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Sullivan County's 2nd Annual Vet Fest Celebrated at Grahamsville Fairgrounds



Executive Director of ATI Debbie Worden

Sponsored by the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer Support Program at Action Toward Independence, Vet 2 Vet of Sullivan County, and the Sullivan County Veterans Coalition, active-duty military, reservists, veterans, and members of the National Guard, along with their families celebrated Sullivan County's 2nd Annual Vet Fest this past Saturday at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Veterans from all over enjoyed a free day of fun while connecting to resources that were available to them

Not only was it an interesting and fun day for the members of the military, but also for all members of the community who attended the event including the children who were certainly attracted to the huge bounce house.

Providing music throughout the day was local Neversink resident, Jesse Noren and U.S. Army Green Beret Veteran Derek Stoner.

You may remember Derek Stoner, a veteran and musician, who was among the distinguished guests of the day and appeared on stage at last



Local musician, Jesse Noren

year's Sullivan County 1st Annual Vet Fest. A retired Green Beret, Stoner traveled from the Heartland in the South back to Grahamsville adding to the festivities and memories of the day. After retiring from the 5th Special Forces group, Derek released his album, "Break the Chain". Derek's message is told through his music and centers on veterans in need and to promote and lead veterans into effective and accommodating agencies who are there to help.

Food was served by the Grahamsville Volunteer Fire Department and the Tri-Valley Little League and non-alcoholic beverages were provided by Danny's Roadhouse

U.S. Army Green Beret Veteran Derek Stoner



Rolling Bar. Food and beverages were free for all Veterans and their families, while all others paid a nominal price.

An on-site cholesterol and glucose testing as well as blood pressure screenings was provided by Garnet Health's "Know Your Numbers Program."

ClearPath for Veterans, Hope Not Handcuffs and the American Lung Association were also among the presenters providing valuable information at their booths. Orange County Catholic Charities offered a course on the use of Narcan, explaining the importance of having Narcan available at all times, so it is there when needed.

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On the Front Burner: Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

Jeremiah 18:14

OBITUARY

Edith F. McKay of Parksville, NY, a retired Clerk for the Sullivan County Adult Care Center in Liberty, NY, and a lifelong area resident died Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at her home. She was 79.

The daughter of the late Ivan and Elizabeth Wright Ackerley, she was born April 10, 1944 in the Town of Neversink, NY.

Survivors include her daughter, Beverly Frunzi and her husband Peter of So. Fallsburg, NY; two sons, Robert McKay and his companion, Sharon Maus of Callicoon, NY and Christopher McKay and his companion, Natasa Berrios of Parksville, NY; one sister, Mary Nash and her husband Fred of Neversink, NY; one brother, Medwin Ackerley of Neversink, NY; nine grandchildren, Todd, Peter, John, Marie, Michele, Robert, Bruce and Louella Frunzi and Kristina McKay; several great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Leon McKay and her late companion, Thomas Smith.

At this time the family has chosen to celebrate Edith's Life privately.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY

Mrs. Grant Sheley of Sundown; two brothers, Mr. Loren Dean of Sundown and Mr. Elisha Dean of Lackawack Hill.

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KUM TO KRUM'S

August 7, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rose of the Woodbourne Road, Grahamsville, announce the engagement of their daughter Linda Ann to Harold Buley Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buley Sr. of Grahamsville. No date has been set for the wedding.

On Friday, August 3rd, seven Junior Girl Scouts and two Brownies hiked to the Red Hill Fire Tower Campsite. Everyone was thrilled with the climb up to the tower and very excited about how far they could see. Mr. DePew, the local fire warden, showed the girls how he used instruments and radio to locate fires. The girls had a picnic lunch and played games before returning. The Scouts who made the trip were: Donna Smith, Kathleen Eidel, Dorothy Horton, Michelle Friedman, Helen Brown, Evelyn Eck and Maryann Murphy. The two Brownie Scouts were: Susan Horton and Susan Smith.

August 29, 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Allison of Big Hollow Road, Grahamsville, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Martha Lee to Roger TerBush Jr., son of Roger TerBush Sr. of Ulster Heights. Miss Allison graduated from Tri-Valley Central School and Sullivan County Community College. She is employed by the Ellenville Savings Bank. Her fiancé served in the U.S. Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He is employed by Charles Low Auto Sales, Ulster Heights. A November wedding is planned.

Fair winners: Mrs. Nancy Seaman of Neversink was an easy winner for the oldest person at the Little World's Fair. She is 102! Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Walter took the prize for the longest married - sixty years! Youngest at the fair was little Rebecca Parker of Thompson Ridge who was born August 14, 1973. (Contd. Pg. 3)

DAYS OF YOKE....

Today's History

August 12, 1953

Chan Dayton Jr. has received notice that he has been awarded a full tuition scholarship for the school year 1953-54 by the University of Chicago where he was in attendance last year. The scholarship is for \$690 and was awarded on the basis of achievement during the preceding school year. Chan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey M. Dayton of Grahamsville.

Mrs. Helmet Roshop, 61, passed away on Monday, at her home in Miami, Florida. She was born August 17, 1892 in Grahamsville, the daughter of George and Viola Dean. Surviving besides her husband, are one sister,

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

(From Pg. 2) **August 29, 1973**

Mr. Oshio Mizaguchi of Kobe, Japan traveled the farthest to attend the fair.

August 11, 1983

Kathy, Larry and Renee Balestra are happy to announce the arrival of Danielle Marie Balestra, born July 29th and weighing in at 7 lbs. 4 _ oz; 20 inches long.

Magic Mountain Crafts is the name of another new business in Grahamsville, operated by John Williams and Larry Balestra. They specialize in the manufacture of wooden toys, custom kitchen cabinets, furniture and architectural moldings. Good luck gentlemen!

Congratulations are in order for three local athletes: Missy Iatauro for winning the women's open division of the 11th Annual Upper Delaware Regatta Foot Race for the 3rd time; to Jack Jordan who won the Summer Championship Tournament at Lochmor in Loch Sheldrake carding a 1 under par 71; and to Cal Parrow of Sundown who carded a 77 for the best gross score in the Senior Division.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

August 7, 1997

It is 9 p.m. and I am sitting alone upstairs here in my room. A soft summer breeze is slowly moving the window curtains. As I look back over the past years, I wonder what our future will bring. For supper tonight, I ate a frozen sirloin steak dinner. It could be that I'm a bit old-fashioned but is our way or preserving foods by freezing them better than they were in the good old days. Back then housewives canned anything available. Vegetables from the garden; fruits from the orchard; chicken and meat from the farm.

Wild berries were gathered and made into jams and jellies and canned whole for sauce to store away in the cellar for the long hard winter that was sure to come.

Home canned food was also nice to have when unexpected guests arrived.

It was very easy to prepare a meal in a few minutes while thawing and cooking frozen meats and vegetables can take quite a bit of time.

In the good old days, we never seemed to tire of putting up and putting away food for the larder to see the family safely through the winter. Most every family kept a flock of chickens in a little hen house in back of the house to supply the family with fresh eggs and an occasional roast chicken dinner. No frozen food years ago. When food froze I thawed it out. Tonight I did enjoy my frozen sirloin steak dinner though.

Household Hint:

Is the Salt in the Shaker Stuck Together?

In weather like we have been experiencing it is common that the salt in the shaker isn't come out when you shake it, but rather stuck in the shaker. To remedy this, put a teaspoon or so of rice in the shaker along with the salt and shake it until the salt is no longer stuck together. As we know when our cell phones get a little damp, putting them in rice will help dry them out. Putting rice in your salt shaker will do the same – keep the salt dry and free-flowing.

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

Let's Celebrate the Blueberry!!!

This Saturday the Annual Blueberry Festival will be held in Ellenville. The day will be filled with food, fun and festivities all centered around the bounty of this year's Blueberry crop.

Blueberries belong to the Heath family (Erica), with 3,400 known species. Many are hardy woody bushes that grow in cooler zones in acid soil over most of the U.S., Canada and north to the Alaskan tundra.

True blueberries (vaccinium) are generally cadet blue, but some bushes do produce dark blueberries. Each berry is filled with many soft seeds. The flavor is delicious.

It wasn't until the early 1900's plant breeders domesticated the wild highbush blueberry into the plump tasty berries we buy at the farmer's market and enjoy today.

Blueberry growers use special blueberry Bees (*Osmia ribifloris*) for best pollination because they are so good at it. Just two bees can take care of a bush for a whole summer! Blueberry Bees are much smaller than a honey bee, solitary, gentle and a lovely metallic blue.

To attract nesting Blueberry Bees, growers drill little holes in wooden blocks and hang them in bushes and places sheltered from bad weather. In the wild, Blueberry Bees nest in hollow plant stems and empty snail shells.

Blueberries are usually rigid and upright. Sprawling shrubs that can vary in size from 3.9 inches to 13 feet in height. The leaves can be either deciduous (shed annually) or evergreen. They are ovate (oval shaped) to lanceolate, (tapering to a point) and are .39 to 3.15 inches long and .20-1.38 inches broad. The flowers are bell-shaped, white, pale pink or red, sometimes tinged greenish. Berries range in size from 0.20 inches to 0.63 inches in diameter and have a flared crown at the end. They are pale green at first, turning to reddish-purple, and finally dark purple when ripe. They are covered in a protective coating of powdery epicuticular (protective) wax.

Blueberries rank only second to strawberries in popularity of berries. Blueberries are not only popular, but also repeatedly ranked in the U.S. diet as having one of the highest antioxidant capacities among all fruits, vegetables, spices and seasonings. Antioxidants are essential to optimizing health by helping to combat the free radicals that can damage cellular structures as well as DNA. They contain anthocyanins, other pigments and various phytochemicals, which are now being researched for their potential role in reducing risks of diseases such as inflammation and cancer.

It's hard to believe these tiny blue wonders have been around for more than 13,000 years. Not only are they indigenous to North America, but blueberries also played a major role in our country's history.

In the early 1600s, Native Americans relied on the fruit as both a food and medicine source,

There are plenty of benefits to eating and enjoy blueberries. With that in mind, whether you have Blueberries growing in your backyard or not, don't forget the Blueberry Festival this Saturday! There will be many blueberry choices; blueberry pancakes, blueberry pies, muffins and lots of blue!

Not only will you get healthier - you will have a lot Blueberry fun, too!



Sullivan County's 2nd Annual Vet Fest Celebrated at Grahamsville Fairgrounds

(From Pg. 1) An interesting K-9 demonstration held the attention of many. For the children a petting zoo, games and of course the



K-9 demonstration

very popular bounce house provided fun for them throughout the day.

Quite a few service dogs accompanied by their owners were in the crowd. Catskill Veterinary Service of Rock Hill was on hand to provide distemper and rabies



vaccinations at no charge for those service dogs



Veteran Peer Advocate Stephen Murphy with his service dog Eva, walked down the midway at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds.

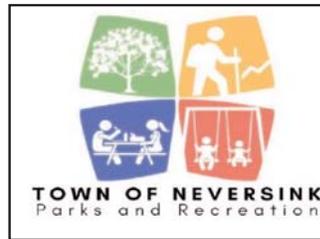


Local Veterans Charlie Breiner, above and Jim Richards (below) enjoyed the day. Jim and his wife, Terri also had a booth displaying some of Jim's collection of guns, ammunition and other memorabilia from the war in Viet Nam where both he and Charlie served our country.

Certainly it was a day to celebrate military families, community, friends and supporters. The Sullivan County 2nd Annual Vet Fest was fun filled -a day of recognition, entertainment and activities for all that also provided an opportunity to share valuable information and stories among the veterans. It was a day of remembrance and a time to honor all our veterans who made sacrifices.

It was a day to say, "Thank you" to all those who served our country.





News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

We are entering the crazy days of August-and the hot August Nights---or at least that is what they used to be. Mother Nature, however, has been keeping us guessing on this weather. In any case.. August is HERE and everyone knows what that means. THE GRAHAMSVILLE LITTLE WORLD'S FAIR!!!! Our fair is just around the corner, and our Neversink Agricultural Society (owners/operators of our Fair) have so many great things planned for this year. So check out their website to see all the happenings.... And don't forget that on Saturday (19th) your Parks & Rec team will be holding the Scavenger Hunt for kids 12 and under. This is a fun event for parents and kids as it takes them thru the entire fair, seeing everything it has to offer, and at the end there are fun goodie bags filled with all kinds of fun stuff, including free ice cream (thank you FFA) and free slushies (thank you Tri-Valley Little League). And best of all the kids get a chance to win a brand-new bike! So come see us behind the Fireman's Food Building --- and IT'S FREE!!! What more can a parent ask for! See ya at the Fair!

Soon after the Fair, your Parks & Rec is going to hold a KARAOKE NIGHT at the Fairgrounds. That's right -a night of fun and laughter as we all try and be the next American Idol! We are in the preliminary planning stages so keep checking your Townsman and our Facebook page for more details. This will all happen on Saturday, Sept. 9, times still to be determined. We do know that the first hour will be for "kids only" letting them show us all their talents on the microphone..... then the remainder of the night will be for the adults. More info to follow soon!

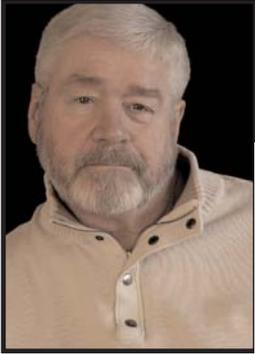
The following weekend after Karaoke Night is our long awaited and highly anticipated Antique Tractor Show. On Sept. 16 the Fairgrounds will be filled with tractors, all kinds of tractors, and cars, all kinds of cars, and lots of other vehicles to look at. We will have the "BIG M" and a very special award winning ANTIQUE FARMALL TRACTOR. And there will be so much more than just tractors and cars. We have lots of vendors selling their wares. There will be lots of great food with the Grahamsville Fire Dept. and Tri-Valley Little League keeping our tummies full. Our infamous Funnel Cakes will be made by the Terwilliger Family at their Funnel Cake Booth. And from 4pm-6pm the GFD will be serving their BBQ dinner. Our Beer Garden will have some great beer provided by our local breweries: Russian Mule, Bridge & Tunnel, and 17 West. And in our Beer Garden we will have some great live entertainment with Jon Zanger performing from 1-3 and 4-6. And that's just the beginning, there will be all kinds of antique machinery (of the household and small outdoor farm type) for everyone to see and be taken back to a time when life was not as easy as it is today! There will be fun family events including pedal tractor races, tractor obstacle course, Timmy the Train, blind-fold tractor race, slow race, tractor bingo, other family games, and face painting by our own Tri-Valley Cheerleading Squad. We will have the Tractor Parade which will be led by our Tri-Valley Cheerleaders. And what is an Antique Tractor Show without demonstrations! And we have lots planned in this area, with demos of the hit & miss engines, shingle mill and sawmills throughout the day. We will also have Barbara Purcell demonstrating her spinning wheel techniques and our Claryville Quilters showing us how those beautiful quilts are made. But this show is not just about tractors and antique machinery. It is also about our Sportsman! The Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club is holding its annual Sportsman Swap Meet with lots of vendors selling all different types of hunting, fishing and other sports gear. They will also be having demonstrations, which may include fly fishing demos. And of course this is the perfect time to get those knives sharpened as they will have experienced folks on site to make sure your knives can cut through paper and anything else they encounter. And we are so glad to have the Any Make/Any Model Car Club joining us this year with their incredible car show! So mark your calendars for September 16th (Sept 17th is the rain date) from 10-6 at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. The event starts at 10 with the raising of the flag and our National Anthem. Cost is \$3 per car (show vehicles enter free). Come on out for a trip to the past-and I guarantee you will appreciate everything we have today even more! Any questions or want to bring your tractor to the show, contact Paul Kelly @ 845-985-0081 or Cher Woehl @ 845-985-2401. Want to pre-order a chicken dinner, contact Larry Bracken @ 845-807-6686 or at fd.grahamsville@gmail.com. Want more info on the Sportsman Flea Market, contact the Rod & Gun Club @ 845-985-7628 or 845-985-5723. Also check out the NRAMA Facebook Page for additional info. And as always, you can reach out to me a cwparcsandrec@gmail.com.

Mother Nature has put a damper on our Movie Nites at the Fairgrounds. We are hoping to get at least 2 more before the season ends. Check our Parks & Rec Facebook page for more info on the weekly showings. I've gotten questions on the cost---NO COST-IT'S FREE!

I have been getting lots of questions about bus trips. Well Folks-guess what-WE ARE HAVING A BUS TRIP TO NYC IN DECEMBER! Yep, we are going to have a trip to the city on December 9th. Cost will be \$50 per person. We are finalizing the flyers and information now, so keep an eye out for more details on our Facebook page and in your Townsman. It will be a first come, first served basis for reserving a seat on the bus, which will only accommodate 50 people.

Regarding Movie Nite I want to thank everyone that came out to support Coach Jennifer Edwards and her Tri-Valley Cheerleading Squad on their special movie night! It was a fun night had by all with the squad doing drills and routines, selling some yummy goodies, and ending up with the showing of Bring it On. I personally want to thank the squad for my "autographed megaphone" which is now proudly displayed in my office!

This past weekend was the 2nd Annual VetFest. What a beautiful day we had for this incredible event. The weather was perfect! Derek Stoner, from Nashville, and our very own Jesse Noren entertained us throughout the day. Our DEP provided a K-9 demonstration that was amazing. And a big thank you to all the vendors who came to share their information, provide services to our Vets, share their beautiful products and provide demonstrations. (Contd. Pg 11)



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Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 46 Light It Up

Mysterious Book Report No. 327

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by John Dwaine McKenna

As a fifty-plus year resident here in Colorado, the question I'm most often asked by out-of-state friends is: *How has the legalization of marijuana affected things there?* The short answer . . . stoners love it and are flocking here in large numbers, as are criminals; government is ecstatic over the windfall from tax revenues; cops, school administrators and the armed forces are apoplectic about it. But, if you'd like to learn more about this controversial subject, while at the same time having an enjoyable, legal experience . . . and keep all of your clothes on . . .

