot has not been received, the Affidavit ballot will be counted.

Any local voter who would like to change their status as an Absentee Voter (so that they may vote in person on a voting machine) should please notify the Sullivan County Board of Elections in writing as soon as possible: 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701, or scboe@sullivanny.us.

If you have any questions, please call the Board of Elections at 845-807-0400.

COVID Cases Slowly Rising, But Hospitalizations Are Not

Second Booster Shots Widely Available

(From Pg. 52)

Who is eligible for a second booster?

The New York State Department of Health recently released new clinical guidance on the administration of second booster doses (the "fourth" shot) for all providers enrolled in the New York State vaccination program.

- Adults 50 years and older at least four months after their first booster.
- Adults ages 18-49 years who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine for their primary vaccine and initial booster dose now may receive a second booster four months after their first booster dose.



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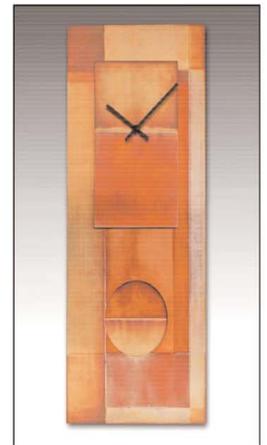
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"We continue to recommend that all eligible adults, adolescents, and children five years and older get fully vaccinated and receive an initial and second COVID-19 booster when eligible," states Dr. Bruce Ellsweig, Medical Director for the Sullivan County Department of Public Health.

Public Health and all New York State mass vaccination sites are administering second booster doses to eligible New Yorkers. To schedule an appointment at a State-run mass vaccination site, New Yorkers can call 1-833-NYS-4-VAX. People may also contact their pharmacy or health-care provider to schedule appointments where vaccines are available.

New Yorkers can also visit vaccines.gov, text their ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find nearby locations. Individuals should make sure providers are administering second booster doses when scheduling their appointments.

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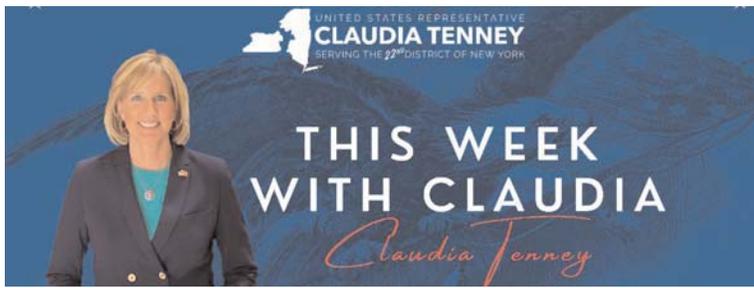
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It's Time to Stop Big Tech from Meddling in Our Elections

As many of you are aware, on October 14, 2020, Twitter suspended the New York Post's account and stopped others from sharing its content after the outlet broke a story about a laptop belonging to Hunter Biden, the son of then-candidate Joe Biden. This laptop contained damning emails from Hunter Biden, showing how he exploited his connections to his then-Vice President father to profit and further his own career interests by leveraging his father's position and connections for massive paychecks from foreign entities. After months of denying or refusing to report on this, The New York Times and other mainstream media outlets recently confirmed the existence of Biden's laptop.

I was deeply troubled by Twitter's actions at the time, and we are continuing to learn more about just how impactful they were. A recent survey from the Media Research Center found that more than 45% of Biden voters in swing states were entirely unaware of the New York Post's reporting on Hunter Biden's laptop. The same survey also found that nearly 10% of Biden voters would have chosen a different candidate had they known about the story prior to the election. The facts are clear: Twitter's censorship had a direct impact on the outcome of the election.

That's why I led 18 of my colleagues from the House Election Integrity Caucus, including Election Integrity Caucus co-chair Mike Garcia (CA) and House Republican Conference Chairwoman Elise Stefanik (NY), in a letter to Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal demanding answers about Twitter's censorship of media reporting on Hunter Biden's 'laptop from hell' prior to the 2020 presidential election. The letter highlighted Twitter's interference in the election and asks for clarity and accountability on the process of deciding to censor the story and whether it was done in coordination with the Biden campaign.

Big Tech oligarchs have grown far too powerful, censoring free speech that challenges their preferred narrative and their handpicked politicians. In 2020, this reached a new low. The free flow of information is key to a healthy democracy and to free and fair elections. Congress must be unequivocal in its response and hold Big Tech accountable. I am calling on Twitter to provide answers to the American people. Then, Congress should break up big tech, take an axe to Section 230, and ensure Silicon Valley elites can no longer interfere in our elections. The moment is too big for us not to deliver.

