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Longtime SC County Employees Now Leading Public Offices



Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek is pleased to announce the promotion of Christopher Knapp to Director of Real Property Tax Services and Loreen Gebelein to Director of the Center for Workforce Development.

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"These offices provide critical services to the public, and they are in good hands with Chris and Loreen, who have served with the County for many years," Potosek related. "Even with the current pandemic, Chris, Loreen and their staffs have continued answering requests for property data, connecting people with job opportunities, and adjusting processes to meet citizens' needs in a more effective and innovative way. I look forward to working with both of them." (Contd. Pg. 13)



Loreen Gebelein

Ben Nesin Building at Ashokan Reservoir Earns Leed Gold Award for Sustainable Design, Construction

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced that the Ben Nesin Building at Ashokan Reservoir has earned an award for incorporating sustainable design and construction practices in a \$10 million renovation of the building.



The Ben Nesin Building earned the LEED Gold Award for its enviro-friendly rehab, which was completed in 2019. LEED - short for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design - is an international certification system to recognize buildings that save energy and water, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and use local or renewable materials in their construction.

"We are proud that DEP's renovation of the Ben Nesin Building was recognized for meeting the highest standards of sustainability," DEP

Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. "As we rehab our facilities and build new ones, DEP always aims to minimize our use of energy and water, cut our carbon footprint, and remain true to our core mission of protecting the environment." (Contd. Pg. 29)

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Hebrews 3:12

OBITUARIES

Clayton Cook, of Grahamsville, passed away on July 30, 2020 at home. He was 62.He was the son of Elinor M. (VanKeuren) Cook and the late Walter Wesley Cook, born on September 5, 1957 in Liberty, NY.

Clayton worked as a Corrections Officer at Woodbourne Correctional Facility for 26 years, after his retirement he continued to work various jobs including landscaping for the Nevele, Honor's Haven and Nevele Grand Hotels and was employed at Walmart for a short time. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing and gardening or could be found building a variety of household items as constructing wood pieces was a hobby of his. He was a loving husband, son, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife, Lorelei Cook; his mother, Elinor Cook; children, Sean Cook, Amanda Weed; step-children, Apollo Rexford, Alesia Kuratnick and her husband, Michael, Crystal Cook, Ryan Cook and his wife, Ana, and Samantha Cook; his six grandchildren; siblings, Robin Cyrtmus and Christine Allison and her husband, Jon; as well as several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and a host of friends.

Services were held on Friday, August 14, 2020 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. A funeral service was held Saturday, August 15, 2020 at the funeral home, Rev. Roy Schaffer officiated. Interment followed at Westbrookville Cemetery, Wurtsboro, NY.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

Linda S. Bowers of Hurleyville, NY passed away at the age of 63 on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at Garnet Health Medical Center holding hands with her loving family. She was the daughter of the late Ruth L. Turner and George R. Risden and was born on May 23, 1957, the middle child of 5 children. Growing up on the family farm in Kinnelon, NJ she was a member of the 4-H club and learned to love nature and animals. Horses and ponies were her passion from a very young age. She loved riding and caring for them and competed in many competitions where she won blue ribbons. She raised many animals throughout her life including Siamese cats. She loved her horses Mr. Chips and The Bear and spoke lovingly about the ponies she grew up with, Chocolate and Suzy. She also was a member of The American Quarter Horse Association. Linda was a nurturer and loved making people feel beautiful. She earned 439-5200

her degree as a licensed cosmetologist and worked as a hairdresser for many years. Linda always welcomed her family and friends into her home. She always had a good meal cooking on the stove and some delicious baked treats in the oven. She adored her dogs Oscar and Prada. She loved her family very much and she will be deeply missed by everyone that knew and loved her.

Linda is survived by her devoted husband Dale Bowers who saw her as the light of his world. She is also survived by her children James Trojahn (Cindy Patterson), April Trojahn, Amanda Dole and James Dole; her grandchildren Anthony, Brooke, Matthew, Kylie and Colin; her siblings Carol and Bob Heater, Lisa and Ken Gorman; her sisters-inlaw Nena Risden and Grace Napolitano and a host of extended family and friends. She was predeceased by her two brothers George Risden and Ricky Risden. The family would like to acknowledge and give a very special thank you for all the support, love, and care that was provided throughout Linda's stay at Garnet Health Medical Center to Dr. Michaels and Sean Murphy RN, and the entire staff of the ICU.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 from 2-6pm at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. Social distancing guidelines set forth by the New York State Department of Health will be in place; a limit of 10 visitors at a time will be allowed in the funeral home and facemasks are required at all times. Donations in Linda's name can be made to the ICU at Garnet Health Medical Center, 707 East Main Street, Middletown, NY 10940.

Catherine Scanna of Grahamsville, NY, a long-time area resident, died Monday, August 10, 2020 at her home, with her family at her side. She was 70.

The daughter of the late William and Dorothy Martin Penny, she was born October 8, 1949 in Brooklyn, NY.

Catherine enjoyed clipping coupons and shopping; she had worked as a cashier at ShopRite in Liberty, NY and at Kaz's Liquor Store in Monticello, NY. She was a devoted supporter of Shriner's.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph A. Scanna, at home; four sons, Eric Scanna and his wife Jen of Liverpool, NY, Jeffrey Scanna of Grahamsville, NY, David Scanna and his wife Michelle of Grahamsville, NY and Kevin Scanna and his wife Ashley of Liberty, NY; one daughter, Stephanie Scanna of Grahamsville, NY; 15 grandchildren; and her dear friends, Christine and Buzz Delio.

Funeral services will be private. Memorial contributions in Catherine's name may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, Processing Center, PO Box 863765, Orlando, FL 32886. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY. www.Harris-FH.com 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

August 16, 1950

Friends and neighbors of Mr. Riley Currey surprised him pleasantly Sunday on the occasion of his 82nd birthday. Dinner was served on the lawn of the Robert Osterhout home with not one but two birthday cakes.

The Townsman office was moved Friday from the small building on the John Condron property to temporary quarters in a part of the Jocelyn building in the middle of town

in the middle of town.

The one-room schools in Union Free School District 1 were sold at auction on Monday afternoon at Grahamsville School House. Sundown brought the biggest price; Big Hollow the lowest.

On Saturday evening Miss Anne Wincek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wincek of Ellenville, became the bride of Mr. Robert Leo Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson of Lackawack. The Rev. Howard P. West officiated.

The Neversink firemen were called out Thursday night when John McGuire's truck caught fire. The truck was saved but the hay burned.

Leonard Lakin, 38, died last Wednesday, August 9, at the Gilbert Van Valkenburgh farm house where he had been living with his family. He is survived by his wife and seven children and his father, Bert Lakin of Middletown.

August 12, 1960

Former business executive Morgan D. Ryan was convicted last Friday of bribing highway officials of Ulster County towns to buy road oil from him. He paid them a cent a gallon.

On Tuesday, August 9th, an altercation over an axe between Ross Bonnell and Milton Friedman, employees of the Town of Neversink Highway Dept, led to a hearing before Justice Chandler P. Currey. Mr. Bonnell was arrested and formally charged with Third Degree Assault and Judge Currey set bail at ten dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carlsen of Ellenville, are the proud parents of a son, Neil Eric, born at the Veterans Memorial Hospital on Thursday, August

11th, weighing 7 Ibs. 10 1/2 oz.

Footnotes To Local History – The Reformed Church of Grahamsville was organized with 25 members, July 1, 1844 by Henry Clark, Cornelius H. Sheeley, John Wells and John D. Dean. Their house of worship was erected in 1842 at a cost of about \$500.

The Lows Corners Baptist Church was officially organized November 11, 1869. Rev. J. L. Smith was the first pastor. The church was organized with 41 members and the building cost \$1350. Members of the congregation stayed and kept fire all night to keep the plaster from freezing.

August 26. 1970

Thirty patients from the Sullivan County Home and Infirmary enjoyed another Red Letter Day at the "Little World's Fair" in Grahamsville on Saturday, August 15th. They were the guests of Superintendent Robert T. Many and the Grahamsville Fair Association. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Buzzing Bumblebees – Super Pollinators

This weekend I was picking blossoms from tzucchini plants in our garden

for our breakfast omelet. Just about every blossom had two or three hardworking bumblebees buzzing around inside them. You can recognize bumblebees from their very loud buzzing. They are usually a very distinctive black and yellow color, although they can be orange and black. The yellow and black bumblebees are the largest true bees with "pollen baskets". They have six hairy legs. The first pair cleans the antennae. The second pair, covered with stiff hairs, combs the pollen from the body and packs it into the baskets (corbicula) on the



third pair of legs. More hairs line the basket and securely anchor the pollen load for balanced flight.

The female worker bumblebee has a stinger and is capable of stinging although they are not really too aggressive, unless they feel threatened. A male bumblebee has no stinger and therefore cannot sting.

Their common name, "bumblebee" is a compound of "bumble" and "bee"—"bumble" meaning to hum, buzz, drone, or move ineptly or flounderingly. The generic name Bombus, assigned by Pierre André Latreille in 1802, is derived from the Latin word for a buzzing or humming sound, borrowed from Ancient Greek word, bómbos.