Light It Up, (Putnam, \$26.00, 384 pages, ISBN 978-0-399-57563-1) by Nick Petrie, will introduce you to Peter Ash, an ex-marine warrior who raises bad-assery to such a high-level that even Lee Child—who rose to international fame on the back of Jack Reacher—sat up, took notice and wrote a book blurb.

In this, the third Peter Ash novel, (after *Burning Bright* and *The Drifter*) finds him in Denver, “Just for a few days, doing a favor for a friend,” named Henry Nygaard, a man he met while repairing hiking trails up in Oregon's remote Willamette National Forest. Ash was supposed to hook up with girlfriend Juna Cassidy back in eastern Oregon, but puts the rendezvous on hold because trouble is brewing in Denver. That's where Henry's daughter, Elle runs a company called Heavy Metal Protection, which performs armed escort duties for the cannabis industry. Because Federal law prohibits the use and sale of pot, weed, ganja, or whatever else it's called, banks refuse to deal with the entire industry. They're federally chartered and insured, so, all transactions with the cannabis crowd take place in cash. Cash only. Cash on the barrelhead. No checks, Visa, Mastercard, Diners Club, American Express, I.O.U.'s or promises of any kind. Cash means cash . . . and cash means trouble. Elle's husband Randy, her operations manager Leonard and three hundred thousand dollars in cash have gone missing. And by the end of his first day on the job, three of Peter Ash's friends, including Henry Nygaard, are dead, and Ash himself has killed four armed hijackers. And that, dear readers, is only the first few chapters in this explosive thriller that features one of the most compelling and deadly characters to come along since Clint played *Dirty Harry*. If you crave action, adventure and high drama that just never quits, Peter Ash is your go-to guy!

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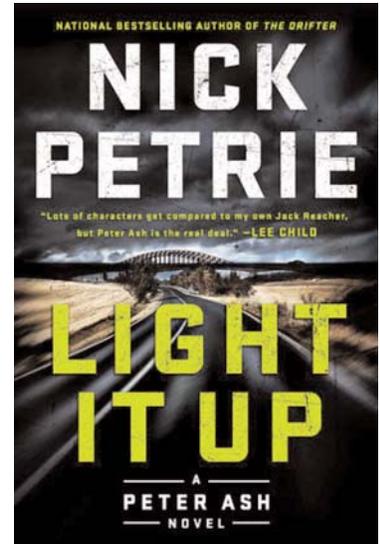
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Daniel Pierce Library

Between the Bookends

Honoring Connections and Sharing Moments ...the DPL Way!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-In my mind, the *Cheers* sitcom theme song plays every time I walk into the Daniel Pierce Library. Do you remember that song? “Where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came. I defy you to not hum the rest as you read this.

And, it's not just because I work here. Nope, the red carpet comes out for everyone. As my daughter says, “it's the vibe here that's awesome!” She's right. It's not just about books, and certainly not about the antiquated scene of a librarian shooshing. Our patrons come here, of course to check out books, but also for the conversation between other patrons or our staff. Children come here to play with their friends, to put on puppet shows for their grandparents and to see Miss. Deirdre! Our patrons come to share news of family events; beautiful moments like births and saddening ones, like a loved one passing on. And here-using newer slang-we share “all the feels.” For better or worse, we're all a quasi-family-all connected in a way that, societally, is disappearing at an alarming rate.

I read an interesting story the other day by Emma Wood, an Associate Librarian at the UMass Law Library. It's titled *The Rise of Third Place and Open Access Amidst the Pandemic*, on the American Library Association website, in case you would like to read it. In the article, she refers to Urban Sociologist Ray Oldenburg, who coined the term “third place,” which means a place outside your home (“first place”), or work/school (“second place”), where people find conversation and connection; like shopping malls, coffee shops, bars...and libraries. Oldenburg didn't specify libraries per say, according to Wood, but we can all decipher that to be the case. She goes on to talk about how with the shifting lifestyles starting back in WWII and later, the internet, many “third places” are vanishing. The proverbial bar stool or building stoop is just not as enticing as the world at your fingertips –but people still need the connection.

In a small community like Grahamsville, we are and continue to strive to be that “third place.”

In that spirit, we attended the first annual Bear Bash this past Wednesday and what an amazing time that was! It was such an honor to be part of this community-wide event; getting to see families that we have watched grow up through our different programs. “It truly was outstanding,” Mikki Greene, DPL Interim Director, said. She added that she hopes it will be a reoccurring event.

And you would think that with the summer programming coming to a close, we would all take a collective breath –but who has time for that! We are busier than ever, getting ready for the upcoming fair –stop by and purchase some of our delicious strawberry shortcake, raffle tickets for GPP and browse our book tent August 18-20 at the fairgrounds –and resuming our regular schedule. We are a library after all, and like to continually be chockful of new books, and that takes time. We are constantly ordering and processing new books and taking patron's suggestions for new ones to purchase.

“If you are anxiously awaiting a new or popular title, call or stop in so we can place a “hold” on the item,” Greene said. As soon as it becomes available, you will receive notification to pick it up –you'll have five days to do so before we ship the book (or dvd) back to its home library. With 47 libraries in the RCLS-Ramapo Catskill Library System –the wait time is tolerable and is much more cost effective than buying it outright.

On a separate note, we hosted the Tri Valley Class of 1962 reunion on Friday, August 4. “It's so wonderful that we now have room at the library to accommodate them. This “new” library is a blessing in so many ways,” Greene said. Our main building –constructed in the early 2000's –allows us to host many events; not only our own, but private events such as the reunion aforementioned, community group meetings and the like.



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Sweet Times in Sullivan Catskills

Celebrate National S'mores Day on Thursday.

Senior Cinema at Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre will be on Thursday at 2 pm. This week's show is Ticket to Paradise. At 5:30 pm, the 2nd annual BowWo&W Dog Walk in Liberty promises to be a howling good time, and in Wurtsboro, the Duck Race at Veteran's Park starts at 6 pm. Head to Cabernet Frank's for your weekly dose of Cab'raoke starting at 7 pm. Upward Brewing holds its Summer Camp Party starting at 7 pm with Brother Moses on the outdoor stage. The second concert of the Shandeleo Music Festival's 30th anniversary season begins at 8 pm. "An Evening of Piano" with Fei-Fei, a winner of the Concert Artists Guild Competition and a top finalist at the 14th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, will include music by Rachmaninoff, Chopin, Debussy, and Beethoven. Can't get enough? The series continues Saturday with "An Evening of Jazz" and Tuesday, August 15, with "An Evening of Chamber Music." All shows begin at 8 pm.

The performing arts roll right into the weekend.

The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre presents Neuroscience & Emotions: The Life, Work & Music of Dr. Joseph LeDoux, which tells the compelling story of the son of a Cajun bull riding butcher who emerges from this unlikely background to become one of the world's leading neuroscientists.

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents The Play That Goes Wrong at 8 pm. (Additional performances will be held on August 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20). DVAA's Retro Cinema series continues Friday at 6:30 pm with a screening of A Streetcar Named Desire at the Tusten Theatre. In the gallery in Narrowsburg, exhibits starting Saturday include Mary Sweeney: Gathering and Traci Johnson: Creatures of Desire. It's the final days of The Addams Family at Forestburgh Playhouse - running through Sunday. Next up, starting August 15, it's amazing music, memorable characters, and great storytelling: Jersey Boys.

On Saturday at 2:00 pm, the Liberty Public Library will present "From Cow to Cone: How a 7th Generation Farmer Pursued Her Dream to Make and Sell Ice Cream", an event perfect for a summertime family outing. Make sure you try the samples! It's Claryville Day, a celebration of the community and history of the town of Claryville, from 10 am to 3 pm on the grounds of the Claryville Reformed Church.

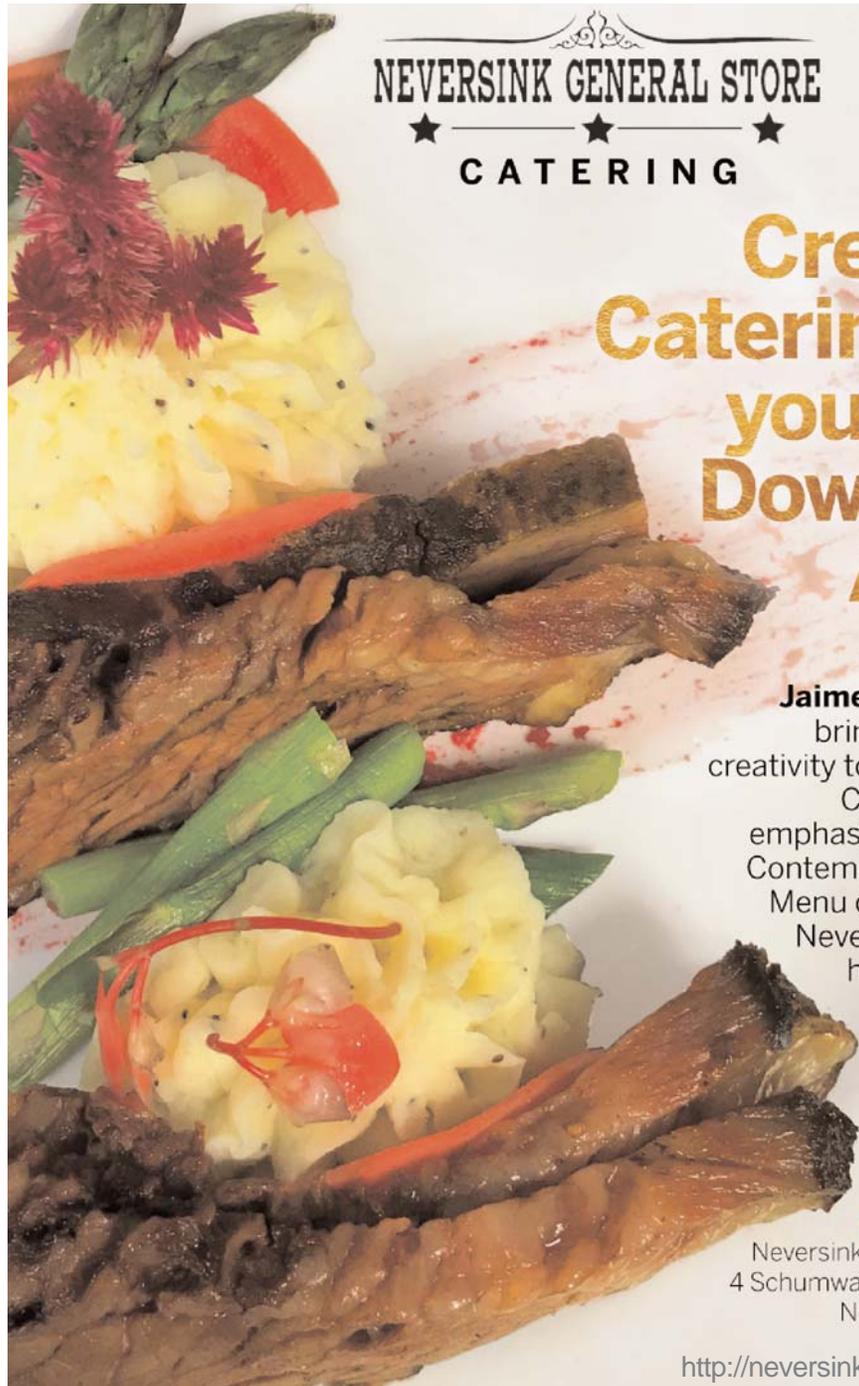
It's all about the bagel on Sunday Fun Day. It's the annual Bagel Festival on Sunday, August 13, from 9 am-4 pm on Broadway in Monticello with food, fun, music, shopping, a car show, and Catskills ReVibe - live mural paintings by Lowkey Creative

Go boating, fishing, hiking, or biking. And there are plenty of things for the kids. When you're hungry, try our Catskill-icious food and award-winning craft beverage scene. Try a little retail therapy shopping from our makers, antique and home goods stores, farmers' markets, and more.

Plan Ahead:

The 2023 Grahamsville Little World's Fair - the longest-running independent fair in New York, offers three days of old-fashioned family fun, August 18-20 with agricultural and livestock exhibits and contests, live music and demonstrations, rides for all ages, food, games, and so much more. Admission includes free parking, access to exhibits and contests, and free entertainment!

The Colorado Cello Quartet will perform "An Evening of Chamber Music" at the Shandeleo Music Festival on Saturday, August 19, at 8 pm.



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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

There is a new (to me) wave of unique musicians that take to the road every year. And by this, I'm talking about sometimes hundreds of miles from their home. CASWYN MOON and FAITH KELLY jumped on this bandwagon last year and this last weekend, we had two of these musicians in our area. GASHOUSE ANNIE, who hails from the Pittsburgh area, was at CABERNET FRANK'S on Saturday. Just the name was enough to draw attention. What kind of music could one expect?

Well, let me just say that she almost had me liking Country. I spent the first set trying to classify - or at least- liken her voice to someone you, dear readers, could identify with. I couldn't do it. It has a soft quality with a slight rasp but with such intensity that one hangs on the lyrics of songs that you've heard many times. Someone likened her voice to the great MARIA MULDUR, which made me think I was missing something sitting so far back in the outdoor space.



DRAZZ

Equally interesting, and right on the money, was her teaming up with DRAZZ on stage for the night. His mastery of the accordion, brought a touch of authenticity and, yes, a bit of Cajun flavor to her expert renditions of classic country hits, FOLSOM PRISON, RING OF FIRE, and CRAZY among them. But wait, there was more! As they traded off, the song choices were brilliant. WALKING AFTER MIDNIGHT followed by DRAZZ with YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW. And the more I listened, the more I heard totally logical progressions.

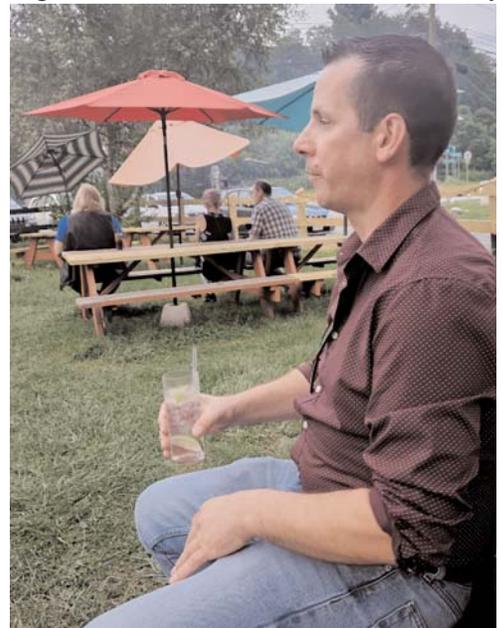
That same night (unfortunately), another of these roving musicians, ERIC SOMMERS, was at THE HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE. It was my intention to see this, but somehow the changed date was moved to next week in my book. *sigh* I really wanted to see

and speak with him because it's my understanding that this is ALL he does, up and down the East Coast. My first question would have been "Where's home base?". Another thing that makes him unique is that most if not all of his music is original including a lot of ballads. Think about it, all if not most, music one hasn't heard before. Well, guess that will have to wait.

But everything is as it should be in the universe at every given moment. I walked into CABERNET FRANK'S and noticed this man at the bar, familiar but couldn't place. You know how it is when you see someone out of the context where you are used to seeing them. ALBI BELULI had stopped in on his way home from his gig at THE PROHIBITION DISTILLERY in Roscoe. I have never had a chance to really speak to him outside of covering a gig, so this was a rare treat. We spoke on a personal level about our bouts with CoVid before it became widely understood, his beautiful family, literature and of course I had to ask where he was performing. This weekend, Friday I believe, he will be at AROMA THYME in Ellenville, but don't take my word for the day.

Well, that does it for me this week. Whenever you're going out, think about masking up. The micro dust, the smoke, however light, and increased ozone is creating havoc even for people without respiratory problems. Plus, I heard over the weekend that CoVid is rising here again. (Primal Scream)

Stay safe, stay well
Until next time.....



ALBI BELULI

News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

(From Pg. 4) And thank you to our Grahamsville Fire Dept. and Tri-Valley Little League for keeping everyone's tummy full. I want to personally thank the VetFest team for letting me once again be a part of this very special and worthy event---so special thanks to Lauren Roman & Paul Slavik from Sullivan County Veterans Coalition; Stephen Murphy & Matt Kleman from Vet2Vet; Jon Shamro from DEP and Don Starner from our Grahamsville Fire Dept. What a great team we are!!! Thank you. I can't wait for next year's 3rd Annual VetFest!

That's it for this update... more to follow in upcoming weeks. Remember to keep checking our Parks & Rec Facebook page for updates on upcoming events. And as always, any questions please reach out to me at cwparcsandrec@gmail.com.

Until our next update, everyone be safe, stay healthy and most of all be happy.

Cher (your Parks & Rec Director)

Alvarez Reappointed to National Committees



Sullivan County District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez continues to sit on four influential committees of the National Association of Counties (NACo).

NACo President Mary Jo McGuire this month notified Alvarez of his reappointment to the national advocacy organization's Immigration Reform Task Force, Programs and Services Standing Committee, Rural Action Caucus, and Veterans and Military Services Committee.

"You were chosen because my goal is to build a talented and committed leadership team for NACo. Our strength at NACo is in our members and your active involvement. As we move forward together, now is the time for county leaders to connect, inspire and lead," McGuire wrote in Alvarez's appointment letter.

Alvarez has previously served on NACo's Law Enforcement Subcommittee, Health Steering Subcommittee (as Vice Chair of Medicaid and Indigent Care), Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board, and Large Urban County Caucus Steering Committee. He began participating with the organization in 2017, when he was Chair of the Sullivan County Legislature. A longtime (now retired) Sheriff's deputy, Alvarez also sits on the board of the NYS Association of Counties (NYSAC).