Supporting Increased Access to Mental Health Services

On Tuesday, I introduced H.R. 7237, the Reauthorizing Evidence-based And Crisis Help Initiatives Needed to Generate (REACHING) Improved Mental Health Outcomes for Patients Act with Representatives Morgan Griffith (VA), Sharice Davids (KS), and Angie Craig (MN). This important, bipartisan legislation would reauthorize and improve programs providing care and treatment for mental health, suicide prevention, substance abuse, and related issues.

The full extent of the dire psychological impacts brought on by the pandemic and related lockdowns is just beginning to be fully understood, but one thing is clear: our friends and families need access to mental health care now more than ever. I was honored to join my colleagues in supporting the reauthorization of

critical programs to ensure that mental health resources continue to reach individuals who need them most. I am also confident that the improvement in the Crisis Care program, a key part of the bill, will allow policy makers to better incorporate the needs of law enforcement.

The COVID-19 pandemic worsened mental health and substance abuse challenges facing the United States. In the one-year period ending in April 2021, drug overdose deaths in the U.S. tragically increased 28.5% to 100,306, the highest ever recorded, according to the CDC. Further, 4 in 10 U.S. adults have reported symptoms of anxiety or depression during the pandemic, compared with 1 in 10 who reported these symptoms in the first half of 2019, according to KFF. Despite this sad rise in poor mental health outcomes, New York State cut funding for 200 inpatient mental health treatment beds operated by the Office of Mental Health last year. This problem has grown exponentially, and we must address it head-on. This bill is an important first step.

House Foreign Affairs Committee Works to Hold Russia Accountable

Tenney Speaks at House Foreign Affairs Committee Markup

On Wednesday, the House Foreign Affairs Committee held a markup, where we considered 10 bills focused largely on holding the Russian Federation accountable for its aggression against sovereign nations, including its unprovoked war in Ukraine. The bills also re-affirmed America's support for strategic partners in the region and enhanced our response to those assisting Russia, such as the People's Republic of China (PRC). I was a cosponsor of six of these bills, all of which passed the Committee unanimously.

Vladimir Putin has waged an indefensible war of aggression against Ukraine. Since the beginning of this unprovoked invasion, more than 4.2 million Ukrainians have been forced to flee their home country, while others have remained behind and suffered from constant bombardment by Russian troops, food shortages, looting, and even rape. Thousands have been killed or injured by the Russian military's indiscriminate shelling. The people of Ukraine have bravely taken up arms to defend their nation, and they should know the United States and freedom loving people around the world stand with them, and that we will continue to support their cause through sanctions and lethal aid. I applaud my colleagues on the Foreign Affairs Committee for doing this important work on a strong, bipartisan basis.

I backed the following six bills, which passed unanimously:

H.R. 7312, To prohibit participation of the Russian Federation in the G7: This bill prohibits any taxpayer funding for re-admitting the Russian Federation into the Group of Seven (G7).

H.R. 7276, Ukraine Invasion War Crimes Deterrence and Accountability Act: This bill ensures that the U.S. is undertaking coordinated efforts to: (1) collect, analyze, and maintain evidence of war crimes and atrocities committed during the Russian invasion of Ukraine that could be used in the prosecution of such crimes; and (2) deter any such crimes by making Russian military officials aware of efforts to identify and prosecute war criminals.

H.R. 7340, To provide for congressional oversight of certain sanctions imposed with respect to the Russian Federation: This bill provides a new mechanism for Congressional oversight of certain Russia-related sanctions by requiring the President to submit to work closely with the House Foreign Affairs and Senate Foreign Relations Committees.

H.R. 7314, AXIS Act: This bill requires the Secretary of State to report on whether and how the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) have supported Russia's unprovoked invasion and full-scale war against Ukraine. (Contd. Pg. 56)

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H.Res. 833, Expressing support for Moldova's democracy, independence, and territorial integrity and strengthening United States and Moldova relations: As Moldova is confronted with the threat posed by Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on its border and has taken in nearly 400,000 refugees, this resolution reaffirms support for strong U.S.-Moldova relations, Moldova's democracy, and its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

H.R. 3344, Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act: This legislation authorizes the U.S. Development Finance Corporation to provide financing for secure fifth and future generations telecommunications infrastructure development projects in select Central and Eastern European countries, pushing back against CCP efforts to dominate the telecommunications networks of our strategic allies and partners in the region, many of whom are NATO allies.