Bumblebees are fine pollinators. Like their relatives the honeybees, bumblebees feed on nectar, using their long hairy tongues to lap up the liquid; the proboscis is folded under the head during flight. Bumblebees gather nectar to be stored in the nest, and pollen to feed their young.

Unlike honeybees, Bombus live as a single family, usually underground. The group consists of workers, drones and a queen, the most important of all.

A young queen mates in autumn and begins searching a safe place to overwinter - a hollow log or small burrow in the ground. All the rest of her family die as cold weather sets in.

When spring comes, the young queen starts a new home by herself, usually a deserted underground mouse hole which she lines with soft grass. For the next several weeks she works at a frantic non-stop pace.

On a cushion of grass and soft downy leaves, she builds a waxen egg cell, primes it with a paste of pollen and honey, lays several eggs and caps the cell. She also makes a wax honey pot and fills it with nectar to feed herself on rainy days.

Meanwhile she patches any cracks in the nursery cell and guards her eggs against marauding mice and voles. In a week, larvae hatch and their mother feeds them liquid honey and special jelly for about ten days until the larvae are fully developed into fat white grubs that spin their own cocoons and pupate.

Two weeks later the first young bumblebees to emerge are small sized sterile daughters who are workers. Later in summer the queen will lay eggs producing males (drones) and mating females. The life cycle of the Bombus goes

I didn't get to pick too many blossoms, but enjoyed the show of the super pollinators. Bumblebees are vitally important to humans. They carry pollen to many plants and crops that produce fruit and seeds we eat to live. So the next time a big bumblebee buzzes past you, treat her kindly - she's a queen.

Household Hints:

Freshen Wilted Vegetables

To freshen wilted vegetables, soak them in 12 cups of water and a tablespoon of vinegar.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

(From Pg. 3) The New York State Department of Transportation, Binghamton, NY has turned down the petition of residents of both Ulster County section and Sullivan County section of County Road 19. According to the letter to the Town Board, the Hamlet of Claryville is a "marginal development far below the minimum required to support a reduced speed."

August 21,1980



State Attorney General Robert Abrams spent most of the day Sunday with his family at the Little World's Fair in Grahamsville. Mr. Brams, his wife, Diane and their 4-year old daughter, Rachel, strolled around the fairgrounds, enjoying the sights. They were escorted by Frank Comando

Ray McNamara and Pearl Galloway are busy trapping coons who love their gardens. They have reported trapping 8 so far. Many thanks to Harold Knight who picks up the coons and transports them to the hills of Grahamsville to give them their freedom.

The stocking of 40,000 lake trout fingerlings into the Rondout Reservoir in 1976 has been a great success. However, many of the immature lake trout are vulnerable to anglers for the first time this year. Reports from fisherman have been generally" enthusiastic, but some are concerned that many of the fish are being mistaken for "browns."

A Message from the Neversink Town Historian

The NYS Historian has requested that Local Historians document the effect of the pandemic on the area they represent. In our area, I am the Local Historian for the Town of Neversink which of course, includes the communities of Neversink and Grahamsville and Claryville, right up to the Town of Denning, Ulster County line. It also includes part of Willowemoc.

I think this is an important idea, but would like to carry it further in that I would also like to include writing, art, photography. Specifically, I ask people to think about how your life has been changed due to Covid 19; how your family life has been changed; how your community has been changed.

I can be reached at historian@townofneversink.org.

Thank you.

Carol Smythe, Town of Neversink Historian

News from Time and the Valley Museum

Helen Aldrich picture found thanks to Sylvia Ballo from Schenectady, NY.

One Room School Exhibit:

The Time and the Valley Museum is still looking for: old Checker board with wooden pieces and also wooden Dominoes set.

Drive Through Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

Saturday September 26, 4 to 6:30 p.m. Time and the Valleys Museum

Tickets are now on sale for the Time and the Valleys Museum's Drive through Contactless Chicken Barbeque! The Drive Through Chicken Barbeque will be held on Saturday, September 26th, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Museum parking lot, 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville NY. The BBQ includes: delicious _ BBQ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans, cornbread, brownie and ice cream.

Tickets for the Chicken Barbeque \$12 per meal and are available on line:

https://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/product/chicken-takeout-bbq-tickets/, by calling 845 985-7700, by sending a check to: Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740, or emailing info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is currently closed.

Exhibitions when reopening:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more. o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puz-
- zles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
 o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm
- o NEW! Once Upon a Time: One Teacher, 8 Grades, One Room School

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

We Are All The Same In The Dark Mysterious Book Report No. 414 by John Dwaine McKenna



In one of the most highly anticipated novels of the 2020 summer reading season, international best-selling thriller writer Julia Heaberlin grabs the reader's attention in her first sentence; "It takes about eight to ten hours to hand-dig a grave, more if you was doing it in the dark.", and never lets go.

We Are All The Same In The Dark, (Ballentine Books, \$27.00, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-525-62167-6), begins with the discovery of a nameless, wounded and mute young

girl. Missing her left eye and severely dehydrated, she's found lying in a pasture alongside a busy highway on a blazing hot Texas afternoon . . . surrounded by dandelions she's picked and placed as a talisman to protect her.

But Wyatt Branson, the man who finds the girl and takes her to his home, has a shadowed and suspicious past. He's the only suspect in the presumed murder and disappearance of his sister Trumanell, who left only a bloody handprint when she disappeared, ten years earlier.

The abandoned girl is soon picked up by a woman named Odette Tucker, the town's newest and youngest cop, who stashes the girl in a safe house and gives her the name "Angel," because she fears that Angel's discovery will re-inflame the small town where anger, suspicion and mob mentality still seethe just beneath the veneer of a quiet, peaceful place. It's the most notorious cold case in Texas history, and although the police have cleared Wyatt, the town, and a recent TV documentary, have not. It's left the citizens of the place on the verge of an explosive and violent reckoning.

But the tale becomes more complex and intriguing with each chapter, as the plot layers are exposed and the secrets of small town life . . . where everyone knows, is genetically linked to, or has had an intimate relationship with everyone else . . . come to light, one by one.

There's an old saying that goes: "God made the wilderness, and man made the cities... but the devil made the small town." Julia Heaberlin has tapped into the beating heart of that sentiment and drawn it's essence, before putting it into elegant, attention-grabbing, carefully composed prose. We Are All The Same In The Dark is a psychological tour de force. It is one of the most arresting novels in many years and getting rave reviews from everyone who's seen it. Read it for yourself and see why!

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UC Ryan Announces Rapid Response Plan for School Reopening Ulster County will implement a rapid response plan in preparation for school district reopenings County Executive Ryan pledges nearly 30,000 masks for students and staff

Ulster County is finalizing plans to test all school staff prior to returning for in-person instruction

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that Ulster County has developed and will implement a county-wide Rapid Response plan to support all local school districts as they begin reopening in September and October. On Tuesday, County Executive Ryan spoke with school Superintendents from all nine districts within Ulster County

to discuss the County's plan to support them.

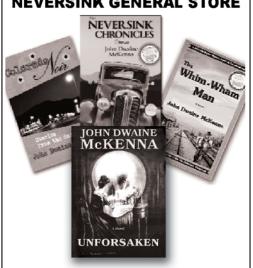
The five-part plan will focus on setting guidelines for proper screening and testing processes, investigating positive cases through contact tracing, offering support for school-specific isolation plans, establishing a communication plan between the County and individual school districts, and providing PPE for students and faculty.

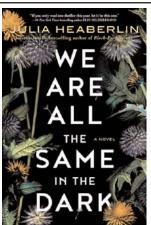
Ulster County will provide nearly 30,000 masks for students and staff at school districts planning on opening in Ulster County. The County will also provide public health nurses on standby to advise the school districts and to respond to potential clusters and other health-related scenarios. Additionally, the County is finalizing plans to test all school staff prior to schools reopening for in-person instruction.

"As a parent, I understand the anxiety and concern that so many parents, teachers, and students are feeling right now about reopening schools," County Executive Ryan said. "My top priority is to ensure the health and safety of our residents and we are 100% committed to working with our school districts to ensure a safe environment. Our team is prepared to provide any and all resources to our schools and we will closely monitor the public health situation in order to proactively respond to any potential public health scenario."

Since Ulster County's first case of COVID-19 emerged in early March, Ulster County has taken a proactive approach to control and counter the pandemic. On March 13, Ulster County was the first County to close schools ahead of the statewide decision to do so. Additionally, Ulster County is believed to be the first County to set up a fully staffed COVID-19 hotline when the first case appeared. In June, County Executive Ryan successfully led an effort to proactively test all nursing homes in Ulster County, a model later adopted throughout New York State.







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The Olive Jar-By Carol Olsen LaMonda

Half a Year into the Pandemic

Half a year into Pandemic, the panic part seems to be over with people settling into the new normal and resolution mode. In a way the feelings of nation and the world are mimicking the stages of grief. We were stunned into disbelief and are now going through the path of loss of our former lifestyle.

The five stages of grief are: denial. anger. bargaining.

depression. acceptance.



At first, there was the feeling of "It can't happen to us or, at least, it can't happen here to me.' Then as the numbers of cases and deaths piled up, there was anger and finger-pointing trying to

fix the blame on whom or whatever. Our anger was directed at countries, then lack of supplies, then political parties, then other states.