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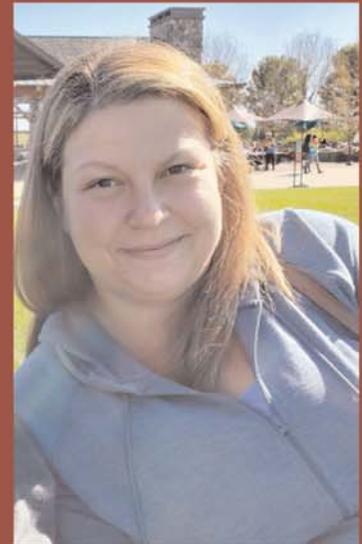

"I strongly believe in NACo's mission and am proud to represent Sullivan County on its committees, which have national influence," Alvarez related. "I remain committed to my constituents as their legislator, but it's important to recognize that we're part of a larger system of government that constantly needs review and improvement."

NACo strives to unite America's 3,069 county governments. Founded in 1935, the nonprofit brings county officials together to advocate with a collective voice on national policy, exchange ideas and build new leadership skills, pursue transformational county solutions, enrich the public's understanding of county government and exercise exemplary leadership in public service.



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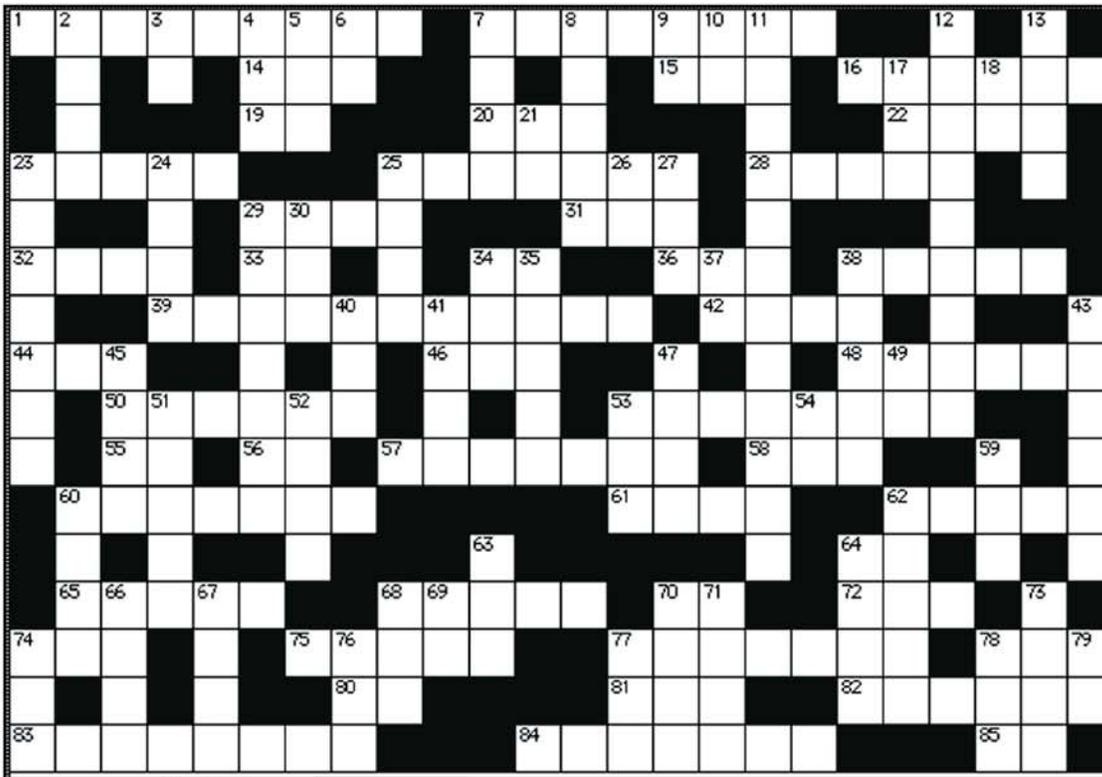
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- 14 Short for goodbye
- 15 Hearing auricle
- 16 Recently retired NYS Deputy Comptroller
- 19 Have existence
- 20 The 'sun'
- 22 Simple
- 23 River fish
- 25 Skilled in fine arts
- 28 Pays attention
- 29 A favorite baked treat that is popular - made with Blueberries
- 31 Avenue (abbrev)
- 32 Hairy insect that gathers pollen
- 33 Surrounded by
- 34 Archaic exclamation
- 36 Picnic pest

- 38 Sharp tingling pain
- 39 Species of the Ericaceae family
- 42 In fun
- 44 A rule of conduct
- 46 Firewood
- 48 Seer
- 50 Directions to prepare muffins
- 53 Customs of a society
- 55 Chemical element
- 56 New Hampshire
- 57 Brought together again
- 58 Bring into action
- 60 Sharp pointed organ of a bee
- 61 A person of the same rank
- 62 Delicate
- 64 To such a great extent
- 65 Division of society into ranks

- 68 Blueberries and huckleberries
- 70 Toward
- 72 Type of beer with a bitter flavor
- 74 Also known as
- 75 Cause great fear
- 77 Famous "Renaissance Man"
- 78 Missing In Action
- 80 Any
- 81 Tool for chopping wood
- 82 Gnome that guards or haunts mines
- 83 Ornamental flower
- 84 Renaissance
- 85 "the People"

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- 2 Sheldrake
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- 13 Gadgets for amusement
- 17 Semiconductor diode that emits light
- 18 Exists
- 21 Used to attract someone's attention
- 23 Deep dish fruit pie
- 24 What blueberries grow on

- 25 First black male tennis player to achieve world ranking
- 26 Abbrev. Tri-Valley
- 27 The ocean
- 29 What we should be doing now with blueberries
- 30 Writing fluid
- 34 August sun sign
- 35 Large musical instrument
- 37 New Jersey
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- 40 Falsehood
- 41 Cool primary color
- 43 Famous hotel and landmark that was located in Ellenville
- 45 Something written
- 47 Song
- 49 Egyptian sun god
- 51 Heather's plant family

- 52 Exclamation expressing strong relief
- 53 Police officer
- 54 You and I
- 59 Existed
- 60 Not well
- 62 Manuscript made up of sheets of paper
- 63 Color
- 64 Bag
- 66 Rock ledge
- 67 Melody
- 68 Supporter
- 69 Railroad

- 70 Judd Hirsh TV series
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Blueberry Buckle

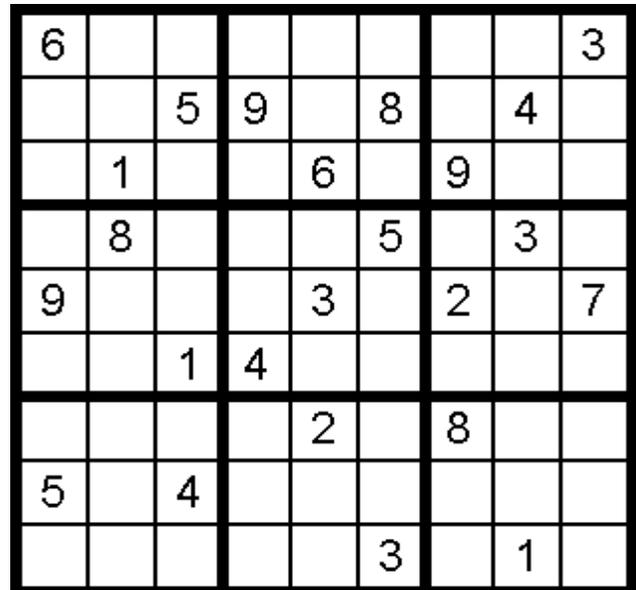
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup butter, softened

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease one 8x8 inch pan.

Cream together 3/4 cup sugar, shortening, and egg. In a separate bowl mix together 2 cups flour, baking powder, and salt. Stir into sugar mixture, alternating with milk. Stir in blueberries. Pour into greased 8x8 inch pan. To make topping: Combine 1/2 cup sugar, 1/3 cup flour, cinnamon, and butter. Sprinkle over cake batter. Bake at 375 degree F (190 degrees C) for 25-30 minutes.



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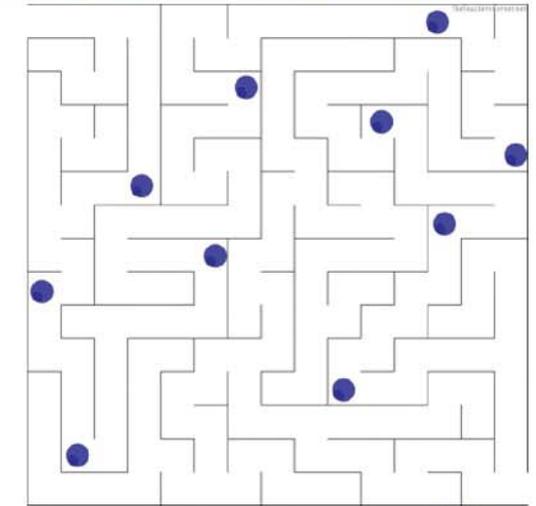
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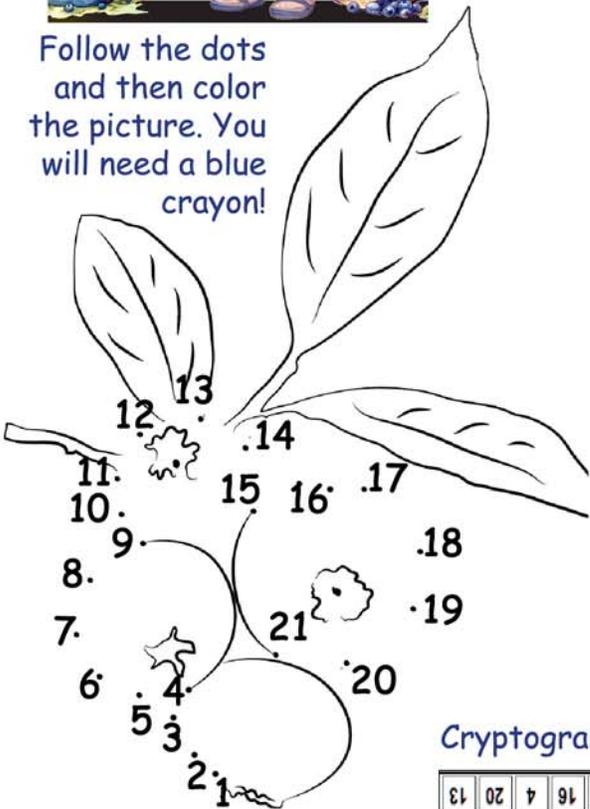
Aurora is already for the Blueberry Festival this weekend in Ellenville. Can you find 5 differences between the 2 pictures?

A Bounty of Blueberries!
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Kids' Fun Page
- L. Comando

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- 1) BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING, Monday, **August 14, 2023**, 6:00 p.m., Administration Building Conference Room.
- 2) Regular Meeting #3, **Thursday, August 17, 2023**
Meeting Opening Call to Order - 5:15 p.m.
Secondary School Library Lower Level
Anticipated Proposed Executive Session - 5:15 p.m.
Secondary School Library Upper Level
Meeting #3 Resumes - 6:00 p.m.
Secondary School Library Lower Level

The Board Meeting on August 17, 2023 will be on Tri-Valley's YouTube LIVE Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChk1224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w/live>

Road Closure in Grahamsville

Grahamsville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of County Road 156 (South Hill Road) in the Town of Neversink to replace County Bridge 216. The bridge itself is located approximately 300 feet east of the intersection of State Route 42 and CR 156. This section is scheduled to be closed to all traffic for approximately six months, starting at 8 a.m. on May 1, 2023.

ROAD CLOSURE

Jeffersonville, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works will close a portion of County Road 164, in the Town of Delaware near the intersection with Route 52 in Jeffersonville, to construct the Kohlertown Flood Risk Reduction Project. This section of road will be closed to traffic starting 7 a.m., Monday, August 7 and will remain closed for approximately five (5) weeks.

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works will post signage for the detour using State Route 52 and Miller Road.

SULLIVAN COUNTY ROAD CLOSURE

Eldred, NY - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of County Road 33 (Eldred-Yulan Road) in Eldred to repair County Bridge 198, located approximately 0.1 miles west of the intersection of CR 33 with State Route 55. This section of CR 33 will be closed to all traffic starting at 7 a.m. Thursday, July 20, and will remain closed for approximately 18 days.

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The three-day event will be an opportunity for residents of the district to receive resources and assistance regarding academic success and student well-being. Backpacks, school supplies, clothing, refreshments and school-related information will be provided free-of-charge. The event will also be sponsored by Fallsburg's Family and Community Engagement Program and My Brother's Keeper Initiative.

Here are the following dates, locations, and times:

August 21, 2023

Lake View Apartments
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11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

August 23, 2023

Main Street Apartments
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11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

August 25, 2023

Beverly Garden Apartments
26 Beverly Drive South Fallsburg, NY 12779
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Ballet Classes at the Old Stone House of Hasbrouck



Ballet Classes are being offered at The Old Stone House Of Hasbrouck, a local 501c3 community center. For years children have been taking classes on Saturday mornings.

Now adults can learn the basics of this extraordinary dance form, widely considered the foundation for all dance styles Beginning in September on Wednesday Evenings at 6:30pm.

The new classes for adults will start on September 13, 20, 27, continue through October until November 1 (8 classes)

Instructor Alana Sherman, a certified Dance Therapist, has been teaching for over 30 years and has studied dance, especially ballet, since she was 12.

Adult dancers should wear ballet slippers, (available on line). To set the mood, black leotards and pink tights are urged but not necessary. Comfortable loose clothing is acceptable. The house tends to be cool so a sweater is advisable.

Children's classes are on-going at 10:30am on Saturdays and are 10\$ per session or 65\$ for 8 classes in advance.

Sessions follow a typical ballet structure: Warm-up, barre and center work. But since this is a Beginners class, it's most important to just learn some ballet basics...and have tons of fun dancing, without pressure or competition.

Classes are 10\$ per session, or 65\$ in advance for all 8 classes. For more information contact Alana Sherman via e-mail sherman_alana@yahoo.com.

The OLD STONE HOUSE, at 282 Hasbrouck Rd. in Woodbourne NY is minutes away from Fallsburg, Monticello, Liberty, Grahamsville and Ellenville.

SCDW's Haunted Theatre Casting Call

Love Halloween? If dark, scary places and things that go bump in the night are a thrill - then the Haunted Theater Tours are the place for you to reside... come and audition with the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop and join the cast and crew to "prepare to SCARE" at the very Haunted, Rivoli Theater!

Auditions will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2:00-4:00pm & Sunday, August 13, 6:30-9:00pm at the Rivoli Theatre, Main Street, South Fallsburg,

Looking to cast monsters, ghouls, ghosts, goblins and creepies of all types.

Performance dates: October 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 at the Rivoli Theatre.

Rehearsal dates TBA

All auditioners should bring a resume (if available) and possibly read from a script. Must be able to attend required rehearsals when posted. Must list all conflict dates.

SHADOWLAND STAGES Presents the 'Tony Award-Winning Musical "Million Dollar Quartet"

ELLENVILLE, NY August 7th, 2023 - When the paths of four rock and roll legends - Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, and Jerry Lee Lewis - cross, history is made! SHADOWLAND STAGES proudly presents the electrifying production of "Million Dollar Quartet," giving audiences a rare, behind-the-scenes glimpse into one history's most legendary musical moments. The show will run from August 11th through September 10th, with the official opening night on August 12th.

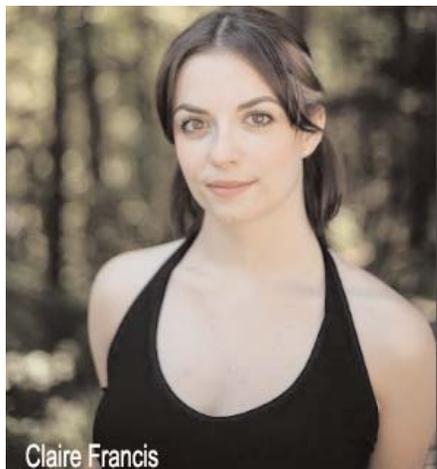
"Million Dollar Quartet" transports theatergoers back to December 1956, when Presley, Cash, Perkins, and Lewis all found themselves at Sun Records Studios in Memphis, Tennessee. This spontaneous jam session, integral to rock history, changed the music scene forever. "Million Dollar Quartet" captures the true wonder of that night, offering a moving, emotional, and funny experience under the skilled direction of Chris Blisset.

Featuring an incredible score of rock and roll, gospel, R&B, and country hits, including classics such as "Blue Suede Shoes," "Fever," "Great Balls of Fire," and "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On," "Million Dollar Quartet" guarantees an unforgettable musical experience.

The cast includes Chris Blisset*, Noel Carey*, Trevor Lindley Craft, Jeffrey T. Kelly, Jackson Mattek, Jefferson McDonald*, Travis Poelle*, and Claire-Frances Sullivan. Nicole Caroselli* will serve as the production stage manager.

Preview performances for "Million Dollar Quartet" will take place on August 11th at 8 PM and August 12th at 2 PM, with tickets priced at \$38. All other evening shows are available for \$46, and Sunday matinee performances are priced at \$43. The official opening night performance is slated for August 12th at 8 PM. Following that performance an opening celebration will take place at Tony & Nicks Italian Kitchen in Ellenville. To secure your seats for this extraordinary musical production, please contact the box office at (845) 647-5511 or visit shadowlandstages.org for convenient online reservations.