My Votes Explained

I voted "No" on H.R. 3807, the Relief of Restaurants and other Hard Hit Small Business Act of 2022. I am a cosponsor of legislation, H.R. 4568, that would replenish funds for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) while making key reforms to the program to ensure it actually works for New York's small business owners. Unfortunately, the bill considered today failed to address the program's deficiencies, which far too many small businesses have experienced firsthand. My key concern continues to be that the RRF program awarded grants unconstitutionally based on race, gender, and additional priority criteria, rather than ensuring those most in need received assistance. This meant that more than 70% of the restaurateurs who applied for the grants did not receive funding simply because many of them did not meet the program's unconstitutional and woke criteria. This was wrong then, and it continues to be wrong now. A lack of equal opportunity in the program means that many of those who truly need help will still not receive it. Regrettably, H.R. 3807 did not fix these fundamental issues. That's why I am a cosponsor of the Entrée Act, which I mentioned above. This is a responsible alternative to this legislation that would eliminate woke criteria that is keeping aid out of the hands of struggling restaurant owners across the country. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 223 - 203.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7108, the Suspending Normal Trade Relations with Russia and Belarus Act. This bill would suspend permanent normal trade relations (PNTR) with Russia and Belarus. It would only allow the President to resume normal trade relations on a temporary basis of one year if the President certifies to Congress that Russia and Belarus have ended all military hostilities in Ukraine, accept the Ukrainian government, pose no threat to any NATO member, and recognize the right of the Ukrainian people to independently and freely choose their own government. It also reauthorizes sanctions that target human rights violations and corruption with penalties like visa bans or asset freezes. PNTR should not be extended to countries that engage in wanton acts of military aggression or those who do not reciprocate and deal fairly on trade matters with the United States. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 420 - 3.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6968, the Suspending Energy Imports from Russia Act. This bill would ban imports of Russian energy products, including petroleum, coal, and natural gas. The Act also requires President Biden to submit a certification to Congress that Russia has reached an agreement for withdrawal of forces and an end to military hostilities against Ukraine, poses no immediate

military threat of aggression to any NATO member, and has recognized the right of the people of Ukraine to independently and freely choose their own government, prior to lifting the ban. This legislation is a critical step towards holding Russia accountable for its unprovoked war of aggression against Ukraine. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 413 - 9.

I voted "No" on H.Res. 1037, a Resolution recommending that the House Of Representatives find Peter Navaro and Daniel Scavino, Jr., in contempt of congress. Instead of pursuing a valid legislative purpose and pursuing facts and truth, including about preparedness failures on January 6, 2021, these subpoenas, like others before it, serve a political goal. They are an attempt by the hyper-partisan January 6 Select Committee to punish political adversaries, both of whom in this instance served in the Trump Administration. This Select Committee takes power out of the hands of the House of Representative's standing committees of jurisdiction, which are entirely capable of conducting a thorough investigation. We should return power to these standing congressional committees that are accountable to the people, and not a body like this Select Committee, which is "bipartisan" in name only.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7276, the Ukraine Invasion War Crimes Deterrence and Accountability Act. This bill ensures that the U.S. is undertaking coordinated efforts to: (1) collect, analyze, and maintain evidence of war crimes and atrocities committed during the Russian invasion of Ukraine that could be used in the prosecution of such crimes; and (2) deter any such crimes by making Russian military officials aware of efforts to identify and prosecute war criminals. The people of Ukraine have bravely taken up arms to defend their nation, and they should know the United States and freedom loving people around the world stand with them, and that we will continue to support their cause through sanctions and lethal aid. I applaud my colleagues for doing this important work on a strong, bipartisan basis. I was honored to be an original cosponsor of this legislation.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1218, the Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act. This legislation directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to include data on certain maternal health outcomes in its broadband health mapping tool, which is an online platform that allows users to visualize, overlay, and analyze broadband and health data at national, state, and county levels. In doing so, the FCC is required consult with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to determine which maternal health outcomes should be incorporated, and the Government Accountability Office must also study the effectiveness of internet connectivity in improving maternal health outcomes and other issues. This legislation will help to identify regions where high rates of poor maternal health outcomes overlap with lack of access to broadband services, helping to show where tele-health services and increased connectivity can be most effective in improving maternal health. This bill passed the House by a vote of 409 - 11.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2501, the Spectrum Coordination Act. This legislation will require the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to address conflicts that have been detrimental to U.S. technological and economic advancement. Requiring the FCC and NTIA to update their memorandum of understanding will help to better coordinate the management of spectrum in the U.S. This will benefit the deployment and development of communication technologies. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 418 - 6. (Contd. Pg. 57)