Then came acceptance. Covid-19 is a highly contagious disease that knows no political party, gender, race, bank account or age. We bargained with quack cures, protective gear, quarantines, conflicting medical experts, and conspiracy theories. We stockpiled paper goods, sanitizers and soaps. We began making masks and manufacturing ammunition to start fighting our common enemy, a protein passed sometimes with and sometimes without symptoms. Still it spread. With acceptance came resignation.

Currently we are somewhere between depression and acceptance. I sadly mourn the loss of dining out at my favorite restaurants, getting massages and facials, and having family and friend get-togethers. I miss my art buddies and my fellow yogis. My husband laments that the gym cannot open. Students, teachers, and parents miss the school of the past that cannot be replicated in the present.

However, acceptance of a bad situation is the foreword to coping. I notice that flowers and vegetables abound in home gardens, Hardware stores are frequented by homeowners who are spiffing up their homes. Cooks are turning gourmet as dinner is might be the highlight of the day. Somehow we are making the best of an unheard of and unimagined situation. My husband still grumbles about the gym being closed, but he extolls the virtue of his morning Ashokan Rail Trail eight-mile walk.

Life does go on. We may mourn our past, but we can adjust and face the future with hope.

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RadioBOLD Info Central is a new and improved version of our Storm Tracker or School Delays and Closings program, making it available all year long and for more than just inclement weather-related information. RadioBOLD Info Central information will be checked for accuracy and all entities will be provided a special code when they submit, so we can maintain the accuracy and integrity of the information being

"We recognize the need to provide our community with accurate up to date information, and we are uniquely positioned to be able to provide that information to the public immediately. This is the purpose and the power of local Radio." says Dawn Ciorciari, General Manager Bold Gold Media NY Office. For more information on how to get a code to information contact via email radioboldinfocentral@gmail.com.

Bold Gold Media Groups New York Stations serve the Sullivan County Catskills and Delaware County and can be heard in Sullivan County, Delaware County and parts of Orange, and Ulster County, NY. The stations are also available worldwide on the FREE RadioBOLD app.



DEC Announces Completion of New Accessible and Sustainable Improvements at Kenneth L. Wilson Campground Updates to Amenities Will Help Campground Continue to Attract Visitors of All Abilities

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the completion of improvements to the Kenneth L. Wilson Campground and Day Use Area in Ulster County. Updates to the campground's shower house and three comfort stations, which include several accessible features to make camping fun for people of all abilities, will help connect more New Yorkers to the outdoors and reduce the facility's environmental footprint.

"Kenneth Wilson Campground is set in the heart of the Catskills and with recently completed improvements, will offer an enhanced experience for everyone who wants to enjoy New York's great outdoors," Commissioner Seggos said. "DEC is investing in facilities statewide to both improve the environmental and ensure it's more accessible and welcoming to visitors with diverse backgrounds and abilities."

Kenneth L. Wilson Campground in Mount Tremper offers secluded, wooded campsites and many outdoor activities. Campers can enjoy a hike on the nature trails or ride on the mountain bike trail (for advanced riders), and nearby villages offer numerous shops and restaurants. The campground features great amenities including boating, fishing, and hiking and recently was recognized in the first-annual Hudson Valley Chronogram Readers' Choice Awards under the Nature and the Outdoors category, along with the firstplace campground at DEC's North-South Lake.

Accessible Comfort Stations and Shower House Renovations

DEC invested \$476,000 through NY Works to design and construct sig-

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nificant infrastructure improvements to campground's shower house and three comfort stations. Many of the improvements will help decrease the campground's overall environmental footprint by reducing water and energy consumption. Highlights of the improvements include:



- Energy efficient, on-demand hot water systems;
- Energy efficient LED lighting;
- New accessible tile floors;
- Energy efficient windows and doors;
- Accessible fixtures including water saving showers, sinks, and toilets;
- New accessible showers and stalls;
- New accessible toilet stalls;
- Painting, new mirrors, and other hardware;
- Accessibility improvements to Caretaker Cabin; and
- Accessibility and paving improvements throughout campground. (Contd. Pg. 29)

SUNY Sullivan Elects New Board Chair Dr. Nancy M. Hackett

Sullivan County Community College is pleased to announce that Board of Trustees member Dr. Nancy M. Hackett has assumed the role of Board Chair for the college. Hackett joined the SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees in 2016, and succeeds Board Chair

Steven Drobysh.



"On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration, I thank Steve for his leadership over the past year of unprecedented challenges and I welcome Nancy to her new role on the Board of Trustees," said SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance. "We are fortunate to have such deep talent on our board and I look forward to working with her at the helm as we face continued challenges." It's an honor to serve with such a professional and experienced

Board of Trustees," said Dr. Hackett. "We look forward to working together with SUNY Sullivan administration, faculty and staff, as well as the State of New York, to provide the best education possible for this school year."

Dr. Hackett possesses extensive knowledge and expertise with an educational background spanning 40 years to include not only public schools, but independent and community college faculty and administrative positions. Specifically, in Sullivan County, Dr. Hackett was the Superintendent of Sullivan West Central School District for 6 years. Her commitment and understanding of the Community College family is attributed to her experience as a prior faculty member, administrator and an awarded place in the Monroe Community College Athletic Hall of Fame.

During her career she has been recognized by her peers as a leader in the field of educational initiatives. Dr. Hackett held the position of President of the Mid-Hudson School Study Council for many years, and also spent time extending her study of education at the Women's Institute at Harvard University.

Dr. Hackett recently received the National School Development Council, Cooperative Leadership Award for the 2018-2019 academic year. She also received the SUNY Sullivan Foundation award for Women Who Make a Difference in Education in 2019.

Hackett received a B.A. from SUNY Brockport, an M.A. in Education from Buffalo State College, a CAS degree from SUNY Brockport, and her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from University of Rochester.



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Governor Cuomo Announces Bowling Alleys Can Reopen at 50 Percent Capacity

Low-Risk Indoor Cultural Activities, Including Museums, Aquariums and Other Cultural Arts in New York City Will Be Permitted to Reopen Starting Monday, August 24 Face Coverings, Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols Required at All Times

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced bowling alleys throughout New York will be allowed to reopen starting Monday with strict safety protocols in place. Bowling alleys will be able to operate at a 50 percent maximum occupancy limit; face coverings and social distancing will be required at all times; every other lane must be closed; patrons need to stay with the party at their assigned lane; thorough cleaning and disinfection of shared or rented equipment between each use will be required; and all food service must follow all state-issued guidance. Due to restrictions on indoor dining, food and beverage service will not be allowed in New York City bowling alleys.

The Governor also announced that New York City museums and other low-risk cultural institutions can reopen starting Monday, August 24. The institutions include museums, aquariums, and other low-risk indoor cultural arts. All institutions that reopen will be subject to state guidance. These institutions must obey strict safety protocols, including a 25 percent maximum occupancy limit, timed ticketing required with pre-set, staggered entry, strict enforcement of face coverings, social distancing, controlled traffic flow to avoid crowding, and enhanced cleaning and disinfection protocols.

"New York City's world-class cultural institutions have long provided comfort and creativity for generations of people in one of the world's most vibrant places, and when the COVID-19 pandemic began to threaten the city and this nation, it was especially heartbreaking to see them close their doors," Governor Cuomo said. "This pandemic is far from over, but we've determined that institutions can reopen if they adhere to strict state guidance and take every precaution to keep visitors safe, and I look forward to seeing them inspire New Yorkers once again. I'm also happy to report that we will be able to open bowling alleys across the state with strict safety protocols in place, providing a level of fun and recreation at a time when New Yorkers really need it."

The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

I've heard from musicians that they can be dead tired after a days work but if there's a chance to play, at an open mic mostly these days, they grab their instrument and go because it energizes them. I get it now.

Other than necessities, I haven't been out in the last few weeks. So, I picked myself up and took myself out to CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville. Seating is outside, the food is good and the music is always better than expected. And Thursday was an Open Mic night hosted by CASWYN MOON.

As I've written before, I first heard about this newcomer to Sullivan County from other musicians and their assessment has proven correct. His originals (I don't recall ever hearing him do covers) are melodic and his lyrics, engaging.



This is someone to watch. This is one of those that could disappear from here only to reappear on much larger stages in much larger venues should they and music festivals ever open.

The Open Mics at CABERNET FRANK'S open at 7 and when I arrived a few minutes after, almost every socially distanced table was filled. A quick scan told me almost no one had an instrument...so could this be 'audience'? Yes, it was! Because when I left at 8:45, most were still there! This is a rarity in the world of Open Mics, as generally it's musicians at every table, waiting their turn on stage.

Two musicians I DID see at a table, were singer/songwriter DAVID MILNER and his wife MITZI, who also sings. I'm afraid that I did something unforgivable in that I planted myself at the end

of their table before asking if I could. DAVID is another of my favorite musicians and that I try my best to get out to see. Born in Canada, he brings that easy goingness into his original music and onto the stage. And I remember when MITZI first told me she was going to try her hand at singing. She has come such a long way and I do believe she is one of those rare people that can accomplish anything



s e t s her mind to.