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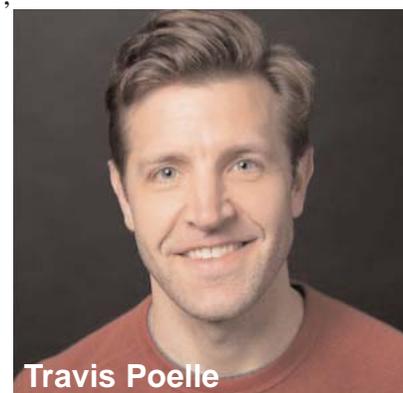
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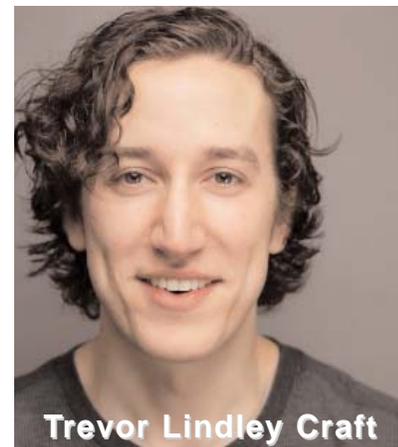
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SCDW presents *The Play That Goes Wrong*



The cast for "The Play That Goes Wrong". SCDW at the Rivoli Theatre Aug. 11-20

Standing: Ethan King, Tom Muller, Tim Reid, Julianne Porter, Jeff Luoma

Seated: Keith Prince, Lynne Porter

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop welcomes you to laugh out loud as the extremely popular show "The Play That Goes Wrong" hits the Rivoli Theatre stage in South Fallsburg on August 11, and runs for six performances through August 20.

Directed by Keith Prince, in loving memory of his co-director Bunny Woloszczak, and produced by Dawn Perneszi, "The Play That Goes Wrong" grants you admission to opening night of the Cornely Drama Society's newest production, *The Murder at Haversham Manor* where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous. Playwrights Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer & Henry Shields leave you in tears, as the cast struggles inside this accident-prone obstacle course of hilarity to make it to their final curtain call. The cast includes Tom Muller (Rosendale), Jeff Luoma (Pine Bush), Ethan King (Kerhonkson), Samantha Mileski (Monroe), Lynne Porter (Woodbourne) Julianne Porter (Woodbourne)), and Keith Prince (Woodbourne). Presented by arrangement with Dramatists Play Service under-license from Mischief Worldwide Ltd. For a full list of crew and cast members, please visit our Facebook or website.

Performances will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 11, 12, 18, 19 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, August 13 and 20 at 2:00 pm at the Rivoli Theatre, 5243 Route 42 (Main Street), South Fallsburg. General Admission is \$15 Adults, \$12 Seniors (60+), Students (with Valid ID), Military and Veterans. Advance Sales online www.myrivertickets.com or purchase your tickets at the Box Office one hour prior to curtain for any performance. For additional information, visit us at www.SCDW.net or call (845) 436-5336.

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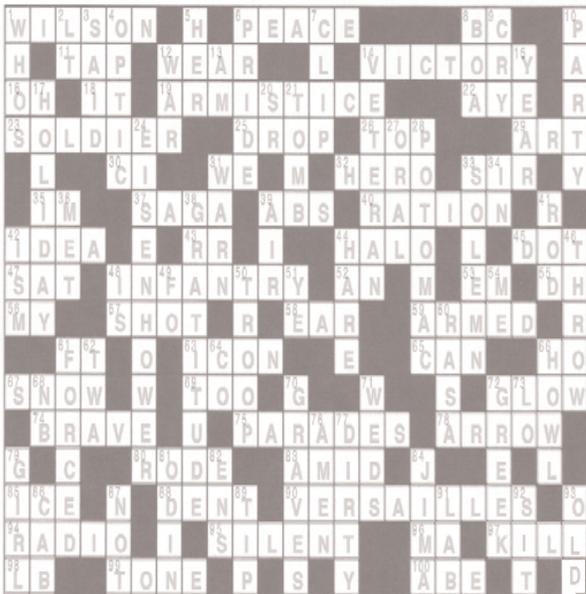
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Ans to last week's Crossword



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**Prime Timers of Temple Sholom of
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for August and September**

The Prime Timers of Temple Sholom of Monticello are planning some fun-filled trips in the next few months, as follows:

Thursday, Aug. 31st - Bus Trip to Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem, PA. with many outlet stores and \$30 free slot play. Bus leaves Monticello 9:00 AM. Only \$50 pp .

Mon., Sept. 11th - Appreciation Luncheon at Casa Mia Italian Restaurant in Hurleyville at 12:30 PM. \$25.00 pp.

Call Paula for further information and reservations at 845-794-2314

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**Shandelee Music Festival's 30th
Anniversary Season**

Improvisational jazz lovers will celebrate the third concert of the **Shandelee Music Festival's 30th anniversary season**. “An Evening of Jazz” with **Eliane Elias and Marc Johnson** will be presented on **Saturday, August 12**.

Classical music lovers will rejoice at the **Shandelee Music Festival's (SMF) 4th concert** for their 30th anniversary season. **The Arcadia Players** will present “An Evening of Chamber Music” on **Tuesday, August 15**.

The Shandelee Music Festival (SMF) continues the celebration of its 30th anniversary season with “An Evening of Solo Piano” performed by **Anna Fedorova** on **Thursday, August 17**.

On **Saturday, August 19**, you won't have to imagine. You'll be able to see and hear that in person as the **Shandelee Music Festival (SMF)** continues the celebration of its 30th anniversary season with “An Evening of Chamber Music” performed by the exceptional **Colorado Cello Quartet (CCQ)**.

All performances in the Sunset Concert Series begin at 8 p.m., and will be performed at SMF's fully accessible, climate-controlled Sunset Concert Pavilion, located at 442 J. Young Road, Livingston Manor. Advanced reservations are requested. Call 845-439-3277, or purchase your tickets and get more information about membership and sponsorships online at www.shandelee.org.

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- 8/11 & 8/12 **Sundown Ladies Indoor Yard Sale** 9 am - 1 pm Sundown UMC Hall
 8/15/23 Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting 7:30 pm
 8/17/23 Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
 8/17/23 Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
 8/17/23 Denning Town Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
 8/19/23 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon **Luncheon** 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
 8/26/23 **Claryville Vol Fire Dept Annual Craft Fair 10 am to 3 pm** 1500 Denning Rd, Claryville NY
 92 /23 **Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 Church Hall
 9/4/23 Town of Neversink Holiday **LABOR DAY**
 9/5/23 Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
 9/6/23 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm
 9/12/23 Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
 9/13/23 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:00 pm

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Calendar Update for the Week Of August 7 - August 11, 2023

Monday, August 7

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

Tuesday, August 8

- o 3:45 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Sole Member Meeting, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building; 550W 7th Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501; & via Zoom, Meeting ID: 880 6759 9503
- o **4:00 PM- Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, in Legislative Chambers**, 6th Floor, County Office Building; 550W 7th Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501; & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 899 0720 6867
- o **5:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee, in the KL Binder Library**, 6th Floor, County Office Building
- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Health**, Commissioner's Office, 1st Floor, 239 Golden Hill Lane, Kingston
- o 6:00 PM (or immediately following the Ways & Means Committee) - **Caucus: Democrats**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building

Wednesday, August 9

- o No meetings

Thursday, August 10

- o **4:00 PM - Ulster County Charter Revision Commission, in Legislative Chambers**, 6th Floor, County Office Building; & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 840 4292 4344
- o **5:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Ways & Means Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building
- o **6:00 PM - Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building

Friday, August 11

- o **12:00 PM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building

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Claryville Day Saturday, August 12 10 to 3 p.m.

Claryville Day, a celebration of the community and history of the town of Claryville, will be held on Saturday, August 12 from 10 to 3 p.m., on the grounds of the Claryville Reformed Church, 946 Claryville Road, Sullivan County.

Spend the day visiting a beautiful small Catskill Town, where the east and west branches of the Neversink River join. Activities throughout the day include visits to the historic Claryville one-room school house, cookie walk, craft vendors, quilt show, historic cemetery walks and talks on Claryville history and environment. Lunch and refreshments will be available. Funds raised support the maintenance of the historic Claryville one-room school house.

Held rain or shine, admission and parking are FREE. This event is sponsored by the Claryville Reformed Church, Neversink Association, Rondout Neversink Stream Program and the Time and the Valleys Museum.



For more information contact Anne-Marie Kremer at 845 985-2016 or email annemariekremer@yahoo.com.

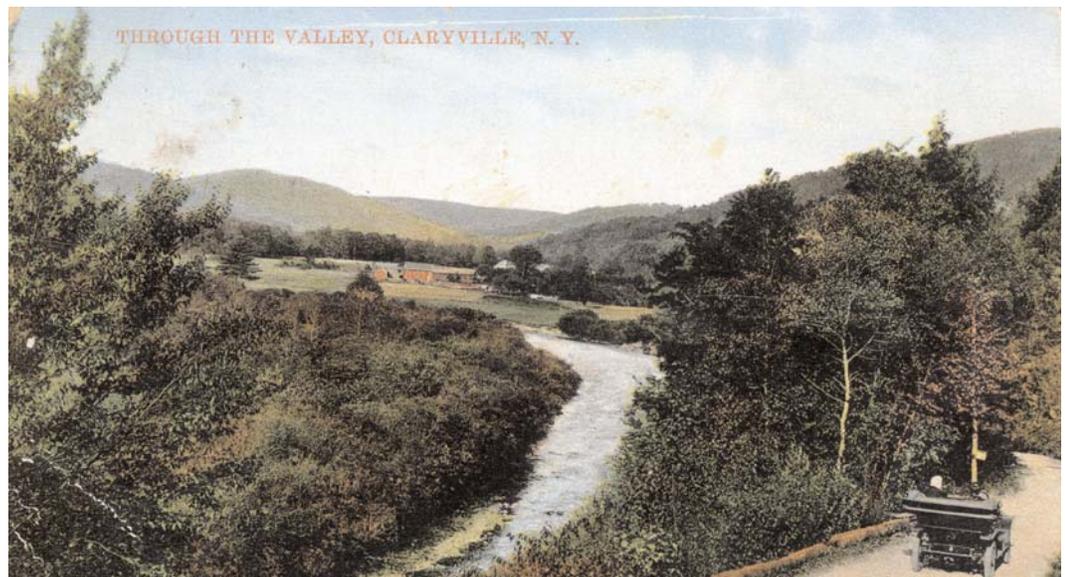
About Claryville: In the Sullivan County Catskills, Claryville was originally named Claraville for the wife of one of the original landowners. It was part of a tract of land given to Johannes Hardenberg by Queen Anne of England in 1708. US Post Office records tell us that the Claryville post office was established in 1850 with John Reynolds as first postmaster. This thriving community was fueled by tanneries and saw mills.

Today local residents value the history of the area - visitors will find a authentic one-room schoolhouse, a cemetery that has burials dating back to early settlers and a church that is lov-

ingly cared for. The Claryville Reformed Church dates back to 1849 and is still in use.

The very same section of the Upper Neversink River that provided water for tanners and sawyers and was heavily polluted is now clean and protected. The Neversink Association, a group of private individuals, lists their purpose as "to conserve the flora and fauna of the Neversink River". Rondout Neversink Stream Program strives to help preserve the clean mountain water as it wends its way to the Neversink Reservoir.

For more information contact Anne-Marie Kremer at 845 985-2016 or email: annemariekremer@yahoo.com.



Shandeelee's 4th concert features The Arcadia Players

SHANDELEE, NY: Classical music lovers will rejoice at the Shandeelee Music Festival's (SMF) 4th concert for their 30th anniversary season. The Arcadia Players will present "An Evening of Chamber Music" on Tuesday, August 15.

Founded in 1989 by Margaret Irwin-Brandon, The Arcadia Players hold a residency at the Massachusetts Center for Renaissance Studies at UMass Amherst. Led by well-known performer, teacher, composer and scholar Andrew Arceci, this American chamber orchestra uses historically informed performance to explore repertoire from the Renaissance, Baroque, and Classical eras.

Arceci, who plays viola da gamba, violone and double bass, holds degrees from the Peabody Conservatory, The Juilliard School, and the University of Oxford. He directed the Collegium Musicum at Wellesley College from 2015-2020, and since 2016, has led the Winchendon Music Festival in Winchendon, Massachusetts. He has performed throughout North America, Europe and Asia, and has numerous recording and radio/television credits including NPR, the BBC, Centaur Records and many others.

Featured in the SMF's concert will be the Italianate renditions of British folk tunes by Francesco Geminiani (1687-1762) and Francesco Barsanti (1690-1775) performed by soprano Hailey Fuqua, baroque violinists Asako Takeuchi and Lisa Rautenberg, baroque violist Peter Sulski, archlute player Hideki Yamaya, theorbo player William Simms and viola da gamba player Andrew Arceci.

The Daily Hampshire Gazette said the performance by the Arcadia Players "was pure delight" and "a pleasure of sight and sound," and the Worcester Telegram said their concert was "an almost miraculous demonstration of focus and concentration, and produced wonderfully fluent, deeply engaging music."

Tickets for "An Evening of Chamber Music" featuring the CCQ are \$35 for adults, \$30 for SMF members, and \$10.00 for students 17 and under. All performances in the Sunset Concert Series begin at 8 p.m., and will be performed at SMF's fully accessible, climate-controlled Sunset Concert Pavilion, located at 442 J. Young Road, Livingston Manor. Advanced reservations are requested. Call 845-439-3277, or purchase your tickets and get more information about membership and sponsorships online at www.shandeelee.org.



Andrew Arceci plays viola da gamba, violone and double bass



Coloratura soprano Hailey Fuqua will perform with the Arcadia Players at the Shandeelee Music Festival on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 8 p.m.

Ukrainian Pianist Anna Fedorova to perform at Shandeelee Music Festival

SHANDELEE, NY: The Shandeelee Music Festival (SMF) continues the celebration of its 30th anniversary season with "An Evening of Solo Piano" performed by Anna Fedorova on Thursday, August 17.

Ukrainian pianist Anna Fedorova exhibited innate musical maturity and technical abilities from an early age. She regularly performs at concert halls around the world including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Théâtre des Champs-Élysées in Paris and London's Royal Albert Hall.

As a soloist, Fedorova has performed with the Philharmonia Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic, Ukrainian Freedom Orchestra, Tokyo, Utah and Dallas Symphony Orchestras, Hong Kong Philharmonic, and the Netherlands Philharmonic. She's nicknamed the 'house pianist' of the Concertgebouw, having given over 45 concerts in the prestigious hall in Amsterdam, and is a regular guest at leading music festivals in Switzerland, the Netherlands, Portugal and the US.

On March 6, 2022, Fedorova was one of the first to initiate a charity concert to raise money for the victims of the war in Ukraine, together with her musician friends, interartists Amsterdam and the Concertgebouw. Having raised over 100,000 Euros on that first night, she has continued to perform benefit concerts for Ukraine ever since. In 2022 Fedorova and double bassist Nicholas Santangelo Schwartz founded the Davidsbündler Music Academy in The Hague, which provides top quality musical education to Ukrainian refugees who have fled to the Netherlands.

Having signed with Channel Classics Records in 2018, Fedorova now has recorded three solo piano albums, four chamber music albums and all of Rachmaninoff's Piano Concertos. Her albums have received five-star reviews from BBC Music Magazine, and her YouTube recording of Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 has been viewed over 38 million times.

The August 17th concert at the SMF will feature music by Chopin, Grieg, Schumann and Sylvestrov. Tickets for "An Evening of Chamber Music" featuring the CCQ are \$35 for adults, \$30 for SMF members, and \$10.00 for students 17 and under. All performances in the Sunset Concert Series begin at 8 p.m., and will be performed at SMF's fully accessible, climate-controlled Sunset Concert Pavilion, located at 442 J. Young Road, Livingston Manor. Advanced reservations are requested. Call 845-439-3277, or purchase your tickets and get more information about membership and sponsorships online at www.shandeelee.org.



Shandelee Music Festival presents Colorado Cello Quartet

SHANDELEE, NY: Sometimes, after a concert, cellist Matthew Zalkind hears that the cello is an audience member's favorite instrument. Now imagine hearing the rich sound of four cellos onstage.



On Saturday, August 19, you won't have to imagine. You'll be able to see and hear that in person as the Shandelee Music Festival (SMF) continues the celebration of its 30th anniversary season with "An Evening of Chamber Music" performed by the exceptional Colorado Cello Quartet (CCQ).

Seasoned soloists, chamber musicians and educators David Requiro, Meta Weiss, Alice Yoo and Matthew Zalkind make up the newly formed Colorado Cello Quartet, which is based in Denver and Boulder. Versatile and multitalented, the CCQ is passionate about championing new works and expanding the cello quartet literature, while also performing music that spans hundreds of years.

Multi-award-winning David Requiro won the first prize in the 2008 Naumburg International

The Colorado Cello Quartet will perform "An Evening of Chamber Music" at the Shandelee Music Festival on Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 8 p.m.

Violoncello Competition, the first Prize in both the Washington International and Irving M. Klein International String Competitions, and a top prize at the Gaspar Cassadó International Violoncello Competition in Hachioji, Japan. He currently performs with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, and serves as Assistant Professor of Cello at the University of Colorado Boulder.

After making her international debut at the age of seven in Holland, Meta Weiss has established herself as one of the leading cellists of her generation. She's performed around the world at venues like Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, Boston Symphony Hall, Royal Albert Hall, Sydney Opera House and the Melbourne Recital Centre. As a top prize winner in numerous competitions, she has been hailed as "magnetic" (ArtsJournal) and "luminous" (Sydney Arts Guide). She is Chamber Music Coordinator and Senior Instructor for the College of Music at the University of Colorado Boulder and Artistic Director of the Boulder Cello Festival.

Alice Yoo is a celebrated soloist, recitalist, and chamber musician, and has been warmly hailed for her sensitive musicianship, expressive nuance, and passionate commitment to teaching. She serves on the faculty at the University of Denver and is the co-artistic director of the Denver Chamber Music Festival with her partner Matthew Zalkind.

Praised for his "impressive refinement, eloquent phrasing, and singing tone" by The New York Times, Matthew Zalkind is a former member of the Harlem String Quartet, with which he toured Japan, England, Ethiopia, and every region of the United States. He's taken top prizes in many international solo competitions including the Washington International Competition, Isang Yun International Competition, and the Beijing International Competition. He serves as Assistant Professor of Cello at the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music.

The August 19th concert will feature music by Mozart, Massenet, Debussy, Haydn and others.

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Are You 55 or Older? This Survey Is for You! Office for the Aging Seeking to Improve, Expand Services

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Office for the Aging invites everyone 55 and older to take five minutes to fill out a short survey to help improve services and programs in the County.