This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 56)

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4476, the DHS Trade and Economic Security Council Act. This bill establishes a Trade and Economic Security Council within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the purposes of identifying trade and economic security risks and developing new policy recommendations. This legislation would support the supervision of our nation's trade and economic security, which is especially important as China continues to exercise its malign influence over the global economy. Improving our economic and trade security is also be especially helpful in light of the present conflict in Ukraine and the various economic and trade related challenges this and other geopolitical pose to the U.S. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 348 - 75.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5689, the Resilient AMERICA Act. This bill amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by doubling the funding stream available to the National Public Infrastructure Pre-disaster Mitigation program. In addition, the bill requires unspent funds from the program to be repurposed for mitigation and resilience projects. The legislation also extends Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant eligibility to non-profits. BRIC funding will also be set aside to enforce the adoption of newer building codes, and wildfires, tsunamis, ice, and wildfire risks would become eligible for hazard funding. This bill also contains a Buy American provision for construction supplies such as steel. This bipartisan bill will enhance a number of disaster mitigation programs that provide assistance to those whose homes are in areas of especially great risk. It would also expand the types of natural disasters for which individuals would qualify for hazard funding while simultaneously encouraging an adherence to more hazard resilient building codes. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 383 - 41.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5641, the SPEED Recovery Act. This bill amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to change the threshold for what can be classified as a small project from \$35,000 to \$1 million. This threshold will also be reviewed every three years to ensure it meets current needs. The number of disaster projects that qualified as small projects used to be 95%. Unfortunately, the small project threshold has not kept pace with inflation and now only encompasses approximately 25% of recovery projects. This has led to significant administrative burdens, making it harder for communities in need to receive assistance and harder for FEMA to manage the distribution of recovery funding. H.R. 5641 will correct this problem. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 414 - 11.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 831, Calling on the United States Government to uphold the founding democratic principles of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and establish a Center for Democratic Resilience within the headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. This resolution reaffirms the United States' support for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and calls upon the President to support the establishment of a Center for Democratic Resilience at NATO headquarters for the purposes of bolstering present and aspiring democratic nations across the globe. Since its inception, NATO has been fundamental to defending treaty partners. The establishment of a Center for Democratic Resilience within NATO will encourage the organization's mission of promoting liberty, human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. This resolution reaffirms our commitment to defending key democratic principles throughout the world, which is especially important given Russia's unlawful and unprovoked invasion. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 362 - 63.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5657, the Medical Marijuana Research Act. This bill amends the Controlled Substances Act to establish a new registration process to facilitate authorized research of mari-

juana for medical purposes. To this end, the bill also allows for the private manufacturing and distribution of cannabis specifically for approved research purposes. Currently, the only marijuana available to be used in research legally comes from a single contract the National Institute on Drug Abuse holds with the University of Mississippi. These restrictions hold back some research into the medical uses of marijuana for treatment of pain, childhood epilepsy therapy, and other conditions. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 343-75.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1916, the Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act. This bill requires that private health insurance plans cover diagnosis and treatment of congenital anomalies and birth defects, such as reconstructive services. Coverage must include services and items that functionally improve, repair, or restore any body part that is medically necessary for normal bodily functions or appearance. Coverage limits and cost-sharing requirements for such services and items may not be more restrictive than those applicable to all medical and surgical benefits under a plan. Importantly, this bill would close a coverage gap to ensure that health plans cover medically necessary services related to medical anomalies at birth allowing impacted babies to grow into healthier adults and avoid the need for additional treatments throughout their lives. This bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 310-110.

Webinar on Rural Broadband Expansion

This week, I announced today that my office will host a webinar with expert guests from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Development (USDA-RD). The webinar is open to all constituents and local government leaders and will provide an overview of federal grant and loan programs available for rural broadband development. Individuals and local agencies interested in federal programs to expand quality broadband are encouraged to attend. You will have an opportunity to hear from experts and ask questions.

Those interested in attending this webinar should RSVP by emailing RSVP_NY22@mail.house.gov. You are encouraged to share any questions you may have with our office in advance by calling 315-732-0713 to give us an opportunity to tailor the presentation to your specific areas of interest. Participants who register in advance will receive a link to the Zoom meeting on the morning of the event.

When: Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 10:00AM

Where: Webinar will be held via Zoom

Repeal the Rural Broadband Tax in New York!