CASWYN was on stage with drummer NICKY REDD adding rhythmic beats on the congas. Followed by DAVID. Followed by a trio that I had never come across before. When I asked the name of

the group, turns out there wasn't

one! JOHN, ROBIN and MIKEY are just two guys and a girl who get together and make music. They were really really GOOD! The joy they have in doing this comes through and is infectious! Rounding out my time was guitarman GREG HATTON with his own unique style. I believe this is the same gentleman who, until a few years ago, was strictly a classical guitarist. (Contd. Pg. 12)



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How to Budget Travel

Affordability: it's one of the biggest concerns I get from others when I explain to them that I trav-

el full-time. Contrary to popular belief, however, traveling fulltime is not nearly as expensive as everyone may think it is. First of all, I don't own a home, a car, or anything like that in the USA, so I fortunately don't have to pay those type of bills while I'm abroad. Even so, I still tend to spend far less money while abroad than in the US.

While I'm gone, I do what is referred to as "budget travel." As the title implies, I travel on a budget! So, here are some tips on how you can "budget travel," too.

1. Don't stay at hotels, but at AirBNBs and hostels

I never stay at big, fancy, overly expensive hotels. I simply can't afford it! Instead, I usually stay in AirBNBs or in hostels, which are far less expensive and, more often than not, offer kitchens for cooking! Which leads me to my next point...

2. Don't eat out so often

I don't have bougie 5-course meals every night-if ever! Instead, I mostly cook for myself in my accommodation and, when I do go out to eat, I make sure to not spend too much on my meal. And, in most places in the world I've been, that is hardly an issue! I mean, in Thailand, I could easily get a filling, scrumptious, and satisfying meal for \$2-3!

3. Heavily research your excursions

Don't simply go with any excursion. Make sure to do your research so that you aren't scammed and/or ripped off!

4. Look for flight deals, specifically on SkyScanner

Don't just buy any flight that you find with some way overpriced American airline. Again, do some research- that's what I do! I specifically look for flights on SkyScanner, a website that specializes on listing cheap flights, and Google Flights. Oh, and don't just look up "round-trip" because, more often than not, two one-way trips are cheaper than a round-trip. Go figure!

5. Use a budgeting app like Trail Wallet

I got to be honest: I barely actually "budget" when "budget traveling." But, when I do, I use Trail Wallet. It helps you decide on how much you want to spend daily on pre-created categories, like flights, food, transportation, etc.

Regardless of if you want to intensely budget travel like I do or if you just want to travel without going bankrupt, these tips should help you enjoy your trip to the fullest and with far less money-stress!

The Scene Too

(From Pg 11) I remember overhearing him talking about how difficult it was for him to learn to play popular songs AND add vocals!

So, what started out as a 'drag myself out of the house' night, turned into a magical evening. And yes, energizing!!

The NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE has added beer and wine to their open air BBQ shack! More on this next week.

Stay safe, stay strong.

Coming up this week:

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED IN ALL VENUES

Tuesday, August 18: The incredible SARAH HULSE at CABER-NET FRANK'S, Parksville; 7pm

Wednesday, August 19:

Open Mic at HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL, Grahamsville; 7pm LITTLE SPARROW at CABERNET FRANK'S; Parksville; 7pm

Thursday, August 22:

NICOLE DELOI and JEREMY LANGDALE; at the Bethel's Lakeside Music THURSDAY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES, September 3rd at Gazebo Park, Kauneonga Lake.

Friday, August 21:

THE FAR TRIO at CABERNET FRANK'S; Parksville; 7pm

Saturday, August 22:

THE MINETTES and FLYING Js at CABERNET FRANK'S; Parksville; 7pm

Sunday, August 23

SIDE F/X at CABERNET FRANK'S; Parksville; 4pm

You can catch CASWYN MOON, JAIME LILY and NICK HEAR-MON at the Bethel's Lakeside Music THURSDAY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES, September 3rd at Gazebo Park, Kauneonga Lake.

Until next time.....

The Lights of the Rivoli Theatre Stage will once Again be Dimmed

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, acting on an abundance of caution, has postponed, until further notice, our "Rivoli Vaudeville Live" show which was to play August 14-16 & 21-23.. Vaudeville thrives on live audience responses to achieve their special effects.

MEANWHILE the Workshop is very excited to announce September's show, HATE MAIL which will be viewed through our virtual programing!; "Hate Mail" is a two- person comedy full of surprises at every turn!

Directors Bunny Woloszczak and Sally Gladden will leave you in stitches as you follow the antics of Dahlia and Preston while they negotiate their love/hate relationship.

Stay tuned and keep an eye on our website, www.SCDW.net, as internet, podcast and virtual shows will be offered - possibly one for August!

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Longtime SC County Employees Now Leading Public Offices

(From Pg. 1) **Chris Knapp**

Knapp has served with the County's Real Property Tax Services Office for 14 years. Born in Harris and raised in South Fallsburg, the Fallsburg High School graduate possesses three associate's degrees from SUNY Sullivan: one in Math, one in GIS (Geographic Information Systems), and one in Liberal Arts & Sciences.

"I've always liked science and loved the weather, so I thought I'd pursue meteorology, but ultimately my college advisor turned me on to GIS," he recalls. "GIS features a great deal of physics and math, and I understood both. I finished my GIS degree at Sullivan in 2005 and ended up doing an internship that summer in Sullivan County's Division of Planning (where GIS was housed at the time) under former Commissioner Bill Pammer."

Knapp also worked with local agricultural expert Rick Bishop, spending three months reviewing and updating Ag District #1 as an independent contractor.

"That put me in the Real Property Office five days a week creating maps, tabulating Excel figures, preparing for public hearings, etc.." he says, "I enjoyed the work."

hearings, etc.," he says. "I enjoyed the work."

When a Tax Map/GIS Technician position opened up in that office in 2006, Knapp didn't hesitate, and once hired, he was steadily promoted throughout the intervening years: Senior Technician, GIS Specialist and, as of June 22, Director.

"This job entails a lot more than GIS, and I appreciate the incredible amount of support I have been given from Deputy County Treasurer Kathleen Lara and the Treasurer's Office staff," he acknowledges, as his office is under Treasurer Nancy Buck's jurisdiction (and is right next door in the Government Center in Monticello). "Our functions are interrelated in many ways."

Knapp succeeds retired Director Ed Homenick and will continue Real Property Tax Services' mission of supporting assessors throughout the County, maintaining tax maps, training members of local boards of assessment review, handling the correcting of errors in tax bills, printing those bills and the tax rolls, and managing the E-911 address database.

"We are going to make things better and smoother for the County and its taxpayers," Knapp promises.

Loreen Gebelein

Gebelein has firsthand experience with the sometimes arduous search for a new job - and how the Center for Workforce Development (CWD) can help make it much easier.

After spending nearly 30 years in the banking industry (she possesses an associate's in business from SUNY Alfred), Gebelein switched careers.

"I wanted to do something different, so I used CWD's services, redid my resume and took a Civil Service exam," she remembers.

That landed her a spot in the County Attorney's Office in 2012, and since then, the Hankins resident has remained a County employee, now in charge of the very office which helped her realize her goals. She hadn't necessarily planned to become CWD's Director this past April, but former Director (and now Commissioner of the Division of Community Resources) Laura Quigley convinced her to return to the kind of leadership role she had played in banking.

"Laura had confidence in me and wanted me to do it," Gebelein affirms. "I had been writing all the policies and procedures of CWD for the past five years, and I'm not the type who's just 9-5 and the job's done."

"Loreen's knowledge of the office, the local labor landscape,

and complex State and Federal programs makes her ideally suited for this position, and I know she brings to it a care and passion for people who want to better themselves," Quigley says. "She will lead her staff of 10 in some exciting new directions, all to the benefit of anyone who walks in our doors."

"There are a lot of jobs out there right now," Gebelein notes. "And we can offer not just help in finding those jobs but in getting paid training on the job, learning new trades and connecting employers to employees. The dislocated worker, in fact, is in high demand right now."

Gebelein and her crew's goals are to identify emerging employment needs in a post-COVID County and to ensure the Federal funding that pays for the office's salaries and programs is being maximized to the fullest extent.

"We've been determining how to train all our clients online, since everything's virtual now," she explains. "We are reaching out to every single person who's out of work, no matter where they are."

Assemblymember Cahill Informs Patients of Recently Released Guidance Pertaining to Medical Offices & COVID-19 Fees

(Albany, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) announced new guidance issued by the NYS Department of Financial Services (DFS) regarding coronavirus related service fees charged by medical and dental offices.

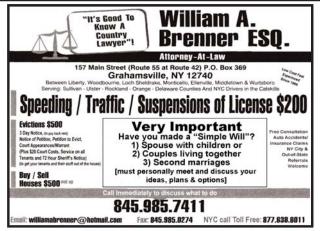
DFS, the state entity responsible for overseeing insurers operating in New York, announced August 6, 2020, that practitioners cannot pass the cost of personal protective equipment (PPE) or sanitizing office equipment to their patients' bill. Per this instruction, healthcare providers are advised to refund collected monies to consumers. Additionally, insurers that have processed such payments prior to the issuance of these guidelines are instructed to report to the state within 90 days of the letter's publication how much providers charged in extra fees, the number of consumers affected and a description as to how refunds will be disbursed.