"I promise this isn't a waste of time," assures Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul. "We've worked hard with our partner and survey creator Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress to develop questions that get right to the things we need to know to do better by our citizens."

Questions include:

- o Do you have difficulty with walking, driving, having enough food, feeling bored or isolated, using technology, and accessing needed services?
- o Are you a caregiver to anyone?
- o Are there any community resources, services, activities or clubs that you would like to use but are not aware of or have been unable to find?

"The answers will inform my staff about where we need to improve and what services we should be focusing on," adds Deoul. "I urge everyone in the County aged 55 or over to spend just a few minutes giving us this crucial information."

The survey can be found in English at

[https:// www.surveymonkey.com/r/SullivanSr](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SullivanSr) and in Spanish at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCAgingSpan>. Paper copies are available at the Office for the Aging in the Government Center in Monticello or by request at 845-807-0241.

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Sullivan County Community Chorus Fall Season Looks Forward to Fall Season



Choir members outside of Carnegie Hall, where they performed this past spring

The Sullivan County Community Chorus will begin rehearsals for its fall season starting on Thursday, September 7th, at 6:30 pm, in Woodbourne, NY, and new choral members are welcome! All vocal parts are needed and welcome, and the only requirements are the ability to match pitch and attend rehearsals on a consistent basis. Anyone interested in obtaining more information about joining should contact Kevin Giroux at (845) 594-6786.



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On Sunday, September 3, 2023, at noon, members of The Neversink Association will meet on the Tison family's "Grey Lodge", 3363 Denning Road, Claryville NY. A BYO picnic is followed by the annual meeting. Members bring blankets or chairs and get to meet up with their neighbors who have been enjoying the summer in the "hollows, valleys and mountaintops" of the Upper Neversink River.



This year's speaker is Paul Sadowski, Instructor of Mycology at the New York Botanical Garden. People are asked to bring their wild mushrooms for identification. There will also be updates on "Kerilands" development on Blue Hill and on local fishing.

The Neversink Association Corporation is a non-profit social club that was founded in 1964 to

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New members are always welcomed. To join our association, please send \$10 an individual or \$20 per household to The Neversink Association, P.O. Box 134, Claryville NY 12725. See more information on Instagram or Facebook (www.facebook.com/neversinkassociation)

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Liberty, New York: Saturday evening, August 12th, from 6-8pm the Americana band Little Sparrow will perform a free concert at the Liberty Soul Stage. Little Sparrow plays music of the 60's and 70's, including songs by Neil Young, Traffic, the Grateful Dead, Stevie Wonder and Bob Dylan.

Joining Little Sparrow will be very special guests Henry Simon and Jay Brooks, both from Jeffersonville, New York. Henry is a gifted 17 year old guitarist and vocalist who specialises in the music of the Grateful Dead. Jay Brooks is an extraordinary bass guitar player who also sings harmony.

Bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Outdoor games, door prizes, and free parking. NYC style Sabrett hot dogs, chicken dinners and snacks will be available for sale! The concert is rain or shine, as this family friendly venue has recently added a large beautiful tent! Please no outside food or alcohol.



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Governor Hochul Announces 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Education and Awareness Toolkit Available

- *988 Lifeline Access Secured Throughout New York State Last Year*
- *Toolkit Useful for Educators, Home and Health Care Providers, and Families Discussing Mental Health and Suicide Risk*

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the successful rollout of New York State's 988 Community Education and Awareness Toolkit, an interactive resource tool designed to support individuals facing suicide-risk. 988 is the three-digit number available in many areas nationally that will connect the caller to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. New York's 988 toolkit, developed by the New York State Office of Mental Health includes marketing and educational resources to help educate the public.

"Since the statewide launch of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, one simple call can be the difference between life and death," Governor Hochul said. "This new educational toolkit for schools, caregivers, and families in need builds on our ongoing public education campaign on the key signs and risks associated with suicide and gives New Yorkers the resources to address the mental health crisis our nation is facing."

New York State Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said, "Thanks to Governor Hochul's support, New York was able to fully implement the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, which has already served more than 152,000 New Yorkers in less than one year. Our new toolkit will help to increase awareness of 988 and allow people to easily share educational materials to help spread the word about 988."

New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports Commissioner Dr. Chinazo Cunningham said, "The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is a tremendous resource for New Yorkers in need and demonstrates Governor Hochul's commitment to addressing the mental health and overdose crisis facing our nation. The toolkit will help raise awareness of 988 and the opportunity for individuals in crisis to connect with caring support."

New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities Commissioner Kerri E. Neifeld said, "The 988 line can help people experiencing crisis to access emergency supports, which provides an immediate lifeline to critical services while avoiding unnecessary emergency room visits and enabling people to safely remain at home with their families. OPWDD is really excited about this partnership with the Office of Mental Health to make the 988 crisis call center accessible to people with developmental disabilities and their families as an important tool for people experiencing a behavioral health crisis. We applaud Governor Hochul for recognizing this need and making this partnership possible."

The New York 988 toolkit contains marketing and educational materials including brochures, cards, posters, social media graphics, infographics, and other resources all available in New York State's top nine languages (in addition to English). The materials in the toolkit were developed with the input from the expansive NYS 988 Coalition of diverse community stakeholders. The 988 Community Education and Awareness Toolkit, as well as all the other 988 resources developed by OMH, can be found here: [988: More than a Number.](https://www.omh.ny.gov/988)

Contacting 988 by phone, chat, or text provides a direct connection to compassionate, accessible care, and support for anyone experiencing mental health or substance use related distress. The 988 Lifeline is helping to remove obstacles to accessing healthcare and reduce dispar-

ities for historically marginalized and underserved populations, including people of color, members of the LGBTQ+ community, older adults, rural New Yorkers, Veterans, immigrants, people with disabilities, and people who have limited English proficiency.

The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is also helping to reduce the use of law enforcement in response to a mental health crisis, and, by providing cost-effective early intervention, reducing healthcare costs.

988 History

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) designated 988 as the new three-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The National Suicide Hotline Designation Act was signed into law in October 2020, with the requirement for all phone service providers to transition to 988 as the number for the newly branded 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline by July 16, 2022.

Since April 2021 New York has been working with an expansive NYS 988 Coalition, which includes diverse community stakeholders, to plan for the implementation of 988 in the State. The statewide coalition members represent New York's diverse population and includes individuals with lived experience, advocates, law enforcement, representatives from state agencies, counties, 911 representatives, emergency services, and more. All have contributed their expertise and commitment to the implementation of 988, and their ongoing collaboration and dedication to this groundbreaking work will benefit all New Yorkers. (Contd. Pg. 34)



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About the Lifeline

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline was originally funded by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and has been administered by Vibrant Emotional Health since it began in 2005. It has served as an invaluable resource, helping thousands of people overcome suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress every day. With the transition to 988, these life-saving services will be even easier to reach.

Numerous studies have shown that the Lifeline works-most callers are significantly more likely to feel less depressed, less suicidal, less overwhelmed, and more hopeful after speaking to a Lifeline crisis counselor.

Statistics on New York 988 Call Volume

In the first year of 988, New York has received well over 185,000 calls routed directly to the NYS 988 Contact Centers. This is nearly a 30% increase in annual call volume. By the launch of 988 in July 2022, New York had successfully implemented 24/7 in-state primary coverage for all 62 counties in NYS. In June 2023, New York State achieved 24/7 in-state coverage for chat and text, marking full coverage for all modalities of 988 by the one-year 988 launch anniversary.

Governor Hochul Announces \$108 Million Available for Schools to Address Pandemic Learning Loss and Support Mental Health

- *Establishes the Recover from COVID School Program Grants*
- *\$100 Million to Create or Expand Programs to Help Students Address Trauma from COVID-19 Pandemic*
- *\$8.3 Million to Create and Support New School-Based Mental Health Clinics*
- *Advances Governor's State of the State Priority to Expand Mental Health Support*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced \$108 million is available for school districts to support student well-being through expanding mental health supports. The new State matching fund, the \$100 million Recover from COVID School Program, will provide funding to create or expand programs to help students address trauma caused by the pandemic, prioritizing school districts with the highest need. Additionally, a portion of the \$100 million Recover from COVID School Program is available to address student learning loss exacerbated by the pandemic. Governor Hochul is also expanding school-based mental

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health clinics across the state through an \$8.3 million investment within her historic \$1 billion mental health plan. Today's announcement of funding advances one of Governor Hochul's State of the State priorities to expand mental health support for students and school staff.

"The effects of the pandemic on our students were devastating and irreversible - that's why we're making historic investments to address learning loss and expand mental health support in our schools," Governor Hochul said. "By pinpointing where students have fallen behind and getting them the mental health resources they need, this funding will help put New York students back on the path towards success."

Individual school districts or BOCES, a consortium of school districts or BOCES, or any combination of these entities may apply for the Mental Health Recover from COVID School Program (RECOVS) Grant and the Learning Loss RECOVS Grant. A total of \$100 million in funding is available to support these RECOVS grants.

The Mental Health RECOVS Grant objectives charge school districts and BOCES applicants to:

1. Expand student access to school-based mental health professionals, evidence-based and evidence-informed interventions, programming, services, supports and practices that promote mental health and wellness
2. Improve capacity for school staff and students to identify mental health concerns and increase help-seeking behaviors
3. Implement a variety of evidence-based and evidence-informed school-based mental health interventions and practices that are culturally, linguistically, and trauma responsive while promoting student diversity, equity, and inclusion

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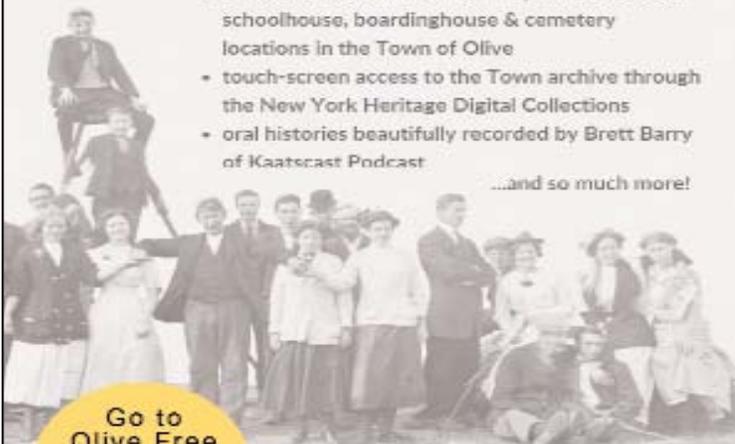
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4. Ensure financial stability and continuation of student access to evidence-based and evidence-informed school-based mental health interventions, programs services, and supports beyond the second and final year of the RECOVS Mental Health Grant Program

The Learning Loss RECOVS Grant objectives charge school districts and BOCES applicants to:

1. Expand student access to academic recovery professionals, evidence-based and evidence-informed interventions, programming, services, supports and promising practices that counter learning loss
2. Improve capacity for school staff and students to identify learning loss, and increase student and staff resourcefulness and skills in seeking, receiving, and providing academic recovery supports
3. Implement a variety of evidence-based and evidence-informed school-based learning loss and academic recovery practices that are culturally, linguistically, and trauma responsive while promoting student diversity, equity, and inclusion
4. Ensure financial stability and continuation of evidence-based and evidence-informed school-based academic recovery opportunities for students continuing to experience learning loss beyond the second and final year of the RECOVS Learning Loss Grant Program

Funding will be awarded over two years (\$50 million annually). Application submissions are due by August 18, 2023, at 5pm. More information and application details can be found here. Funding for RECOVS was included in New York State's enacted budget for State Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Additionally, \$8.3 million is available for grants to create school-based mental health clinics. The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) today issued a Request for Applications to provide up to \$25,000 in start-up costs for OMH-licensed providers to create new school-based mental health clinic satellites and to support recently established school-based mental health clinic satellites. An additional \$20,000 (\$45,000 total) will be available for clinics being established in high-needs districts where more than 50 percent of the students are economically disadvantaged. Application submissions are due by October 5, 2023 at 1pm. More information and application details can be found here.

Earlier this year, Governor Hochul directed OMH and the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to conduct a state-wide Youth Mental Health Listening Tour to receive direct input from middle and high school students on how their schools can better promote student wellness.

OMH and OCFS compiled information they gathered during the Listening Tour and presented a report to the Governor on their findings. School-based mental health clinics were frequently mentioned during the listening sessions by students, parents, caregivers and mental health advocates as a way to help young people struggling with mental health issues. The Governor released the report during the first-ever New York State Summit on Youth Mental Health which was attended by more than 1,000 mental health professionals, advocates and other stakeholders.

The Fiscal Year 2024 Budget provides a historic \$34.5 billion to New York's schools, the highest level of State aid in history, to

help give every student the tools to succeed through a high-quality education. The 2024 Budget also provides \$30 million to expand mental health services for school-aged children throughout the state, including \$20 million for school-based mental health services and \$10 million to implement wraparound services training. The Budget also closes gaps in insurance coverage that have posed a barrier to New Yorkers needing mental health care and substance use disorder services. Among several critical changes outlined in the Budget, commercial insurance plans will be required to cover services provided in school-based mental health clinics.

New York State Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said, "OMH has developed more than 1,000 mental health clinics in schools across the state to date, and this investment continues our commitment to New York State's young people. Providing services directly in schools increases access, promotes coordinated care, and helps reduce stigma, all of which lead to better health outcomes for young people. Governor Hochul has initiated a bold plan that will support and improve the mental health and wellness of all New Yorkers, especially for the children, youth and families who are facing greater challenges than ever before."

New York State Department of Education Commissioner Betty A. Rosa said, "In partnership with Governor Hochul, these grants will supplement the efforts already underway in our schools to address the pandemic-related trauma and meet the needs of students still struggling with academic, attendance, and mental health issues. Traumatic experiences can affect all aspects of learning. Every child deserves access to a quality education and these funds will enable our educators to deliver critical support to the students most impacted by the pandemic.

New York State Board of Regents Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr. said, "We have come a long way since the pandemic's start; however, the long-term effects of COVID continue, especially among our most vulnerable students. This funding will allow schools and districts to address student well-being and strengthen school connectedness strategies to combat the adversities caused by the pandemic. Working with the Governor and our state government partners, we can provide resources for the children, families, and school communities that need them most."

State Senator Shelley Mayer said, "I am so pleased that with the support of Governor Hochul, my Senate colleagues and I were able to designate \$100 million in funding for schools to address student learning loss and mental health issues in last year's state budget through the RECOVS program. With this funding announcement, we are now beginning to address these challenges head on and provide schools with the resources they desperately need. There is clear empirical evidence that the COVID pandemic imposed substantial learning loss and emotional challenges to New York's students, as a result of interruptions in learning and social/emotional development. Now, with the opportunity to access these funds, we can turn the corner and address these serious challenges in the coming year. I applaud Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Education Department, and my legislative colleagues for making this funding available, so that New York students can recover from the pandemic with the resources they need and deserve."

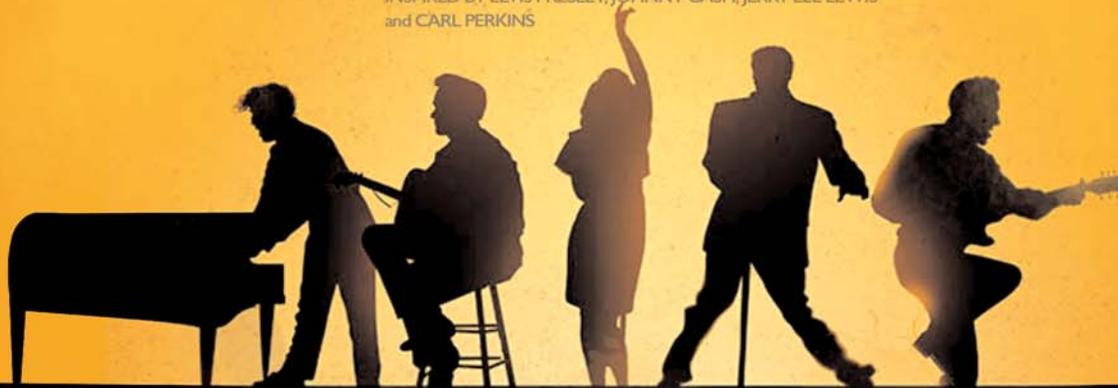
Assemblymember Michael R. Benedetto said, "All studies have shown the students of New York State have suffered major learning loss and emotional trauma due to the COVID pandemic. My compliments to Governor Hochul for recognizing these issues and committing the necessary funds to create or expand programs to offset the learning and mental health disruptions that occurred in our schools."

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Poets are again invited to submit original works to be read at the Liberty Public Library. Readers will share their creations with the audience live, and via Zoom. Following the readings, a reception will be held at the Museum.

Mark your calendar.....poets, poetry lovers, friends of poets, and folks who do not yet know they love hearing poetry, read by the author! There is something for everyone...many poetic styles, a wide variety of topics, an assorted group of writers from different backgrounds...

The Poetry Festival was started by then-poet laureate of Liberty, Walter Keller. It took place at the Museum for the first several years, and was growing each year in popularity and numbers when COVID hit. Liberty Librarian Marj Linko then graciously agreed to host the readings at the library, where zoom is also available for people who cannot travel and those who are wary of large gatherings. Since Walter Keller's death, the event has been coordinated and hosted by Marilyn Laufer, current Liberty poet laureate, and member of Liberty Museum & Arts Center.

If you are interested in participating this year, please send (via snail mail) up to three poems addressed to Marilyn Laufer P.O. Box 87 White Sulphur Springs, N.Y. 12787

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Ulster County Clerk Welcomes Theatre on the Road to the Matthewis Persen House Museum

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to welcome Theatre on the Road to the Matthewis Persen House on Saturday, August 12 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for an interactive information session about upcoming fall performances. The house is located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the historic intersection of John and Crown Streets. Admission is free and all are welcome.

This Saturday, meet Frank Marquette of Theatre on the Road for an informational meet & greet at the Persen House. Marquette will be talking about the theatre's involvement with the Burning of Kingston on October 14th, as well as plans for October cemetery tours at the Old Dutch Church. Cemetery tours this fall will focus on some of the remarkable women who survived the burning of Kingston by the British in 1777, including a young housewife, an enslaved woman, a grieving Native American, and even a British spy!