Access to broadband is critical in this day and age. Unfortunately, rural areas throughout New York's 22nd Congressional District are lagging behind, in part due to New York's fiber fee, which serves as a tax on rural broadband expansion. That is why I joined recently with House Republican Conference Chairwoman Elise Stefanik in urging New York Governor Kathy Hochul to take action to expand access to rural broadband by repealing the New York State fiber fee. The fiber fee charges private fiber providers for installing, operating or maintaining fiber optic cable lines needed for quality broadband connections, running along or passing through State Rights-of-Way.

In the 2019-2020 New York State Budget, a provision was included to impose the fiber fee, except when a project is funded by the New York Broadband Program. Since then, the fee has come under fire from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle because it was implemented without any public comment and has made it more costly for providers to build infrastructure in underserved rural areas, including those throughout the 22nd District. Further, the fee applies only to fiber projects, but not to any other type of communications projects utilizing technologies like coaxial cables, which is a possible violation of federal law.

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“Charlie Brown and Friends” Bring Joy to FHS

The Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Drama Club brought an evening of joy to an appreciative audience when they performed the musical, *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, on April 8 and 9.



After a two-year hiatus in theater and concert events, *Charlie Brown* and all the Peanuts characters seemed perfect to celebrate renewal of a long tradition of great drama productions on the FCSD stage. A fine collection of school-age children that had won the hearts of the millions of newspaper readers, television watchers and theater goers over so many years was present on this winter evening. Many of the roles on stage were first-time performers. Along with veteran actors, they formed a wonderful ensemble.



Charlie Brown (played by Cecelia Norris-Yanes) and his friends, do all the normal childhood things. They play baseball, struggle with homework, send Valentines, sing songs, and share friendship. For the past two years because of health issues, schools were operating under non-normal conditions. On this night and the following night, the actors conveyed the joy of play and friendship so sorely needed in the after-school activities such as this musical. The audience forgot about the past interruption and reveled in the moment as they watched regular students performing as normal children in the magical world of *Charlie Brown*.

It is impossible to single out individual roles when the focus is about the group, the ensemble. Director Tobi Magneto brought out the best in each performer and one could feel the closeness on the cast members in every scene. The pacing was beautiful from scene to scene. The music was superb under the direction of Ms. Danna Clear. The sound, the sets, the lighting, and the staging were in the hands of professionals and staff.

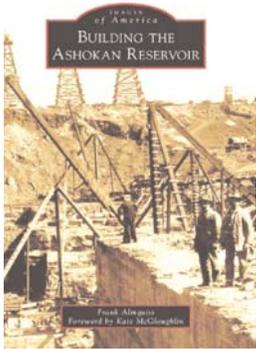
All the behind-the-scenes people made it possible for the cast to function as one company that cared for one another and allowed each member to shine. The ensemble was Sanaya Aquil, Olga Flores Bonilla, Adira Greer Padilla, Hayden-Marie Herrera, Adam Mednick, Bella and Nicholas Muscia, Cecilia Norris-Yanes, Jalysa Poindexter, and Elisheva Sudranski.

Thank you to all who brought the “old” normal back to the Fallsburg community. You made grateful hearts feel full by reminding us of the simple pleasures of childhood and the schoolhouse. That is an exceptionally large thing in these times.

Building the Ashokan Reservoir

Sunday, April 24th, 2 p.m.
At the Time and the Valleys Museum
and virtually on ZOOM

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] Join Author Frank Almquist for a presentation on his book: *Building the Ashokan Reservoir* on Sunday, April 24 at 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville Sullivan County, or virtually on zoom.



Author Frank Almquist brings to life the story of how this massive dam, miles of dikes, and water controls was built more than 100 years ago mostly by hand, an undertaking nearly the magnitude of the Panama Canal. Construction started on September 30, 1907 and the dam and dikes, followed by roads and bridges, was

completed in December, 1917. Completion was ahead of schedule and under budget!

Frank Almquist shares his collection of real-photo postcards and other collected material, with support of materials from local collectors, libraries and historical societies, to tell the story



of the Olive Bridge dam construction, the two basins as well the dividing weir and dikes, the workers

and their camps.

Admission to the program is free for Museum members and \$5 for non-members. For virtual attendance: Non-members can make a donation on the Museum's website:

www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. To register and receive a program link, please email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org and put Ashokan Reservoir Talk Zoom Link Request in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700.

In person registration is not required and includes admission to the Museum's three floors of interactive exhibitions. The program will be held at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt.



55 in Grahamsville. For more information please email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or call 845 985-7700.