"When visiting a doctor's or dentist's office, we should have a clear expectation of all expenses, including any out of pocket costs. The fees in question are not expressly outlined in insurance contracts and therefore breach the policy-holder agreement. This new mandate will protect consumers from the possibility of price gouging, which is a common deterrent to individuals seeking medical assistance. As Chair of the Assembly Insurance Committee, my staff and I will continue to monitor the situation as the pandemic remains in order to ensure residents are not wrongly charged," said Assemblymember Cahill.

The issue of surprise billing was recently championed by Assemblymember Cahill during the 2019 legislative session as measures were taken to prevent hospitals from placing excessive fees on out of network patients and provide consumers with the confidence they deserve in seeking healthcare

(Chapter 375 of 2019). This legislation built off the progress made in the 2014-2015 State Budget related to preventing surprise medical bills and resolving disagreements between healthcare providers and health insurance plans in the event of an out-of-network physician visit (Chapter 60 of 2014).

Those who have been charged a service fee related to COVID-19 sanitization or social distancing practices are encouraged to contact their provider for a refund. Consumers, including those uninsured who paid a service fee out of pocket, should additionally file a complaint with DFS by going to https://www.dfs.ny.gov/complaint or by calling (518) 474-6600. Health providers and insurers can access the change in guidelines at https://www.dfs.ny.gov/industry_guidance/circular_letters/cl2020





DEC Announces New Upgrades and Functionality to 'DECinfo Locator' on 1st Anniversary of Launch

Online Mapping System Increases Transparency and Access to Data, Reports, and Recreational Information Based on Specific Location

The New York State Department Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced new upgrades and functionality for the online DECinfo Locator tool that provide enhanced access to DEC documents and public data about the environment and outdoor recreation resources. DECinfo Locator has grown significantly since its debut in the summer of 2019, garnering almost 120,000 page views over the past year.

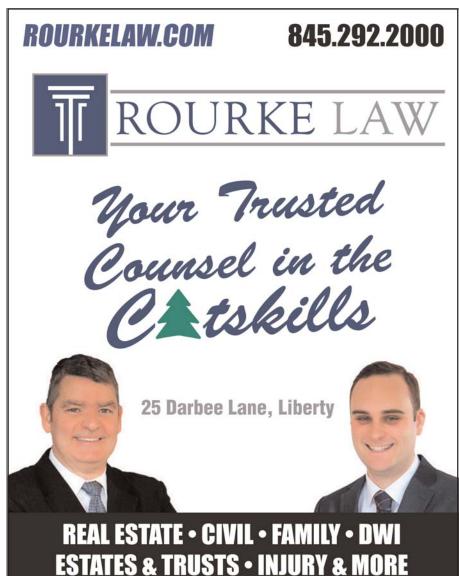
DECinfo Locator was launched with more than 50 data layers and now boasts more than 65, with more are on the way. Data layers added over the past year include:

- o Hunting layers, including Wildlife Management Units:
- o Blue Line reference layers for the Adirondacks and Catskills;
- o Active Landfills;
- o Air Facility Registrations;
- o Water Withdrawal Annual Reports; and
- o Harmful Algal Blooms.

In addition, new reference layers including DEC Regional boundaries and borders for towns, cities, and villages were added at the request of users, more than 100 of whom responded to a feedback survey about the mapper.

The application's functionality has also been improved with new features, including:

o Streamlined recreational assets layer (fire towers,



lean-tos, parking areas, picnic areas, primitive campsites, scenic vistas, viewing areas, and visitor centers), allowing users to see just the attractions they want to add to their maps;

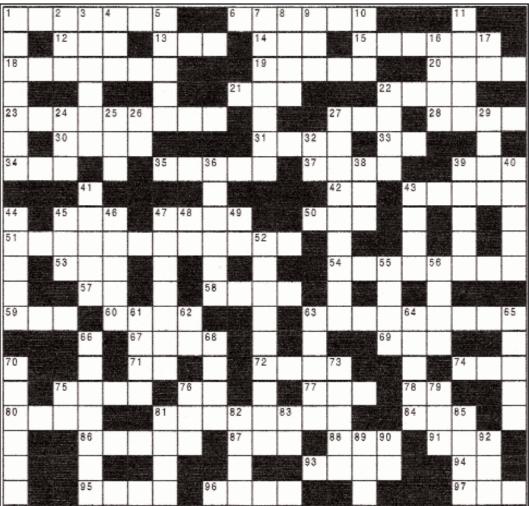
o New active layers window, letting users easily see which layers are activated on their maps without referring to the application's extensive maps; and o Additional supporting information for the mapper, including the layer descriptions page and how-to guides. Access to these resources was also improved post-launch after feedback from users.

DECinfo Locator, a first-of-its-kind platform to make information about New York's environment accessible to everyone, generates results specific to locations across the state, including water and air permits, enforcement actions, recreational assets, environmental education facilities, and sites in the State Superfund and Brownfield Cleanup programs.

DECinfo Locator lets users see and download permits, former industrial site cleanup plans, water quality reports, and more based on where they live, work, or play. Selecting a map feature can bring up links to database records for petroleum bulk storage facilities, oil wells, or permitted mines. Users can also view Environmental Justice areas and Climate Smart Communities or find out what local wastewater facilities are doing to reduce their impact on New York's waterbodies. In addition, multiple information layers can be active simultaneously, allowing users to see the many ways DEC is working to protect and enhance New York's environment and recreational opportunities.

To access the mapping application, visit the DECinfo Locator webpage. Learn more about its features from the DECinfo Locator Tutorial on YouTube.

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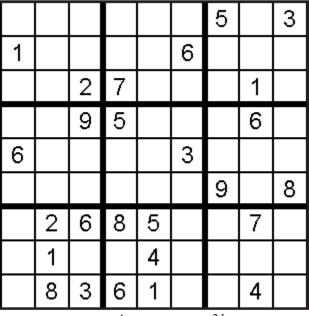
1 pound ground beef 1 cup chopped onion 1/2 teaspoon salt 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese 1 cup milk 1/2 cup Bisquick® 2 eggs

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

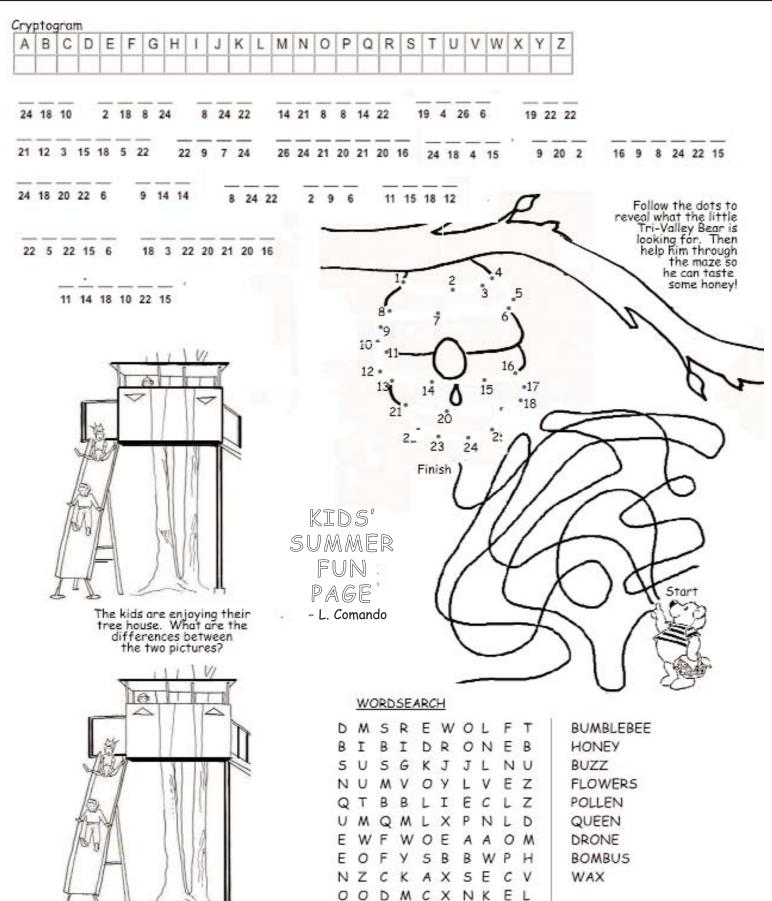
Cook ground beef and onion; drain. Stir in salt. Spread in a greased 9-inch pie plate; sprinkle with cheese. Stir remaining ingredients with fork until blended. Pour over meat mixture.

Bake 25 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Notice of Complete Application

Date: 01/28/2020

Applicant: FROST VALLEY YMCA

2000 FROST VALLEY RD CLARYVILLE, NY 12725

Facility: FROST VALLEY YMCA

2000 FROST VALLEY RD

OLIVEREA/DENNING, NY 12462

Application ID: 3-5120-00001/00005

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 17 Titles 7 & 8 P/C/I SPDES- Groundwater Discharge

Project is located: in DENNING in ULSTER COUNTY

Project Description:

The applicant proposes a modification to their existing SPDES permit to increase the total discharge to 47,750 gallons per day (GPD) of treated sanitary wastewater to groundwater using septic tanks and absorption fields at the applicant's facility located at 2000 Frost Valley Road, Town of Denning, Ulster County. The facility is an outdoor camping, group retreat, and environmental education center. The applicant proposes to modify "Area 5" of the facility to reduce the number of cabins from 5 cabins to 3 larger ones, increase the design flow of Outfall 003 from 1,000 GPD to 1,440 GPD, and increase the total design flow for all onsite wastewater treatment systems from 47,310 GPD to 47,750 GPD.