"We are always happy to have Frank Marquette at the Persen House and are excited for this engaging event. As we gather to learn about the upcoming fall performances and the remarkable stories of resilience from our past, we are reminded of the powerful connections that history and theater can forge," stated Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk. "The Persen House is a wonderful venue for sharing this experience with our community and fellow enthusiasts of culture, history, and the arts. We hope you can join us!"

To learn more about Theatre on the Road and their upcoming performance schedule, please visit their website at www.theatreontheroad.com. For more information on the Matthewis Persen House Museum and other outreach programs by the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us. You can also stay updated by visiting our Facebook page.



Ulster County Launches "Participate Ulster" Website and Community Survey for Future County Website

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County has launched "Participate Ulster," a platform to share input on County projects and initiatives. The "Participate Ulster" website serves as a two-way communications tool for Ulster County residents to learn more about County projects and provide feedback to the people working on them. "Participate Ulster" is part of a major website redesign project taking place over the next 18 months, with the launch of the new website expected in early 2025. The County seeks public input on the website redesign and encourages residents to take a community survey and learn more about the project at <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/>.

With webpages for dozens of County departments and many more micro-sites and related pages, the current County website can be a frustrating experience for residents trying to find the information they need. A newly redesigned County website will improve organization of content on the site, make it easier to navigate and engage with, and will help to expand participation in the broad array of services available from Ulster County. "Participate Ulster" and other two-way communications tools align with County Executive Metzger's efforts to promote public engagement in the County's work.

"In the modern age, an engaging, easy-to-use website is essential to good governance, and will help us better serve public needs, hear from residents on issues of concern to them, and improve the flow of information," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "The County's website has long been clunky and difficult to use, and I am excited about the project underway to refresh the website and take advantage of new technological and design features that will greatly improve the user experience."

"In an initiative that is long overdue, we plan to create a wel-

coming and accessible website experience, featuring modern search tools and prominently featured services-oriented constituent needs, interests, and engagement capabilities," said Director of Information Services Alan Macaluso. "We have an amazing, enthusiastic internal project team that includes members of the Information Services Department, Chief Diversity Officer Esi Lewis, and Communications staff from the County Executive's Office, as well as a highly-qualified set of partners from Granicus, the consultant working with the County on the website redesign."

As part of the website redesign process, the project team has released a community survey for residents to share what they want and need in a redesigned website as well as their views on what works well and doesn't work well on the current website.

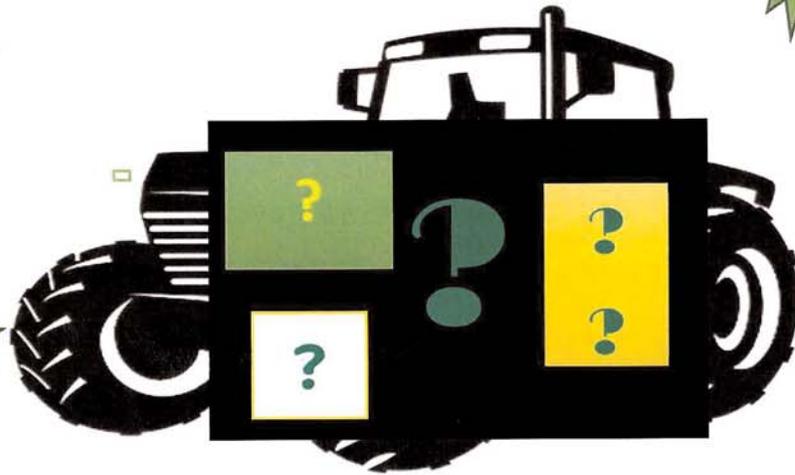
To access the community survey and provide input for a new Ulster County website, visit the project page on the "Participate Ulster" website at: <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/country-website/>.

The survey can be accessed directly at: https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/country-website/survey_tools/community-survey1.

To sign-up for a future County Executive Newsletter to receive updates on the website redesign project and other Ulster County projects and initiatives, visit: <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/>.

In June of 2022, Ulster County released a Request For Proposals (RFP) for vendors to assist the County with redesigning its municipal website. The deadline for RFP responses was July 29, 2022, and an RFP review committee made up of County employees reviewed responses between August and October of 2022. The review committee selected Granicus, an industry-leading web development company that provides web services to over 6,000 government entities around the globe, including dozens of New York State agencies and municipalities across the state. Between October 2022 and March 2023, the County negotiated a contract that was approved by the County Legislature in March 2023. The County website redesign project began in April of this year, and is expected to take 18-24 months, with a target launch in spring of 2025.

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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Saturday



Aug 19th



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All proceeds from the rug will be for the benefit of **The Sundown United Methodist Church**

Pink and Grey T-Shirts can be left off at the **Sundown UMC Hall** on **Fridays or Saturdays** from **9 am to 1 pm**
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Neversink River Craft Co-op has Invited Photographer Paul Mutimear to Exhibit his Work

Neversink River Craft Co-op has invited photographer Paul Mutimear to exhibit his work for our next three shows: August 6th, 20th, and October 7th & 8th. He has a wide range of subject interests particularly birds and the sky. He will also have several images of a more experimental nature which is what first got him hooked on photography and has led to several successful shows.

Also shown will be the pottery, wood, resin, stained glass, and jewelry in an historic barn at 2554 Frost Valley Rd., Claryville, NY.

For more information call: (845) 985 -2016.

Attention all campers! Trivia and Theatrical Update

Here's that Trivia and Theatrical Update that I know you've been patiently waiting for since last month.

First, let me say THANK YOU to all those who came out to see WE at the Delaware Valley Opera Center. It was a pretty cool show, if I do say so myself. Now this is last minute, but the company that produced WE, River Rep (with whom I am affiliated), is hosting a show at the Opera Center this weekend. I saw a dress rehearsal earlier in the week and it's a really interesting show. Lenny's Last Lament by Gil Kofman (I did a bunch of his plays in NYC in the 90s). It's a one-woman show about Leni Riefenstahl, the woman who directed Hitler's propaganda films. It's tonight and tomorrow afternoon in Lake Huntington. delawarevalleyopera.com

The next Trivia Night at The Tango Cafe will be the usual third Thursday, i.e., Thursday, August 17th! 7pm go time. Seating begins at 6:30pm. Pre-registration is highly recommended to ensure your team gets a table. Reservations can be made at tangocafe@hacny.org or 845-520-5453 (no flyer yet, follow tango on social media to get clues)

This one's a bit more nerdy but, then, so am I.

The evening is free. Food and drink available and advised.

In the not so distant future, I'm doing a reading of Yasmina Reza's Art at the Rock Valley School House on August 13th. And for any city folk, I'm doing a reading of Vaslav Havel's Protest at The NY Society for Ethical Culture on August 27th.

Hope you're enjoying your summers!



Arthur Aulisi

Ellenville Regional Hospital Summer Healing Arts Event

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\$100 per person includes hot d'oeuvres, wine, beer and soda. Catering by Sammy Brown's Walk-Away Cafe.

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Governor Hochul Announces NYS Parks Centennial Celebration OPRHP Commissioner Embarks on Statewide Tour to Highlight the Diversity of Activities Throughout Parks and Historic Sites System

Governor Kathy Hochul today previewed a year-long celebration of the centennial anniversary of the founding of New York's statewide park and historic site system to take place in 2024. The celebration will both highlight and build upon one of New York State's greatest environmental legacies. In 1924, Governor Alfred E. Smith and the State Legislature created the New York State Council of Parks while voters approved a \$15 million bond act to build and enlarge a network of State parks, forging the New York State park and historic site system that New York State residents and visitors know and cherish today.

“New York State led the nation in creating a State park system for our citizens 100 years ago,” Governor Hochul said. “As we celebrate through next year, New York will continue to invest in our park system to support the State's outdoor recreation economy, expand access to underserved communities, address the impacts of climate change, and position New York State as a top recreation destination.”

Commissioner Kulleseid is previewing the celebration with a two-day tour of parks and historic sites across the state, meeting with key partners and highlighting unique activities. Today, he will tour the landscape at Olana State Historic Site, ride a bike across the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park, swim at Lake Welch in Harriman State Park, zipline and unveil a sand sculpture at Jones Beach State Park, and facilitate the nightly illumination of Niagara Falls State Park's lights over the falls, making them Parks' green and gold Centennial colors. On Thursday, he will experience a cannon blast at Old Fort Niagara State Historic Site, descend into the Cave of the Winds at Niagara Falls State Park, tour the longhouse at Ganondagan State Historic Site, paddle a crystal kayak at Green Lakes State Park, and visit performance venues at Saratoga Spa State Park.

Across the state through 2024, New York will commemorate the state park centennial with hundreds of community celebrations, performances and special events led by the state park and historic site staff, the State Council of Parks and Park and Historic Site Friends Groups. There will be a new Centennial Challenge to encourage visitors to try a variety of new activities as they enjoy the parks and historic sites, special discounts on park admission fees and new opportunities to volunteer and promote park stewardship. A traveling exhibit on the history of New York State Parks will go on display at parks and historic sites throughout the state. State Parks will collect and share stories and photographs from the public to celebrate the memories made dur-

ing the last century, as well as a new line of Centennial-themed New York State Parks merchandise from the parks store. New Yorkers can visit parks.ny.gov/100 to learn more about the Centennial.

While New York State had established a number of state parks and historic sites prior to 1924 to protect scenic and historic resources - such as Niagara Falls, George Washington's Revolutionary War Headquarters, and Bear Mountain - the State Park Act was intended to directly connect citizens to outdoor recreation. When these limited preserves proved to be overwhelmingly popular, state leaders recognized the need to create more parks in proximity to urban centers. In 1923, Governor Alfred E. Smith endorsed an ambitious plan for a statewide system of parks connected by scenic parkways and boulevards. In 1924, New York State established the State Council of Parks and voters approved a \$15 million bond to put the plan in action. Over the next decade, 55 new state parks were established.

In addition, New York State will prioritize investments and programs to preserve the park system as a model for the nation in the next century by:

- o Restoring and expanding visitor capacity: State Parks will continue the ongoing transformation of New York's flagship parks and embark on critical infrastructure improvement projects. The state budget includes \$200 million for capital improvement projects annually for five years, for a total of \$1 billion through fiscal year 2028. The funding will help improve parks and restore facilities at such heavily visited parks as Bear Mountain, Heckscher, Jones Beach, and Riverbank State Park.

- o Reaching new and underserved audiences: The State Park Centennial is an opportunity to expand and improve access and connections to all communities and to all people, regardless of background or physical ability. State Parks will expand its Ladders to the Outdoors program statewide, enhancing the Connect Kids field trip program. The continuing Our Whole History initiative will more fully tell the story of the diversity of our state.

- o Facing forward into climate change: In the next century, State Parks must address the challenges of ongoing, human-induced climate change. State Parks will meet Governor Hochul's goal to power all facilities with renewable energy by 2030, while making park facilities more resilient to climate change and sea level rise.

- o Positioning New York as a recreation destination: Over the last century, State Parks have hosted visitors from around the world, including a record 79.5 million visitors in 2022. The park system is an anchor of local tourism economies and offers affordable destinations for recreational and cultural experiences for New York families. The Centennial will offer opportunities to welcome these visitors and play a positive role in local economies, including the opening of the Ralph Wilson Visitor Center at Niagara Falls, the Frederic Church Center for Art and Landscape at Olana State Historic Site and a new Visitor Center at Bayard Cutting Arboretum, as well as new trails connecting parks to their communities.

- o Strengthening community partnerships: The agency will work with partners to issue centennial reports on the status of parks, demographic trends and goals to ignite support for the state park system among a new generation of patrons.

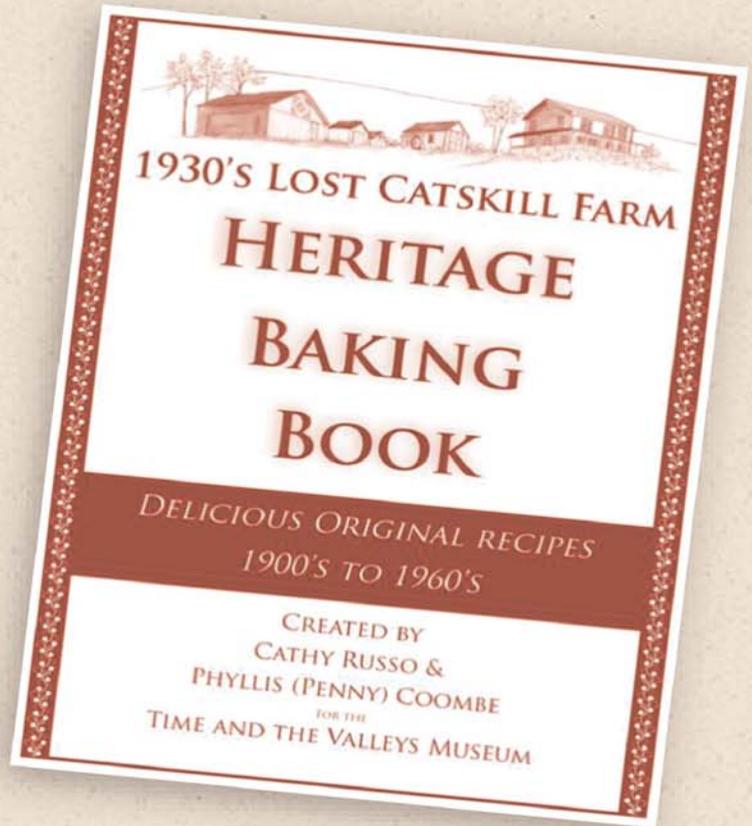
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Nick has such a big heart and is loved by so many in our community. We all want Nick to have the best quality of life and going through dialysis does not provide that quality. We hope and pray a kidney comes to us and that Nick will be able to live 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
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EVERY 2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAY
@ 6:30PM



DEC Forest Rangers - Week in Review Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

Ulster County

Town of Olive -Wilderness Search: On July 31 at 3:30 p.m., Forest Ranger Horn overheard radio traffic on the Ulster County 911 channel about a lost hiker with early signs of dementia near Bradkin Road in the Slide Mountain Wilderness. The 73-year-old from Climax had last been seen by her husband while hiking an unmarked trail and unmaintained logging road up a drainage. The husband asked his wife to remain in at the trail while he looked for something. He was gone for approximately 30 minutes and when he returned, his wife was missing. Rangers Horn and Rusher conducted a linear search with New York State Police, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, and a search team from Shandaken. At 7:45 p.m., Rangers located the subject climbing up a slope. The Rangers provided food and water,

helped the hiker back down, and turned her over to EMS for further evaluation. Resources were clear at 9:30 p.m.



Rangers find hiker in Slide Mountain Wilderness
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Writer's Critical Support Group

Thursdays at 5 p.m.



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DEC Forest Rangers Week in Review Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

(From Pg. 53) **Town of Thompson Sullivan County-Wilderness Rescue:** On Aug. 2 at 7:40 p.m., Forest Rangers O'Connell and Schweider responded to a call for an injured hiker at Mullet Falls in the Neversink River Unique Area. Rangers reached the patient by 9 p.m. Rock Hill EMS splinted the hiker's ankle and Rangers assembled a wheeled litter to carry the 32-year-old from Spring Valley. Rangers and members of Rock Hill EMS and Rock Hill Fire Department helped bring the patient to a waiting UTV, which took him approximately 1.3 miles to a Hatzalah EMS ambulance. The patient was part of a group of approximately 80 visitors. Rangers issued a ticket to the group leader for having a group of more than 20 people on State land without a permit.

Hamlet of Rock Hill Sullivan County Wilderness Search: On Aug. 3 at 7:55 p.m., Forest Rangers Quinones and Schweider responded to a call for a despondent subject in the Neversink River Unique Area. At 9:45 p.m., Rangers and Sullivan County Sheriff's Deputies made contact with the 46-year-old from Wurstboro. The subject was approximately 20 feet up a tree and did not answer when search crews called out to them. The subject then climbed an additional 40 to 50 feet up the tree. The Sullivan County Crisis Negotiation Team and a friend of the subject joined responders at the scene at 11 p.m. The subject climbed down from the tree at 12:15 a.m. Rock Hill Fire Department, Rangers, and Sullivan County Sheriff's Deputies walked the subject to the trailhead where he was taken by Rock Hill EMS to the hospital. Resources were clear at 1:30 a.m.

Resources are available for those experiencing a mental health crisis or emotional distress - 988 is a free 24-hour hotline to call or text anywhere in New York.

Village of Saranac Lake Franklin County Lightning Strike: On Aug. 4 at 1 p.m., while patrolling the Follensby Clear Pond boat launch, Forest Ranger Adams heard sirens approaching and saw a Tupper Lake Volunteer Fire Department Truck pull into the boat launch.

A 34-year-old from Pennsylvania and a 44-year-old from Syracuse were camping in a tent at the base of a tree struck by light-



ning; the lightning hit the pair, as well. Ranger Adams rode with Tupper Lake EMS to the island. Ranger Prackajlo and Saranac Rescue also responded. Both subjects were able to stand and get onto the boat. The visitors were taken back to the boat launch before being transported to the hospital. One subject is on crutches with swelling to his ankle. The other is experiencing hearing issues.

Village of Catskill Greene County Bear Encounter: On Aug. 4 at 5:10 p.m., Greene County Dispatch called Forest Ranger Clute about

a backpacker being followed by a bear near North Point in the Windham-Blackhead Range Wilderness. Ranger Clute made contact with the 23-year-old from Canada to confirm her location. The backpacker indicated she tried to frighten the bear, but the bear kept following. The subject dropped her bag and continued up the trail to call for help. Ranger Clute reached the subject at 5:40 p.m. Less than an hour later, Ranger Clute located the bear and scared it away from the subject's backpack. The backpacker then hiked back down the trail and secured a campsite for the night. Ranger Clute maintained a visual on the bear to ensure the animal didn't start following the hiker once more. Resources were clear at 9:45 p.m.