About the speaker: Frank Almquist

In summer of 1997 Frank retired early from IBM after a 37 year engineering and management career in product technology and development. For many years he fly-fished the Esopus Creek as well as collected area postcards. In antique shops he found cards of the Ashokan Reservoir area, the towns that were displaced, then construction postcards. The bug hit, "learn more about how the reservoir was built".

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is currently open by appointment and during programs. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

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

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
 - o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
 - o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.
 - o New! One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room an exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.
- The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

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

SUNY Sullivan Theater Arts Program presents *Next to Normal*

The SUNY Sullivan Theater Arts Program is proud to present *Next to Normal*, book/lyrics by Brian Yorkey and music by Tom Kitt. The winner of three 2009 Tony Awards, including Best Musical Score, and the 2010 Pulitzer Prize, *Next to Normal* explores how one suburban household copes with crisis and mental illness. This play deals with bipolar disorder and will open on World Bipolar Day. SUNY Sullivan produces a contemporary, a classic, and a musical every year. This contemporary play fulfills the Theater Program's 2021-2022 season that focuses on Disability and Disorders.

Performances of *Next to Normal* take place April 15-16 at 8 pm. The play will be performed in SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theater. Masks are required for all campus visitors. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$10 to the SUNY Sullivan Theater Program/Performing Arts Club. For further information, contact Jessica López-Barkl at jbarkl@sunysullivan.edu. For advance tickets, click [here](#).

Next to Normal is directed by SUNY Sullivan Adjunct Professor Nick López, with music direction by Leon Hilfstein and Brandon Sparkman, and features Jessica López-Barkl, Theater Arts Program director, and Billy Steeves, Theater Arts alumni. *Next to Normal* is one of several plays in SUNY Sullivan's 2021-22 theater season to investigate the circumstances of the historically marginalized disability community and attempt to foreground people whose stories have not been largely overlooked. The SUNY Sullivan Theater Program is sensitive to the fact that representation is not enough if the stories of marginalized individuals are not represented in a thoughtful and authentic way. As a college in a county whose largest healthcare employer serves people with disabilities, SUNY Sullivan hopes to partner with regional organizations to provide an array of educational opportunities to demonstrate that art by and about people with disabilities is enriched and enhanced by the extraordinary circumstances of their lives.

Next to Normal synopsis

Next to Normal explores how one suburban household copes with crisis and mental illness. Winner of three 2009 Tony Awards, including Best Musical Score and the 2010 Pulitzer Prize, *Next to Normal* was also chosen as "one of the year's ten best shows" by critics around the country, including *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Rolling Stone* and *The New York Times*. This deeply moving piece of theatre is an emotional powerhouse that addresses such issues as grieving a loss, ethics in modern psychiatry, and suburban life.

The 2021-22 SUNY Sullivan Theater season continues May 6-14, with *Thank You / I'm Sorry*, by Brianna Worden and Janna Walter. Music composed by Brandon Sparkman. Directed by Jessica López-Barkl. This play is the first play about Neurofibromatosis, and a world premiere opening during **Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month**.

For more information, contact Jessica López-Barkl at jbarkl@sunysullivan.edu.

About the Artists:

Tom Kitt - composer

Tom Kitt received two Tony awards for Best Score and Best Orchestrations (with Michael Starobin) for *Next to Normal*. Tom is responsible for the music supervision, arrangements, and orchestrations for *Green Day's American Idiot on Broadway* and was also the string arranger on their most recent album *21st Century Breakdown*. Tom is also the composer of *High Fidelity* (Broadway) and *From up Here*.

Brian Yorkey - book and lyrics

Brian Yorkey received the Tony Award for Best Score for *Next to Normal*. Theater credits include the musical adaptation of Ang Lee's *The Wedding Banquet* and the country musical *Play it By Heart*.

Nick López - director

Nick López is an adjunct professor of theater and speech at SUNY Sullivan. He is an actor, director, designer, and cartoonist. He has performed and directed in New York, New Mexico, Washington State, and West Virginia. He has a BA in theater from the University of New Mexico and an MFA in performance from West Virginia University.

About SUNY Sullivan

SUNY Sullivan is the leader of innovative higher education and a catalyst for workforce development throughout the Sullivan Catskills and beyond. Our diverse community cultivates personal growth and professional advancement, preparing students for success in a sustainable and interconnected world. A forward-looking, top-tier community college in New York, SUNY Sullivan offers over 40 degree programs, certificates, and micro-credentials for learners at all levels of their educational goals. We value critical inquiry and creativity while supporting our students in a culture of inclusion and respect.