Requests for a legislative (public statement) hearing must be sent in writing to the DEC contact person below by the comment deadline. The DEC assesses such requests pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 621.8.

The draft permit and fact sheet may be viewed and printed from the DEC website at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6054.html.

Refer to this application by the application number listed above and by SPDES number NY 0083089.

Availability of Application Documents:

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

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination

Project is not subject to SEQR because it is a Type II action.

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES -

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State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The application type is exempt and/or the project involves the continuation of an existing operational activity.

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

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

Availability For Public Comment
Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 02/27/2020 or 15 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person VICTORIA A LAWRENCE NYSDEC 21 S Putt Corners Rd New Paltz, NY 12561

TOWN OF NEVERSINK NOTICE: PARKS & REC VACANCY (3)

The Town of Neversink announces three (3) vacancies on the Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department Advisory Board. Two vacancies are for the remainder of terms ending on 12/31/2022 and 12/31/2023. (The actual term length is 5 years.) The third vacancy is for an alternate position that also has a term length of 5 years.

Please send a letter of interest to Chris Mathews, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Letters of interest should be received by August 31st. Please address any questions to Chris Mathews, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of Bernard Lange for the purpose of an Area Variance for relief of setbacks for location of an above ground

pool to be located at Wagners Rd., Neversink NY (SBL# 31.-1-6.1).

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF NEVERSINK MICHAEL DEAN, CHAIRMAN

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2020.

Anticipated Executive Session at 5:00 p.m.
Secondary School Library Lower Level
Regular Meeting #4 at 6:00 p.m.
Secondary School Library Lower Level
This Meeting will be streamed on YouTube
Live as well

Fallsburg Board of Education Upcoming Meeting

The August 19, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is rescheduled to August 26th at 6:15PM via teleconference on Google Meet.

Log in information is available on the District site, http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/board.

Governor Cuomo Makes Important Announcements

The infection rate statewide-in every region-is below the established threshold and therefore all school districts are permitted to open this fall. Whether your school will be inperson, remote, or a hybrid model, will be determined locally by each individual school district under strict Department of Health guidelines.

Every school district was required to submit a reopening plan to the Department of Health, which will be carefully reviewed. Additionally, school districts must post their remote learning plans, as well as plans for testing and tracing students and staff, on their websites. These plans must be transparent and accessible.

Parents and teachers must feel safe and secure in each school district's plan to return to school, and to that end, school districts are required to engage all parties. Specifically, they must set dates for 3-5 discussion sessions with parents and the community, to be held by August 21, and at least one separate discussion session for teachers specifically.

Based on our infection rate of about one percent, New York State is in the best possible situation right now. If anybody can open schools safely, we can. We can bring the same level of intelligence to the schools reopening that we brought to the economic reopening.

The moratorium on evictions in New York State has been extended to September 4th. The moratorium was first put in place in March to protect residential and commercial tenants facing financial hardship due to the pandemic. As long as we are in the middle of the pandemic, there will be no evictions.



We were very determined to hold this car show however, due to no recent changes in the State & Local Covid-19 guidelines, we were unable to obtain clearance from the State. We are very saddened by this turn of events as the DAV is very dear to our hearts. We look forward to 2021 being a healthier year where we are planning our most successful Wings & Wheels for Warriors yet!

As New York begins to open allowing churches to once again open, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.

St. Mark's UM Church 68 Clinton St., Napanoch

YARD AND CLOTHING SALE CLOSED UNTIL**FURTHER** NOTICE





Saturday Thrift Sale

9:00 am to 12 noon To be Announced Thrift Sale

9am-12 noon Luncheon 11 am - 12:30 pm

> To be Announced



VETERAN'S CARE, MONUMENTS & ENGRAVING

LOCATIONS IN WOODBOURNE, LIBERTY, MONTICELLO, LIVINGSTON MANOR & KAUNEONGA LAKE 292-7160 794-2700 583-5445 439-4333 434-7363 http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

MONUMENTS INSTALLED IN ALL CEMETERIES CREMATION MEMORIALS & BENCHES, MONUMENT LETTERING & CLEANING



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION

The Little Church with the Big Heart

Sunday, 8 am Service of Holy Communion, except: Second Saturday of each month, 12:00 noon

> Music by Fred VanWagner Coffee hour follows service All are welcome!

5277 State Rt. 42 . South Fallsburg 845-436-7539 www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org

Sundown United Methodist Church

Peekamoose Rd., Sundown Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a m. Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m. Pastor Seung Jin Hong 845-985-2283 e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Rte. 55, Grahamsville Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30 a.m. Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!

Regular Office Hours
Wednesday 9 am - Noon
Friday 3 pm to 6 pm
If you wish to make an appointment to talk to Pastor Seung Jin Hong

please call 845-985-2283 For all other information contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283 • e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule: Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm

Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule: Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 5:45 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church a friendly welcome Pastor Kenneth Ronk

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

Loucks Funeral Home

Geoff and Heather Hazzard "Celebrating Life, One Family at a Time"

> 79 North Main Street Ellenville, New York (845) 647-4343

Clargoille Reformed

Claryville Road Claryville, NY 12725 845-985-2041

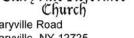
Worship Services @ 10:00 am

Church Hall available for rent Call - 845-985-2041 for information

St . Augustine's Chapel

Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY Sunday Mass - 9:30 am Holy Days 5:30 pm Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month

Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor



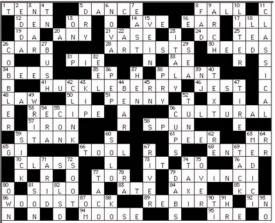


AL-ANON MEETINGS- http://www.al-anon.alateen.org Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immacu-late Conception Church Annex. 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

VETERANS always Free search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.

For information call 845-434-8044.

Ans to last week's Crossword





SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU answer

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ARTISTS • CRAFTERS
Need a website?
Call us at 845-985-0501
email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com
or visit our Virtual Mall gnomehome.net

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

262 N. Main Street Liberty, NY 12754 845-292-4525

Email: srectory1@hvc.rr.com
Parish Website: http://www.stpetersliberty.com
Download this week's bulletin at:
stpeters/bulletin

Facebook: St. Peter's Church, Liberty Saturday evenings at 7PM: Mass in Spanish Sunday mornings at 10 AM: Mass in English

We will continue to livestream our Sunday morning Mass on Facebook Live.

You can join us for Mass in person, or by logging on to http://www.facebook.com and visiting our page - St. Peter's Church, Liberty, NY.

** If you plan to join us for Mass in person, please see *PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES FOR IN PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE BEFORE MASS* we have put in place to keep us all safe.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. While the church is open for Mass, all individuals who are 65 years of age or older, those with underlying health considerations and those who are not yet comfortable attending Mass in person, are strongly encouraged to stay home and participate in the Mass on Facebook Live.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

For those who continue to join us for Mass on Facebook Live who would like to receive the Eucharist, you may come to the church following the conclusion of Mass to receive. Father Ed and Deacon Don will be waiting on the front steps of the church, weather permitting, each Sunday until 11:30 AM to distribute Holy Communion. They will only be able to offer the Eucharist in the hand. Please be sure to wear a face covering, maintain a distance of 6 feet from others, and most importantly, we ask that you follow the directions of the ushers.

DAILY PRAYER

Father will continue to gather with us in daily prayer Monday-Friday on Facebook Live. We will pray morning prayers at 9AM and evening vespers at 6 PM. You may send your prayer petitions to Father and he will include them in daily prayer.

FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is open every Saturday from 9am - 12noon. If you, or someoneyou know, could benefit from some help with food during these difficult times, simply come up the driveway next to the rectory and you will see us set up outside.

All are most welcome!

** PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES FOR IN PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE BEFORE MASS

- We ask you to arrive at the church no later than 9:30 AM for 10 AM Mass. (Please arrive by 6:45PM for 7 PM Spanish Mass.)
- When approaching the church, please keep in mind that all individuals and groups must keep a distance of at least 6 feet from other individuals and groups.
- Everyone must wear a face covering at all times.
- There will be hand sanitizer available for those who would like to use some before entering the church.
- Before entering the church, everyone will have their temperature taken using a contact free thermometer. Anyone with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be asked not to enter the church.
- Everyone will be escorted to a seat by an usher who has been designated and trained by Father Ed. Seating will be assigned from the front of the church to the back, and will be based on the next available seat, keeping social distancing in mind. Single individuals will be seated on one side of the church and families of 2 or more will be seated on the other side.
- There will be no holy water in the church.
- We will continue to send bulletins to parishioners electronically. There will be no paper bulletins in the church.

DURING MASS

- Please keep your mask on during the entire Mass, except for the brief moment when receiving Holy Communion.
- The collection will not be taken up in the traditional way. Instead, you may place your offering in the basket at the back of the church.