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hike Smart NY, Adirondack Backcountry Information, and Catskill Backcountry Information webpages for more information.

If a person needs a Forest Ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire, or to report illegal activity on state lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS. If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911. To contact a Forest Ranger for information about a specific location, the DEC website has phone numbers for every Ranger listed by region.

Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit Rescues Man from Drowning

On Sunday July 20, 2023 at about 2:45 PM Deputy Sean Grady and Detective Eric Breihof were on Marine Patrol duty on Swinging Bridge Lake when they heard a child screaming for help. The deputies observed a young boy in the water yelling to his father who was partially submerged. The deputies brought their patrol boat around and extended a telescoping boat hook which the victim managed to grab onto. The victim was brought to shore where two local residents, June Lombardi and Cameron Abplanalp, helped pull the man up on the dock.

The victim was identified as Thomas P. Propp, Jr, 48, who was visiting from Cranston, RI. The man and his 8 year old son were kayaking when the wake of a passing motor boat swamped their vessel. The son, who was wearing a life jacket, managed to swim free but the father, who was not wearing a life jacket got his legs tangled and had trouble keeping his head above the water.



Deputy Sean Grady and Detective Eric Breihof

Sheriff Mike Schiff acknowledged the actions of his Marine Patrol Unit and thanked the two good Samaritans for their help with the rescue. "Please use caution on our waterways", said the Sheriff. "We were very fortunate to avoid a tragedy in this case".

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DEC Announces Forest Rangers Deployed to Assist with Efforts to Contain Wildfires in Idaho and Montana

Latest DEC Out-of-State Staff Deployment as DEC Water Engineers Return From Dam Safety Inspections in Vermont Following Floods

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that DEC Forest Rangers and expert wildland firefighters are being deployed to assist with efforts to contain the Ridge Creek Fire in the Idaho panhandle and the Niarada Fire in northwestern Montana. The latest Forest Ranger deployments come as a team of DEC engineers recently returned from performing dam safety inspections in Vermont after being directed by Governor Kathy Hochul to assist in the recovery from the devastating flooding that inundated the Northeast last month.

"New York State is known for lending a helping hand and providing resources to others when disaster strikes and DEC's Forest Rangers, engineers, and other expert staff continue to stand ready to assist our neighbors," Commissioner Seggos said. "New York is no stranger to the destruction wrought by extreme weather, climate change, and forest fires, and I applaud the selfless acts of those willing to step up and assist others in times of need."

New York State often deploys highly trained wildland firefighters to help battle wildfires as part of interstate and international firefighting compacts. The DEC Forest Ranger assisting in Montana will serve as a Task Force Leader and help coordinate the response to a fire that is currently estimated at 10,400 acres and zero percent contained. The fire on Bureau of Indian Affairs lands 12 miles west of Elmo, Montana, is currently threatening several structures. A pair of Rangers are also deploying to Idaho to assist with efforts to contain the Ridge Creek Fire north of Coeur D'alene.

DEC Forest Rangers have deployed three times this summer to assist with efforts to help contain wildfires in Canada, where more than 4,000 fires have burned an estimated 23.7 million acres.

Additionally, a pair of DEC engineers returned to New York on July 26, after spending a week in Vermont performing expedited visual safety inspections on non-hydroelectric and non-federally licensed dams following historic flooding last month.

Warren Shaw, Professional Engineer 1, and Ayotunde Adebajo, Assistant Engineer, both from DEC's Division of Water, were part of a team of nine engineers the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and DEC sent to Montpelier, Vermont, to assist in performing dam safety evaluations throughout the state. All seven NYPA members of the team also returned to New York safely after completing their work in Vermont.

New York State responded to Vermont Governor Phil Scott's request for assistance under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), a national disaster relief system that allows states to send personnel, equipment, and commodities to assist with response and recovery efforts in other states. Established in 1996, the Emergency Management Assistance Compact is an all-hazards, all-discipline mutual aid compact that helps provide a consistent, coordinated response to disasters across the country and establishes a legal framework for reimbursement between states.

The DEC team inspected 45 high, significant, and low-hazard dams and traveled over 1900 miles while conducting their inspections. A good portion of the dams inspected were very remote, located off seasonal or non-paved roads damaged by flooding or required hiking significant distances along trails to gain access.

Overall, Vermont officials were successfully able to inspect over 400 dams with the help of staff from New York and Massachusetts in conjunction with their own staff from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VDEC).



Congresswoman Tenney's Statement on the latest indictment of President Trump

Rep Tenney on Mornings with Maria:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4owspyP0iI>

Let me be clear. Americans are not fooled by the latest set of politically motivated charges concocted against President Trump by Biden's corrupt Department of Justice, led by dirty cop AG Merrick Garland, and spearheaded by the Biden Crime Family's attack dog, Jack Smith. Instead, Americans see the indictment for what it is: yet another shameful abuse of our criminal justice system and further illustration of why our fellow citizens have lost faith in our institutions. The timing of the charges is not coincidental.

It's a transparent, calculated, and desperate attempt to prevent Americans from learning the truth: Joe Biden has been caught running a criminal influence peddling, money laundering and bribery enterprise using his troubled son as a proxy to enrich himself and his family. Period. This latest weaponization of our government and gross overreach of power is election interference. This stunt can now be placed alongside similar nefarious antics: the Russia Collusion Hoax, Impeachment Hoax #1, Impeachment Hoax #2, January 6 committee show trial, phony Mar-a-Lago boxes hoax and Alvin Bragg's phony charges.

The entire enterprise reeks of conspiracy and a potential violation of Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Influences Act (RICO). Devon Archer's damning testimony to the House Oversight Committee on the Biden Family should have been a day to cause Biden's co-conspirators to do some soul searching and put country first once and for all. Instead, these same individuals continue to serve the Biden brand, whatever the cost. Not only are these legal gymnastics a complete violation of equal justice under the law, President Trump's First Amendment rights and an attempt to interfere in the 2024 election but a truly dangerous precedent for our justice system has been set.

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Signs "Drag is Not a Crime Act" into Law

KINGSTON, NY - County Executive Jen Metzger today signed the "Drag is Not a Crime Act" into law, and was joined by the law's sponsor, Legislator Peter Criswell (District 7 - City of Kingston), the Vice Chair of the Legislature. The local law, which amends the County's human rights law, passed the Legislature unanimously on July 18, 2023.

"I'm proud to sign this law to guarantee protections for gender expression here in Ulster County," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "We have seen a tidal wave of discriminatory legislation against the LGBTQ+ community around the country, and it is important in this moment that we strengthen our human rights law to better protect LGBTQ+ individuals and make clear that Ulster County is a safe place for our residents to be who they are."

"By passing this Local Law, we've announced to the country that Ulster County is a welcoming place for everyone to live and express themselves as they truly are without fear of discrimination. I am grateful to the County Executive for signing this bill into law, and to those who gave public comment, sent emails, letters, and postcards, and called their Legislator to pass this bill," said Vice Chair Peter Criswell (District 7 - City of Kingston).

The local law amends Ulster County's 2018 Human Rights Protection Act to include gender expression to the current list of individual protections from discrimination based on race, color, religion, ethnicity, creed, age, national origin, alienage or citizenship status, familial status, gender, including gender identity, gender dysphoria, transgender status, group identity, marital status, sexual orientation, and disability.

DiNapoli: State Needs to Supercharge Efforts to Meet Renewable Electricity Goals

New York state will have to take multiple steps to increase renewable electricity generation to achieve the objectives of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). Success will also require state agencies to consistently and proactively identify and address problems, continue streamlining permit and interconnection study procedures, and develop the necessary infrastructure to connect renewable projects to the grid and New Yorkers' homes, according to a report issued today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli.

"New York State has rightly pursued an aggressive campaign to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to limit the most dangerous impacts of climate change," DiNapoli said. "New York's energy goals are attainable, but require careful attention and management to address challenges, meet ambitious deadlines and avoid future pitfalls."

DiNapoli's report found that renewable generators in New York would need to produce an additional 78,073-gigawatt hours above 2022 levels, an increase of over 200%, to reach the CLCPA's 2030 goal of 70% renewable electricity consumption. The analysis is based on projections from the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO).

NYISO has also projected that the state would need to add 20 gigawatts of installed renewable capacity by 2030, which is triple the 2022 capacity of approximately 6.5 gigawatts. In the last 20 years, New York added 12.9 gigawatts of total electric generation, including both fossil fuel and renewable sources.

Prior state efforts to increase renewable energy were hindered by inconsistent funding, canceled projects and delays that led to lengthy project timelines and failure to achieve targets.

The state has taken steps to address these challenges:

- o Increased and consistent funding under the state's Clean Energy Standard facilitated increases in the development of renewable electricity generation. Between 2017 and 2021, at least 1,100 megawatts of projects came under contract annually, compared to between 0 and 726 megawatts annually in the preceding years.

- o The Department of State's Office of Renewable Energy Siting was formed to streamline the permitting process, and the NYISO has also been improving the interconnection process to bring renewable electricity generation projects online more quickly. Continuing to improve the renewable electric project permitting and interconnection processes to allow for timely approvals, while ensuring community responsiveness and project impacts are mitigated, is critical to achieving the CLCPA goals.

The state will also face challenges given the volume and scale of new projects. The transmission capacity for connecting upstate regions to New York City is limited and renewable facilities in some upstate regions are already being forced to curtail generation due to transmission constraints. Significant new electric transmission infrastructure is needed to allow for the transmission of renewable electricity to customers throughout the state, including interconnect offshore wind projects and additional export capacity from Long Island, and bulk transmission connecting New York City and Long Island to upstate.

The costs of incentives to encourage renewable siting and the costs of transmission projects approved by the Public Service Commission are borne almost exclusively by New York's utility customers. The state should make every effort to clearly identify how these costs will affect consumer electric bills and must hold down these costs to the state's electric customers.

Where New York Ranks

In 2020, New York produced 124,912 gigawatt hours of renewable energy, ranking 6th in the nation. This figure includes both renewable fuels, such as biodiesel, and renewable electricity sources, including hydropower, solar, and wind. New York was 3rd in the nation after Washington and Oregon in the generation of hydroelectric power, 10th in generation of solar electricity, and 18th in generation of electricity with wind.

As of 2022, approximately 29% of the electricity generated in the state came from renewable sources. Of this renewable generation, roughly 75% came from hydroelectric generation, with the remaining 25% primarily split between wind and solar.

Report

Renewable Electricity in New York State: Review and Prospects - go to: <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/files/reports/pdf/renewable-electricity-in-nys.pdf>

DiNapoli Releases Report on Casinos' Impact on Upstate Local Tax Revenues

From 2017 to 2022 New York's four licensed casinos brought \$176 million in gaming tax revenue to host and regional local governments, but only the three smaller towns that host casinos realized significant fiscal benefits relative to their overall revenue, a report from State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli highlights. For report go to: <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/files/local-government/publications/pdf/2023-casinos.pdf>

"Casinos are not a magic fix that will solve local fiscal challenges," DiNapoli said. "While casinos have generated local gaming tax revenue, the impacts vary for the communities that receive such revenues. (Contd. Pg. 58)

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DiNapoli's 2020 report on gaming revenues showed that all four current casinos - del Lago Resort and Casino, Rivers Casino and Resort, Resorts World Catskills, and Tioga Downs Casino - had fallen well short of the projected gross revenues on which local taxes are levied. Three years later, these revenues and tax contributions continue to lag expectations reaching only 50-60% of initial expectations, with the sole exception of Tioga Downs in the Southern Tier.

Despite the shortfall in expected collections, local governments did benefit, with the three small host towns receiving the most compared to the size of their total revenues. In the host towns - Nichols, Tyre and Thompson - gaming tax revenue made up 30-60% of total revenue, allowing them to dramatically cut property taxes. In contrast, in the larger host city of Schenectady, as well as the four host counties, gaming tax was a much smaller percentage of local revenue, just 1-3% of their total revenue. For regional non-host counties, casino taxes generally amounted to less than 0.5% of their total revenue.

Although the pandemic contributed to the shortfall, with casinos shut down for six months in 2020 followed by capacity restrictions that were not fully lifted until June 2021, all four casinos saw gross gaming revenues exceed pre-pandemic levels in 2022. That did not translate into greater local gaming taxes, however, because state amendments to New York's gaming law allowed casinos to keep a greater percentage of their gross revenue by asking for cuts in their tax rates for Slot & Electronic Table Games (ETG) to 30%, which three did. A bill to reduce Tioga Downs' Slot & ETG tax rate to 30% is currently pending Executive approval. The tax cuts reduced collections by a combined \$41.9 million in 2022, including \$8.4 million that would have gone to local governments.

DiNapoli's report underscored the importance of realistic fiscal planning by localities regarding expectations for gaming revenues. DiNapoli's audits of two host towns found issues including budgeting challenges associated with gaming revenue and the need for proper, multi-year financial planning. For the municipalities which will host the soon-to-be awarded Downstate casinos, an appropriate plan for the new revenue will be key.

The report did not examine the non-financial impacts of hosting a casino on issues like gambling addiction or quality of life issues. Comptroller DiNapoli will be releasing a report that looks at those issues later this year.

Report
Revenue Impact of Commercial Casinos on Upstate Local Governments: <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/files/local-government/publications/pdf/2023-casinos.pdf>

Related Reports and Audits

Oversight of Casino Revenues and Regulatory Oversight Reimbursement Collections (January 2020): <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/state-agencies/audits/2020/01/10/oversight-casino-revenues-and-regulatory-oversight-reimbursement-collections>

Oversight of Casino Revenues and Regulatory Oversight Reimbursement Collections - Follow-up (May 2021) <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/state-agencies/audits/2021/05/05/oversight-casino-revenues-and-regulatory-oversight-reimbursement-collections-follow>

A Question of Balance: Gambling Revenues and Problem Gambling in New York State (November 2020): <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/files/reports/special-topics/pdf/gaming-report.pdf>

DiNapoli: Local Sales Tax Collections Up 3% in Second Quarter

<https://www.osc.state.ny.us/files/local-government/publications/pdf/2023-sales-tax-second-quarter.pdf>

Local government sales tax collections in New York state totaled \$5.7 billion in the second quarter of 2023 (April-June), an increase of 3%, or nearly \$167 million, compared to the same period last year, according to a report released today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. Collections were more robust in the first quarter of 2023, growing 7.1%.

"Growth in local sales tax collections slowed in the second quarter, returning closer to pre-pandemic trends, after significant volatility during the pandemic period," DiNapoli said.

DiNapoli's report found:

- o June Collections Drove Growth: Second quarter growth was driven by strong collections in June of 5.8% after April and May grew by a more modest 1.5% and 1.1%.

- o Modest Increase for NYC: New York City's collections moderated in the second quarter of 2023 after a strong first quarter growth of 11.3%. In April-June, city collections totaled nearly \$2.5 billion, up 3.7% or \$88 million. The second quarter ended the city's double-digit growth in collections that has marked the last eight consecutive quarters. While the city's restaurants are seeing activity above pre-pandemic levels, other parts of the economy have yet to fully recover.

- o Tepid Collections for Large Counties: Forty-nine out of 57 counties had year-over-year sales tax increases during the second quarter, totaling 2.4% statewide. Some of New York's largest counties had slow growth or even declines. Suffolk County only grew by 0.8% and Westchester County by 1.4%, while Albany County declined by -6.1% and Monroe County by -0.8%. Sullivan County had the strongest growth at 28.3% followed by Broome County at 15.7% and Wyoming County at 15.1%.

- o Most Cities Fared Well: Fifteen of 18 cities outside of New York City that impose their own sales tax instead of receiving a portion of county collections also experienced growth in the period. Oswego had the strongest growth at 27.1%, while Norwich had the biggest decline at -6.2%.

- o Gas Collections Dropped: A steep drop in gas prices, which were 21% lower in the second quarter of 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, resulted in sales tax collections on motor fuels decreasing by -19% year over year. These collections account for 5% of county sales tax collections, on average.

SC Helps Launch Medication Treatment Campaign Part of Grant-Funded HEALing Communities Study

Liberty, NY - No matter where we live, we all know at least one person affected by opioid use disorder (OUD). An estimated 2.1 million Americans have OUD, including residents of Sullivan County.

“What many do not realize is that OUD is a very real medical disorder characterized by an inability to stop the use of an addictive substance, despite the negative consequences associated with its use,” notes Sullivan County Health & Human Services Deputy Commissioner Melissa Stickle. “Addiction is a chronic brain disease - not a lack of willpower. Recovery from OUD also requires more than willpower, and medications can be part of the solution.”

Three FDA approved medications - methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone - can lower the risk of relapse and overdose.

“The longer a person with OUD stays in medication treatment, the greater the chance of a successful recovery,” says Stickle. “However, challenges associated with availability and acceptance of medication treatment exist.”

To address these challenges, Stickle, other Sullivan County officials, and partners Hope Not Handcuffs and Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan and Ulster are participating in the HEALing Communities Study, which launched its latest campaign on August 7 - focused on Staying in Medication Treatment. This unique, Statewide campaign aims to help people with OUD and needed supporters (e.g., loved ones, treatment providers):

- o Understand how important medication treatment can be for recovery from OUD
- o Learn how to overcome commonly experienced barriers to treatment retention
- o Improve support for those in medication treatment

Throughout the campaign, real people share their compelling stories about how they have overcome challenges to staying in medication treatment. Treatment challenges addressed throughout the campaign include managing anxiety and depression, coping with cravings and triggers, finding recovery support that accepts medication treatment, and asking for support from loved ones.

As the videos we'll be sharing will show, everyone can make a difference by staying in OUD treatment for as long as they need and supporting loved ones in OUD treatment,” explains Stickle.

About the HEALing Communities Study

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health estimates that 2.1 million Americans have OUD, yet fewer than 20% of those individuals receive specialty care in a given year. A menu of evidence-based practices exists, including opioid overdose education and naloxone dissemination programs, prescription drug monitoring programs, and FDA-approved medications for opioid use disorder.

Unfortunately, these have largely failed to penetrate community settings. As a result, the National Institutes of Health and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration launched the HEALing Communities Study to investigate and identify the best ways to preventing and treat OUD. The goal of the study is to reduce opioid-related overdose deaths by 40% over the course of three years.