Suny Sullivan Theater Program & Performing Arts Club presents

Next to Normal

Book by Brian Yorkey
Music by Tom Kitt

Directed by Nick Lopez
Music Direction by Leon Hilfstein
and Brandon Sparkman

April 15th & 16th @ 8 pm

A mental health talkback will occur after each performance.

Contact: jbarkl@sunysullivan.edu
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The Daniel Pierce Library Children's Programs 2022



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

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Mother Goose Time–

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

Toddler Time–

Stories, felt stories, crafts, music, and friendship-building geared for wee ones ages 24-35 months. Program will be held each Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Story Hour–

Our classic, beloved program for three, four, and five year-old children, featuring the "Magic Bag," a read-aloud, felt stories, crafts, homework, and music. Program will be held each Friday 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour–

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

Give your child a head start by enrolling him/her in one of these valuable programs this spring. Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org by April 1st.

If you have any questions, please email dmchugh@rcls.org or call (845) 985-7233 x105.



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Saturday, May 21, 2022

Spring Cleanse Through Nutrition

Saturday, June 18, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Are you ready to feel clarity of the mind,
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April's workshop will include: discussions on balanced vs unbalanced state, listening to your body, tips & routines for at home use, lymphatic system care, full body wellness and an interactive session in mindfulness meditation practices.

You can join one or all three of these free workshops for a holistic experience rooted in balance this spring season. You do not have to attend one to attend another. Registration for each workshop will be open at the beginning of each month, for adult residence of Tr-Valley at www.danielpiercelibrary.org.



Meet your instructor, Kelsey Riley.

Kelsey is a Holistic Health Coach with a background in Ayurveda, Yoga and Reiki. Her passion is to uncover the root causes of dis-ease and disconnection in the lives of others and guide them in their discovery toward the nature of the true Self. She founded EyeAwaken Wellness to bring these ancient wellness teachings into modern lifestyles with the intention to integrate them in ways that feel inspiring, nourishing and aligned to YOU!

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“KNARF’S CLASSIC MOVIE I
 AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, NETFLIX

LILIES OF THE FIELD

(1963 / RATED G / 1HR 34MIN / DRAMA)

Lilies Of The Field is the story of a group of Catholic nuns who escape from the Communist held portion of Berlin and come to the United States. They have a small holding in a southwestern state where they are attempting to set up a school, hospital and chapel to serve the people of the area whose only place of worship is a mobile field chapel. A traveling handyman becomes the answer to the prayers of nuns who wish to build a chapel in the desert.

Directed by Ralph Nelson and starring Sidney Poitier, Lilia Skala, Lisa Mann, Written by James Poe (screenplay) William E. Barrett (novel) *Lilies of the Field* is really Sidney Poitier's show. It's about his character (Homer Smith), who is a jack-of-all-trades, that meets nuns who speak very little English on a farm in Arizona. The nuns believe he has been sent to them by God to build a chapel. Smith gradually becomes engrossed in the challenge of doing and so he does with help.



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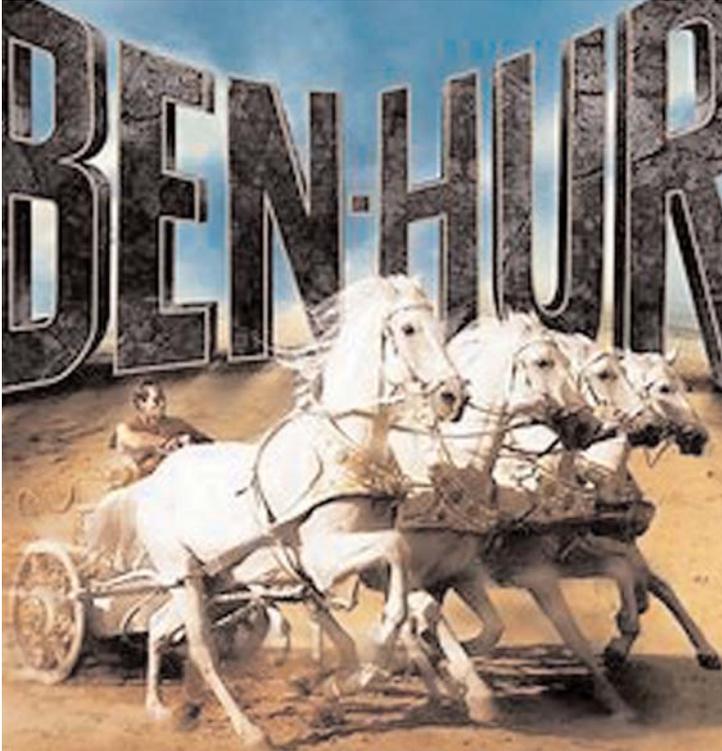
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“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE II
SEE ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE FILMS ON
TCM, AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, NETFLIX,

BEN-HUR

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

Ben-Hur is a 1959 American religious epic film directed by William Wyler, produced by Sam Zimbalist and starring Charlton Heston as the title character.