Free Concert's

In Big Indian Park Big Indian, NY



August 16 Dick Bowden's Bluegrass Rangers 5-7



August 30 Country Express 5-7

These concerts are brought to you by the Big Indian beautification Committee if you would like to be on our schedule for next year or for more information or make a donation call Martie Gailes at 845-254-5354



CURBSIDE PICK UP HOURS

Monday - 10:30 - 1:30 Tuesday - 10:00 - 6:00 Wednesday - 10:00 - 4:30 Thursday - 10:00 - 6:00 Friday - 10:00 - 4:30



LIMITED HOURS FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Monday - 11:00 - 1:00 Tuesday - Friday - 11:00 - 4:00



ESSENTIAL SERVICES

To maintain social distancing, we will only be offering copying, scanning, printing and browsing. Please follow signs throughout the building.

WE'RE OPEN! LIMITED HOURS & SERVICES



Here's what you need to know. 🖙





FINES WAIVED

All library check outs will be fine free until September 7th.



LIMITED COMPUTER USE

Computers have been spaced 6 feet apart. Please call to make an appointment. Usage will be limited to 30 minute sessions.



BOOK DROP RETURNS

Please continue to return all library materials through our book drop ONLY.

Have questions? Reach us at 845-985-7233 or email us at dpl@rcls.org.



Daniel Pierce Library

328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268 Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233 http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org

PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/19/2020 Neverink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm

8/29/2020 Claryville Fire Department **Annual Craft and Vendor Fair 10 am- 4 pm (See Pg. 27)

** We will be following the CDC guidelines for Covid-19! Please remember that we will be doing everything possible to keep all of our members and customers safe and healthy

9/12/2020 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Beef Dinner - 4 - 7 pm TAKE OUT ONLY!

9/16/2020 Annual Meeting of the Neversink Association 12 noon Frost Valley Y Pavilion

9/26/2020 Time and the Valley Musuem Take Out Chicken BBQ - 4 pm - 6:30 pm (See pg. 9 for flyer)

Save the Date!

2020 Virtual Catskills Youth Climate Summit Thursdays, Oct. 1, 15, 29; Nov. 12, 2020 via Zoom 3:30-5:00 pm Free for students grades 7-12 + advisor. If you have further questions or want to sign up, please contact Jeanne Darling (jmd30@cornell.edu) or call 607-865-6531.

Matthew Bertholf's 10th Anniversary Memorial Horseshoe Tournament Sunday, July 11, 2021 Neversink Fire Department Pavilion.

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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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.

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Seeking Help to Celebrate 65th Anniversary

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating its 65th Anniversary. They are asking anyone who may have pictures of the Fire Department if they could borrow them to make copies for this celebration.

Please contact Jean Keesler at *jkeesler1@yahoo.com* or call 845-985-7479.



Annual Meeting of The Neversink Association

On Sunday, September 6, 2020, at noon, members of The Neversink Association will meet at the Frost Valley Y Pavilion on the main campus, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. 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. (All COVID protocols will be observed).

<u>Ed Ostapczuk</u> will discuss his observations of the Neversink fishery, based upon interactions with USGS biologists and forty-plus years of fishing the watershed.

<u>Kate O'Connor</u> of the NY State Hemlock Initiative will deliver biocontrol research and management updates on the hemlock wooly adelgid, an invasive forest pest which threatens the eastern hemlock in the Neversink watershed.

Tri-Valley Elementary School

WANTED:

Local establishments to display student KINDNESS artwork

Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office at 985-2296 ext. 5306 or pennyhennessey @trivalleycsd.org.

All artwork and frames will be provided by the District and refreshed bi-annually.

Time and the Valley Museum One Room School Exhibit

The Time and the Valley Museum is still looking for: old Checker board with wooden pieces and also wooden Dominoes set.

<u>Andy Kremer</u> will talk about the stream bank restoration on the West Branch of the Neversink River.

The Neversink Association Corporation is a non-profit social club that was founded in 1964 to "preserve and protect the flora and fauna" of the upper Neversink Valley. While the Association itself is not a charity and its dues are not tax deductible, the Neversink Association donates to many local charitable organizations that are similarly dedicated to education about, and protection of, the area's unique environment.

New members are always welcomed. To join our association, please send \$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)

It's Not Too Late: Fill Out Your Census

During this pandemic, one thing that has kept my spirits uplifted has been the kindness of so many. Whether it is shopping for an elderly neighbor, donating to a local food bank or just expressing appreciation for our essential workers, people have gone out of their way to help others.

Another great way to help your neighbors in New York State: Complete your 2020 Census.

It's difficult to understate just how incredibly important filling out this simple form is. Numerous federal programs rely on census data to dole out critical funding for public services to state and local governments, including education, transportation and health care. Based on the 2010 census, when 76 percent of residents responded, New York received \$73.3 billion for various programs. Had 95 percent of New Yorkers filled out their census, we would have been in line for an estimated \$92.1 billion, according to estimates by my union, the New York State United Teachers. As a teacher, I can't understate the importance of the \$13 billion that is at stake for education alone.

More than just unlocking essential federal funding, the Census is used to determine our representation in Congress. Population estimates have led to speculation that New York could lose one to two congressional seats once the final census is tabulated. We can't afford to lose representation at this unprecedented time to begin with, but an inaccurate count could be all the more devastating to our hopes of being fairly represented in Washington.

There's literally no reason not to do this. It can be done online in less than 10 minutes at https://2020census.gov/, by calling 844-330-2020 or by mailing in the questionnaire that was sent to your home.

Please help our schools and hospitals. Please help our communities. Please help our state. Please help people like me, a teacher, who knows all too well the dire need for funding right now. Ten minutes of your time to help so many. Please complete your 2020 Census!

Matt Haynes Rock Hill, NY Tri-Valley Central School Teacher

Statement from UC County Executive Pat Ryan

"The jail is a shrine to a bygone era of mass incarceration. In light of our reckoning with systemic inequities in our criminal justice system and our dire financial situation, now more than ever we need to take urgent action. I commend Comptroller March Gallagher for her work on this report and look forward to working with the County Legislature, Sheriff Figueroa and our community to find a modern and just solution."

Chicken BBQ

Sat. Sept. 19th
From 1 PM till 4 P.M.
at the Ulster Heights Rod And Gun Club
Sherman Road, Ellenville, N Y.
Take outs only
Pre Pay, \$12
For Reservations call Bill 845 647 5190

SC Soil and Water Annual Trout Stocking Program

The District is now taking orders for the annual Trout Stocking Program. If you are interested in stocking your pond with large mouth bass, rainbow or brook trout, fathead minnows, or crawfish this fall, the District will be accepting orders until Monday, September 14, 2020. The pick-up date is Monday, September 21st.

Trout should be stocked in cold-water ponds. Anyone stocking a pond with fish must apply for a fish stocking permit through the NYS-Dept. of Environmental Conservation in New Paltz, NY.

For more information, you can go to the District's website at sullivanswed.org or contact the District office at (845) 292-6552 for a brochure, order form and a permit application.



Senator Metzger Questions DOH Commissioner on Mental Health Support for Healthcare Workers and Shortage of PPE Storage Capacity in Rural Hospitals in a Joint Legislative Hearing on Hospitals during COVID-19

"With a potential second wave of COVID-19 as well as flu season on the horizon, we need to know what steps the Department of Health is taking, drawing from the hard lessons learned since March, to support the physical and mental health needs of our nurses and hospital workers, many of whom endured a working environment and stress on the job during this pandemic that few of us can imagine--particularly in hard-hit areas of the state. We need to make sure that those caring for our health and well-being are cared for as well."

On PPE, Metzger commented, "it is vital that hospitals head into the fall with sufficient reserves of personal protective equipment (PPE) in the event of another surge to protect hospital staff and patients and prevent the spread of infection. Hospitals are now required to have a 90-day supply on site by the end of September, and we must make sure that they are able to procure the necessary supplies and have the storage space available to meet this requirement. At least one hospital in my district is faced with a shortage of storage space, and is concerned about its ability to comply. The state may need to consider regional storage distribution points to address this issue."

Health, Investigations and Government Operations Committees and Administrative Regulations Review Commissions of the State Senate and Assembly held a public hearing on Wednesday to review the impact of COVID-19 on hospitals in New York State as well as how current hospital policies impacted the approach to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic with a goal of identifying what steps can be taken to prepare the hospital system as well as protect patients and staff in the event of potential future pandemics. Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42), a member of the Senate Health Committee, participated in the hearing and questioned New York State Department of Health (DOH) Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker on plans to address the mental and physical health needs of healthcare workers, as well as issues of storage capacity and procurement obstacles in hospitals' efforts to obtain the required 90-day reserve of personal protective equipment (PPE).

A full recording of the hearing can be found at: https://www.nysenate.gov/calendar/public-hearings/august-12-2020/joint-public-hearing-covid-19-and-hospitals

Senator Metzger Questions Witnesses in Day 2 of Legislative Hearings on Nursing Homes During COVID-19

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...Health, Aging, and Investigations & Government Operations Committees of the State Senate and Assembly yesterday held the second of two public hearings to examine COVID-19 transmission in residential health care facilities and hear recommendations for improving systems as well as outcomes and experiences of patients, families, caregivers and providers. Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42), a member of the Senate Health Committee, questioned Steven Hanse, President & CEO of the New York State Health Facilities Association, and other witnesses on concerns about

preparation for a possible future surge, including the status of personal protective equipment (PPE) stockpiling efforts and planning for step-down facilities for COVID-19 positive nursing home residents transferred from hospitals. Long-term health care associations, advocacy organizations, 1199SEIU members, families who lost loved ones, and other witnesses provided testimony in the day-long hearing that concluded just before 11:00 pm last evening.