To learn more, please visit www.healingcommunitiesstudy.org/communities/nysullivan.htm

DEC Announces Final Amendment to Sundown Wild Forest Unit Management Plan Final UMP Includes New Parking Lot and Trail

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the finalization of the Sundown Wild Forest Unit Management Plan (UMP) Amendment. The amendment will improve infrastructure, increase public safety, enhance natural resource protection, and improve visitor experiences in the Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor in the town of Denning, Ulster County.

The finalized amendment to the Sundown Wild Forest Unit Management Plan reflects DEC's commitment to sustainable recreation and the protection of New York's natural resources," said DEC Regional Director Kelly Turturro.

The Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor encompasses 275 acres of Forest Preserve land in the approximately 30,000-acre Sundown Wild Forest. The final amendment includes the following:

General Access and Trail Improvements:

- Construction of an 80-car parking lot in the Peekamoose trailer field to consolidate parking to a single location;
- Closure of eight parking areas;
- Construction of an approximately 0.6-mile connector trail from the 80-car parking area to the Peekamoose Blue Hole;
- Construction of a 60-foot bridge across Bear Hole Brook; and
- Construction of a foot bridge/retaining wall near the wooded pathway entrance to the Blue Hole between the banks of the Rondout Creek and Peekamoose Road.

Natural Resource Protection

- Closure of 25 designated campsites throughout the western portion of the corridor due to extreme site degradation and natural resource concerns.

Accessible Projects

- Construction of two new accessible campsites in locations that minimize natural resource impacts;
- Construction of an accessible path from the accessible parking area to the entrance of the Blue Hole to accommodate people with mobility impairments; and
- Development of an accessible photo point for people on the accessible portion of the Blue Hole trail.

• Multi-Use Trail Proposal and Changes to the 2019 Long Path Trail Proposals

- Removal of the proposal to allow snowmobiling on a portion of the Long Path trail re-route; and
- Construction of a re-route of the Long Path that will accommodate multiple uses such as hiking, biking, snowshoeing, and skiing.

The Sundown Wild Forest UMP Amendment (PDF) can be found on DEC's website.

https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/sdwfumpamend1.pdf

DEC continues to make investments in the Catskills and also recently announced a new 261-acre acquisition to Sundown Wild Forest. The purchase of the property, consisting of forested land along the east side of South Mountain in the Town of Olive, Ulster County was made possible through a partnership with the Open Space Institute and \$666,500 from New York's Environmental Protection Fund. The protection of the land also lays the groundwork for the creation of new public access points for two popular hiking destinations from a public road, opening additional wild areas to better welcome and disperse hikers and visitors seeking to recreate in the Catskills.

New York State 2023-24 Hunting and Trapping Licenses Now on Sale

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that hunting and trapping licenses and Deer Management Permits (DMPs) for the 2023-24 season are now on sale.

"An estimated half a million New Yorkers enjoy hunting each year," Commissioner Seggos said. "Recently expanded hunting opportunities bring even greater excitement to this old tradition. Hunter safety remains DEC's top priority, and I encourage all hunters venturing afield this season to follow the key principles of hunter safety both on the ground and while in tree stands."

Licenses and permits can be purchased online, at any of DEC's license-issuing agents, or by telephone at 866-933-2257. Hunting and trapping licenses are valid from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31 each year, while annual fishing licenses are valid for 365 days from date of purchase.

New York's habitat serves a vital role in maintaining healthy and sustainable fish and wildlife resources. Purchasing a hunting, fishing, or trapping license helps support DEC's conservation projects and ensures the future of natural resources for generations to come. DEC also encourages outdoor enthusiasts to consider purchasing a Habitat & Access Stamp each year. Funds from the \$5 Habitat & Access Stamp support projects to conserve habitat and improve public access for fish-and-wildlife-related activities. This year's Habitat & Access Stamp features an opossum.

Beginning this week, the DEC Call Center is accessible from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays through Nov. 30. Regular call center weekday hours resume on Dec. 1. Purchasers should allow 14 business days for receipt of hunting licenses purchased by phone.

Individuals should have the following items ready when buying a license:

Complete contact information (e.g., name, address, email address, telephone number);

DEC customer ID number (if applicable);

Proof of residency (e.g., driver's license or non-driver's ID with a valid New York State address);

If purchasing by phone or internet, a valid credit card; and

If not already entered in DEC's automated licensing system, individuals are required to provide proof of hunter or trapper education certification or a copy of a previous license for all hunting and trapping license purchases.

For additional information, visit the General Sporting License Information webpage on DEC's website.

The 2023-24 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide (PDF), which provides an easy-to-read collection of pertinent rules and regulations, is available on the DEC Hunting webpage. Copies will be available at license-issuing agents.

Buying your License at the Great New York State Fair?

DEC sells hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses in the DEC Aquarium building at the New York State Fair from Aug. 23 through Sept. 4. Fairgoers are advised that only credit and debit cards are accepted for these purchases as cash is no longer being accepted at this license sales location.

Deer Management Permits (DMPs)

DMPs (tags for antlerless deer) are available at all license-issuing outlets, by phone, or online through Oct. 1, 2023. DMPs are used to manage the deer herd and are issued through an instant random selection process at the point of sale. The chances of obtaining a DMP remain the same throughout the application period; hunters need not rush to apply. The 2023 chances of selection for a DMP in each Wildlife Management Unit are available online, through license issuing agents, or by calling the DMP Hotline at 1-866-472-4332. Detailed information on DMPs is available on DEC's website.

HuntFishNY Mobile App

DEC's HuntFishNY app mobile app provides hunters and anglers with an easy way to display sporting licenses and privileges and view

important hunting- and fishing-related information through the convenience of your smartphone. In addition to providing instant mobile access to electronic versions of your sporting licenses and privileges, the app offers the ability to report game harvests immediately while afield even when not in cell service, as well as links to useful information like season date summaries, regulations guides, a DEC contact list, and much more. Download HuntFishNY today from the Apple App and Google Play stores.

Online and In-Person Hunter Education Training Courses

All first-time hunters, bowhunters, and trappers must pass one or more courses before they can purchase a license. Online and in-person courses are available.

In-person courses include a field day where new hunters can get hands-on experience. All in-person courses are free of charge, but space may be limited. Courses fill quickly, so be sure to sign up early. Visit DEC's website for more information, including a list of courses, registration instructions, and ways to obtain study materials.

All the requirements to earn a New York State hunter education certificate can also be met by completing DEC's online hunter education course and passing the exam. Upon passing, participants will receive a hunter education certificate so they can purchase a hunting license. Participants must be New York State residents and the cost of the course is \$24.95. The online course can be accessed at the Hunter-Ed website.

New York State is also offering an online bowhunter education certification course. Upon passing, hunters will receive their bowhunter education certificate so they can purchase a bowhunting privilege. Participants must be New York State residents and the cost of the course is \$30. The online course can be accessed at the Bowhunter-Ed website.

Additional Hunting Opportunities Continue

Additional deer hunting opportunities initiated in 2021 continue in 2023. A special early season for antlerless deer runs from Sept. 9 to 17 in select Wildlife Management Units. Twelve- and thirteen-year-old hunters may pursue deer with a firearm or crossbow under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter in counties that opt into the program (see Junior Big Game Hunting map and details), and the new holiday deer hunt provides a second portion of the late bow and muzzleloader season from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 in the Southern Zone. These opportunities contribute to deer management, allow for young hunters to be mentored by experienced adults, and let families hunt together during the holiday season.

Opportunities for Junior Hunters and Trappers

To foster the next generation of hunters and trappers in New York, DEC expanded opportunities for junior hunters (licensees aged 12-15) by designating special youth hunts for deer, wild turkey, pheasants, and waterfowl; and opportunities for junior trappers (younger than 12 years old) through a trapper mentoring program. These opportunities allow youth hunters and trappers to spend time in the field with experienced adults and gain the necessary knowledge and skills to become safe and responsible members of the hunting and trapping community. More information about these programs and other opportunities for junior hunters and trappers is available on DEC's website.

Remember: Hunt Safe, Hunt Smart!

The number of hunting-relating shooting incidents is declining, but even one incident is too many. Hunters can prevent injuries and fatalities by following the cardinal rules of hunting safety:

Assume every gun to be loaded.

Control the muzzle in a safe direction.

Keep your finger off the trigger until firing.

Be sure of your target and beyond.

Wear hunter orange.

Tree stand falls are a major cause of hunting injuries. These hunting-related injuries and fatalities are easily preventable. Hunters are advised to use a full-body harness and fall-arrest system and stay connected from the time you leave the ground until the time you return. Check your stand (including straps and chains) every season and replace any worn or missing parts. The proper use of tree stands and full-body harnesses will help prevent injuries and fatalities. For more information, visit DEC's website and watch a tree stand safety video.

MISSING PERSON

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MATTHEW M. RUSSO



RACE: WHITE

SEX: MALE

AGE: 36

HEIGHT: 5'10"

WEIGHT: 145

EYES: HAZEL

HAIR: BLONDE

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Missing since June 18, 2023

From Garnet Health Medical Center in Harris

The Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help for information regarding the whereabouts of Matthew Russo, who disappeared on June 18, 2023. Anyone with information about Matthew, or what may have happened to him, is asked to call the Sheriff's Office. A reward of up to \$5,000 is being offered to information leading to resolution of the case and finding Matthew.

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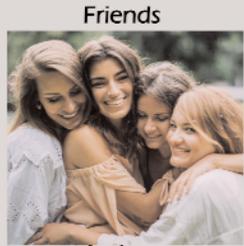
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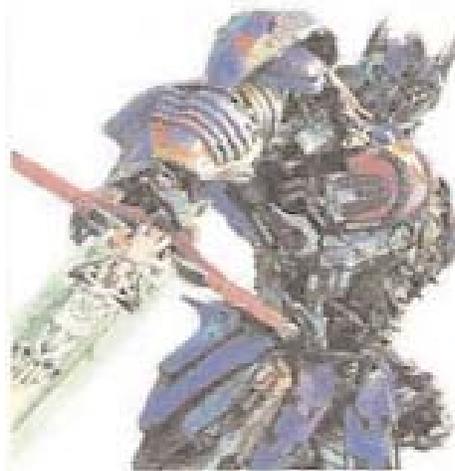
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH FROM 10-6PM

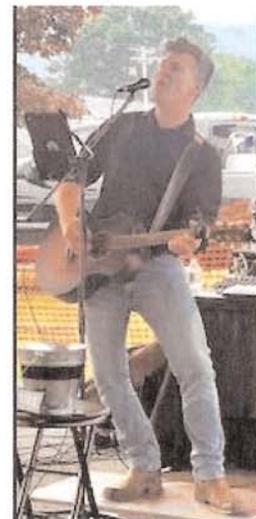
COST \$3 Per Car – Show entries free!

(Rain date Sept. 17)

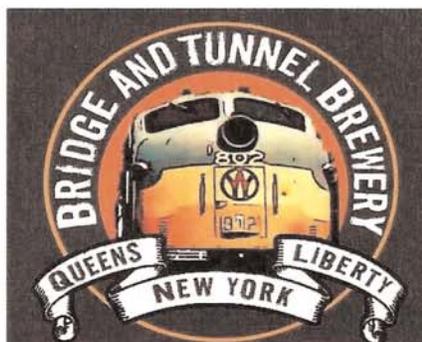
OUR GRAHAMSVILLE FIRE DEPT. CHICKEN DINNER WILL BE SERVED FROM 4-6 PM (pre-orders available at FD.GRAHAMSVILLE@GMAIL.COM or contact Larry Bracken @ 845-807-6686)



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with
JON ZANGER
Performing in our
beer garden
From 1-3 & 4-6



And sip your favorite brew from our local breweries from noon till closing



International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil

A Time to Remember. A Time to Act.



Join us as we raise awareness about overdoses and reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths.

Hear state and local leaders talk about what is being done to battle the opioid crisis in our community. Open your hearts as families share their stories of loved ones who lost their battle with substance use. Remember those who have passed and celebrate those in recovery. Meet organizations and learn about resources created to face this crisis head on.

We will be joined by local first responders, the Sullivan County Choir, an interpretive dance performance and bag pipers in front of the Sullivan County courthouse that will be lit purple to symbolize overdose awareness.

This event is brought to you by a community of organizations working together to end the opioid epidemic in Sullivan County.

Thursday • August 31, 2023
7pm at the Sullivan County
Courthouse Lawn,
414 Broadway, Monticello

Rain date: Friday, Sept. 1

For more information, contact
Lindsay Wheat, Sullivan 180
Outreach Coordinator, at
lindsay@sullivan180.org or
(845) 295-2683.



Daniel Pierce Library Summer Challenge 2023 All Together Now



Book BINGO



Print out a Bingo Card from the
Daniel Pierce Library Website

<http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>

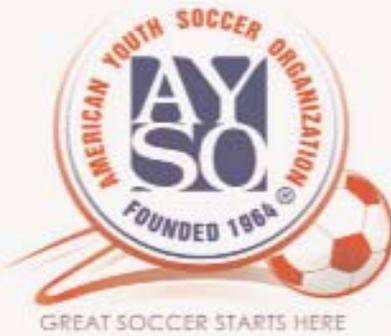
or pick one up from the library!

- Ages 6 - 11 years
- 'Tweens' and Teens Ages 12 - 18 years
- Adults



Have Fun!

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Tri-Valley AYSO Region 1536

For further information: email aysoregion1536@gmail.com or contact:
 Registration Questions: Joan Mingo 845-798-0072 mtoy4x4@aol.com
 Payment Questions: Erik Raykoff 845-798-4053 raykoff@aol.com

Sign Up for Soccer NOW

For Boys and Girls ages 3-12

Please visit
<http://www.trivalleyayso.com>
 to register and pay online.
Registration begins June 1st.

Registrations are completed online and you can pay with a credit card. If you are having complications or need to pay by cash / check, we will be having a few meet up dates in August.

Playground Program ages 3-4:

\$37.75 per player
 Fee includes a tee-shirt and insurance.

Core Program (Pre-K - 6th grade):

\$67.75 per player - Fee includes eight weeks of soccer, insurance, and AYSO Club membership. Practices are held during the week (August 30th – November 4th) and most matches are played on Sunday afternoons.

\$20 Early-Bird Discount if you register before July 1st.

Uniforms:

\$ 40 - includes red and blue jersey, shorts and two pairs of socks. Please bring your child with you when picking up uniforms to ensure proper size. Donations of past uniforms and equipment accepted. They will be available to others free of charge.

AYSO Soccer Camps! a one-week long summer soccer camp set at the Ballfields July 10th -14th.. Half day, Full day, Mini-camp and Saturday clinic slots are available. See <http://www.ukssoccer.com> and click on 'Find A Program' for more info.

Teams fill up quick. Registrations received after August 15th will be placed on a wait list or in a practice program.



Everyone Plays® | Balanced Teams | Open Registration
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To register go to: <http://www.trivalleyso.com>

Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association



The NRAMA Antique Tractor Show is looking for antique "household" machinery to display at our show this year. Do you have any you want to bring to the show to display?



This year the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association (NRAMA) wants to include antique household machinery as part of the Antique Tractor Show. There will be lots of tractors and other large machinery on display—but what about the smaller machinery—the old washing and dryer devices; spinning wheels and sewing machines; ice boxes; cherry pitters, etc.

If you have any household machinery you want to display please contact CHER at cwparksandrec@gmail.com or 845-985-2401 for more information.



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**Starring
Harrison Ford
in
BLADE
RUNNER**

(2007 | R / CC / 4.6 out of 5 stars

Six genitcly engineered human Androids revolt because of their prograded four year life span. Retired Blade Runner (Harrison Ford) is sent to eli-

manate, retire, in short murder superior altered human beings.

The spice; an unconven-

**Nexis VI Android
Leader Death squad**



tional love story, and lessons in humanity for all of us are the 'threads' that hold the story together."

Directed by: **Ridley Scott**: **Starring: Harrison Ford, Sean Young, Edward James Olmos, Rutger Hauer, M. Ennet Walsh,**

Daryl Hanna, (Pris, kick murderer). Six genitcly engineered human Androids revolt because of their prograded four year life span, Retired Blade Runner (Harrison Ford) is sent to elimanate, retire, in short murder superior altered human beings. The spice, an unconvental love story, and lessons in humanity for all of us. make this film a neo-noir, sci-fi, mystery thriller.

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Actor Jon Voight

This weeks' question: Name of the parents of *The Addams Family*.



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FULL EPISODE 1.

The Planet of Peril

(1936)

[HTTPS://WWW.IMDB.COM/TITLE/TT0027623](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0027623)



Released Apr 6, 1936 Flash Gordon, Dale



Arden and Dr. Alexis Zarkov visit the planet Mongo to thwart the evil schemes of Emperor Ming the Merciless, who has set his planet on a collision course with Earth.

Directed by Frederick Stephani and starring: Buster Crabbe, Jean Rogers, and Charles Middleton.

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE III
ON AMAZON PRIME VIDEO
The Tunnel of Terror



Episode 2.

Aura helps Flash to escape as Zarkov is put to work in Ming's laboratory and Dale is prepared for her wedding to Ming. Flash meets Prince Thun, leader of the Lion Men, and the pair return to the palace to rescue Dale.

Episode 3. "Captured by Shark Men"

Flash stops the wedding ceremony, but he and Dale are captured by King Kala, ruler of the Shark Men and a loyal follower of Ming. At Ming's order, Kala forces Flash to fight with a giant octosak in a chamber filling with water.

Episode 4. "Battling the Sea Beast"

Aura and Thun rescue Flash from the octosak. Trying to keep Flash away from Dale, Aura destroys the mechanisms that regulate the underwater city.

Episode 5. "The Destroying Ray"

Flash, Dale, Aura and Thun escape from the underwater city, but are captured by King Vultan and the Hawkmen. Dr. Zarkov befriends Prince Barin, and they race to the rescue.

Stay safe, and stay well
Knarf Odnamoc
Gnome