A remake of the 1925 silent film with a similar title, it was adapted from Lew Wallace's 1880 novel *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ*. The screenplay is credited to

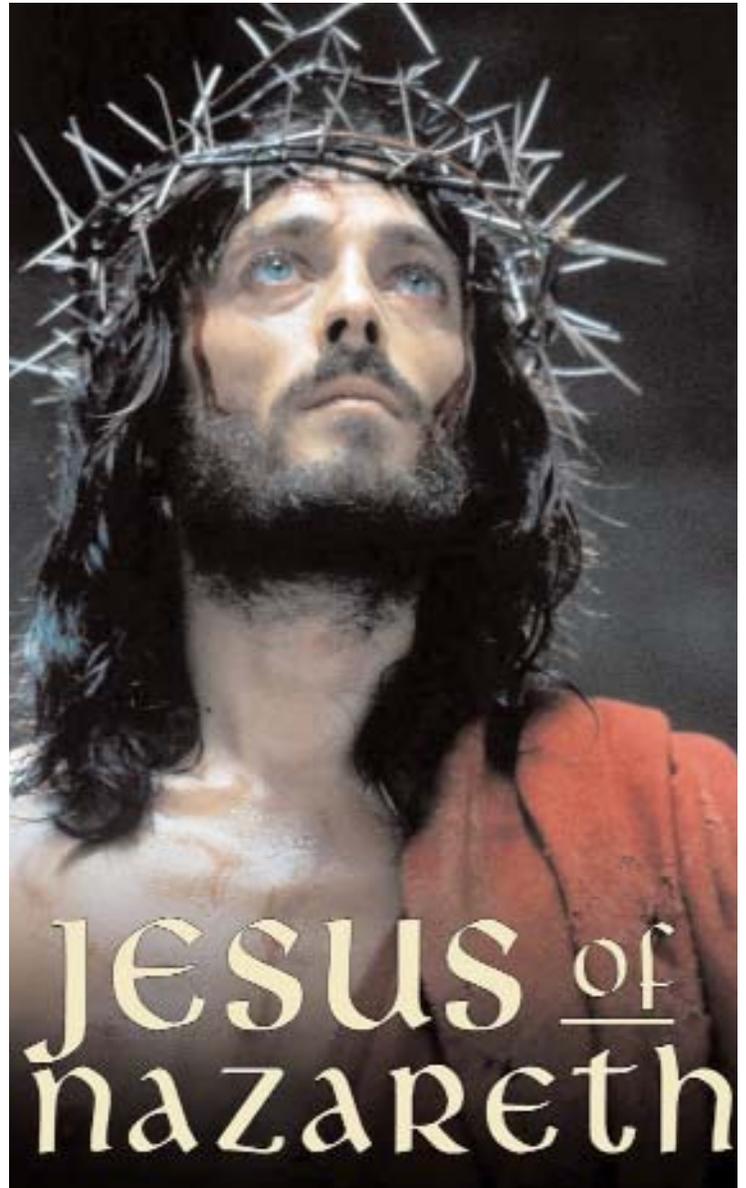


Karl Tunberg, but includes **contributions from Maxwell Anderson, S. N. Behrman, Gore Vidal**. After a Jewish prince is betrayed and sent into slavery by a Roman friend in 1st-century Jerusalem, he regains his freedom and comes back for revenge. A story of revenge that turns into a plot filled with compassion and forgiveness.

“KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III
SEE ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE FILMS
TCM, AMAZON PRIME, IMOB, NETFLIX,
HONORING EASTER & PASSOVER

JESUS OF NAZARETH

(Rated-G / 1988 / 1 hr 55 min / Fantasy / Drama)
Jesus (c. 4 BC to AD 30 or 33), also referred to as Jesus of Nazareth or Jesus Christ, was a first-century Jewish preacher and religious leader.



Jesus is the central figure of Christianity, the world's largest religion. Christians believe he is the incarnation of God, the Son, and the awaited messiah –the Christ –as prophesied in the Hebrew Bible.

*Happy Passover and
Happy Easter
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Gnome*