"We owe it to the families who have lost loved ones, the staff who are putting their lives on the line, and all nursing home residents to identify the key problems and make smart preparations now in the event of a second surge in the fall," said Senator Jen Metzger.

"I represent Hudson Valley and Catskills communities with nursing homes that faced tremendous pressure to accept recovering COVID-19 patients from hospitals. Planning has to happen now to identify step-down facilities for COVID positive nursing home residents who no longer need to be in the hospital."

Metzger asked representatives of long-term care facilities whether this planning was occurring, and Hanse responded that it was. However, later in the hearing, Metzger asked representatives of assisted living facilities that had opened, or wanted to open, step-down facilities whether they were aware of a planning process underway, and they responded in the negative.

Metzger also raised concerns about the lack of adequate PPE for nursing homes, and asked the representatives of long-term care facilities whether their members were obtaining the necessary stockpiles now, and whether they were having any problems getting the supplies they needed. Hanse responded that he has heard about some supply chain issues and issues in terms of the availability of on-site storage space for PPE in nursing homes.

Other issues addressed at the hearing included the impacts of Medicaid cuts on long-term care facilities and staffing levels needed to protect residents during a pandemic; the value of inhome care and the challenges facing the industry; issues with the Department of Health's current nursing home visitation guidance; the need to strengthen the Ombudsman program to better protect the rights and well-being of nursing home residents; and other issues. The full archived hearing can be found at: https://www.nysenate.gov/calendar/public-hearings/august-10-2020/joint-public-hearing-residential-health-care-facilities-and

Updates from Governor Cuomo

Governor Cuomo Announces Individuals Traveling to New York from Two Additional States, Virgin Islands Will Be Required to Ouarantine for 14 Days

• Announces Hawaii, South Dakota and Virgin Islands Meet Metrics to Qualify for Travel Advisory; Alaska, New Mexico, Ohio, Rhode Island, Washington Removed from List

Exciting Opportunity: Fusehub's Commercialization Competition 2020

- As part of the Jeff Lawrence Innovation Fund, FuzeHub will hold its fourth New York State Commercialization Competition on November 18 & 19, 2020.
- Companies will compete virtually to demonstrate the commercialization potential of their technology or product and can win up to \$50,000. FuzeHub anticipates making up to six awards of up to \$50,000 each. Award funds shall be used to improve a working prototype, which will enable the applicant to pursue additional investment and customers, leading to the commercialization of their product concept.
- Application deadline is Monday, August 31, 2020 at 4:00PM

**** We will be following the CDC guidelines for Covid-19! Please remember that we will be doing everything possible to keep all of our members and customers safe and healthy!**** ***Please remember that MASKS are required to enter the building and every customer will have to sign the Covid-19 waiver and have their temperatures taken prior to entry.***



UC Executive Ryan Seeks Ulster County Residents to Serve on the 2020 Comission on Reapportionment and Other Committees

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced during his Facebook live briefing that Ulster County is seeking residents to serve on the 2020 Commission on Reapportionment and other Ulster County committees. The Ulster County 2020 Commission on Reapportionment is a seven-member body, convened every ten years following the decennial federal census, to establish the boundaries of the 23 districts that comprise the Ulster County Legislature. County Executive Ryan is inviting applicants to apply that represent the demographic and geographic diversity of our County.

"Having community participation on this commission is critically important in ensuring that all residents of Ulster County have equal and fair representation in County government," County Executive Ryan said. "I invite all members of the community to apply to serve on the Commission on Reapportionment or on any of the open committees and make their voices heard on how we can better serve all residents of the County."

Any County residents registered to vote in Ulster County who, since January 30, 2018, has not served as elected officials or as members or officers of any political committee, and have not been employed by New York State, the Ulster County municipal government, or any town, city or village municipal governments within Ulster County, is eligible to apply for the commission.

Pursuant to the Ulster County Charter, the initial members of the Commission will be selected by the majority and minority leaders of the Ulster County Legislature from a pool of eligible candidates identified by the County Executive.

To apply, please send a short email or letter confirming your interest and eligibility to serve. Your address must be included in your submission. Applications must be received no later than August 21, 2020.

By Email to: Exec@co.ulster.ny.us

Subject line: 2020 Reapportionment Committee

By Mail to: Patrick K. Ryan Ulster County Executive 244 Fair Street PO Box 1800 Kingston, NY 12402

The following Ulster County Boards and Committees also have vacancies:

- Community Service Board
- Mental Health Subcommittee
- Substance Abuse Committee
- People with Developmental Disabilities (PWDD) Subcommittee

To apply for any of these committees, please email exec@co.ulster.ny.us and note in the subject line what committee you are applying for.

SC Legislature Approves Care Center Transfer

Process Aims to Keep Facility Open Without Layoffs, Tax Hike

Monticello, NY - By an 8-1 vote, legislators today agreed to transfer the Care Center at Sunset Lake to the Sunset Lake Local Development Corporation (LDC), the first step in a process to lease the 146-bed long-term care and short-term rehabilitation facility to a private operator while retaining County control and oversight. District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez cast the dissenting vote.

"Over the course of many meetings and public hearings, we heard the concerns of County residents, Care Center employees, and relatives of loved ones who have used this valuable facility, and those concerns did not go unrecognized," said Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty. "We agree with them that avoiding putting a larger burden on taxpayers, ensuring the highest-quality care for Care Center users, and continuing the employment of our nearly 160 workers at the Care Center should be our top goals."

"Leasing the County nursing home is not solely about resolving our difficult fiscal challenges but also about smoothly transferring the facility's operations to an operator who will do business with our residents' needs foremost in mind," he added. "We are not closing or selling the facility, and in the process we will maintain the valuable services provided in Liberty, keep the employees who have worked so very hard over the past few months, avoid further burdening our taxpayers with a tax increase, and steer clear of more layoffs and program cuts."

The Sunset Lake LDC, a nonprofit corporation created by the County to handle the lease of the nursing home, will be overseen by five members of the community: District 2 Legislator and Health & Family Services Committee Chair Nadia Rajsz, Assistant County Manager Michelle Huck, Coroner Albee Bockman, Jeffersonville attorney William Chellis and Bethel resident Lowell Feldman, a healthcare consultant and licensed nursing home administrator. They will be tasked with identifying and recommending a suitable company to manage the Care Center. Legislators will make the ultimate decision based on the track record of the lessee and the quality of care they promise to provide.

"Under State law, an LDC has broader abilities than the County to initiate a lease that is in the best interests of our taxpayers and the Care Center," noted County Manager Josh Potosek. "Workers will remain County employees during the lease, and the facility and property will stay County-owned. In order to ensure local residents in need will have priority access to the Care Center, the Sullivan County Certified Home Health Agency (CHHA) will also be transferred to the third-party operator."

The LDC is empowered to begin efforts immediately. LDC meetings will be open to the public, and records will be subject to the Freedom of Information Law. A meeting schedule will be posted on the County's website when finalized.

Ben Nesin Building at Ashokan Reservoir Earns Leed Gold Award for Sustainable Design, Construction

(From Pg. 1) The Ben Nesin Building, located on Route 28A in the Town of Olive, houses about 35 employees who are responsible for the operation and maintenance of Ashokan Reservoir, Schoharie Reservoir and the lands that surround them. The four-story building was constructed in 1961 to serve as a water quality laboratory. It stopped being used as a laboratory when DEP finished its new Kingston Laboratory in 2008, but it continued to house engineers, watershed maintenance staff and other DEP employees. The renovation project began in late 2016 and was completed in 2019. The building is named for Benjamin C. Nesin, the noted scientist who served as New York City's director of water quality laboratories from 1945 until his death in 1964.

The building's renovation included a number of sustainable elements to earn the LEED Gold Award. The design utilized 100 percent of its existing structural elements, and 56 percent of its interior building materials, minimizing the amount of material that was disposed.

Water-efficient fixtures helped the building use 37 percent less water. The building also uses 40 percent less energy compared to its former baseline. Those savings came from the installation of high-efficiency heating, cooling and ventilation systems. Common areas inside the building, such as conference rooms, also use special monitors to adjust airflow based on the number of people in the room.

The Ben Nesin Building was also outfitted with energyefficient LED lights. They were connected to a system that controls the lights based on whether people are in the room, and whether adequate daylight is coming through the windows. Parking areas were also set aside for bicycles and low-emission or no-emission vehicles.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of high-quality water each day to more than 9.6 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$168.9 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with \$20.1 billion in investments planned over the next decade that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year.

For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nycwater.

DEC Announces Completion of New Accessible and Sustainable Improvements at Kenneth L. Wilson Campground

(From Pg. 8) DEC recently recognized the 30th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and upgrades like those announced today demonstrate New York State's commitment to helping people with disabilities fully participate in and enjoy the benefits of DEC's facilities, services, programs, and activities. The facility's improvements allow visitors, including seniors and families with small children, to access its amenities consistent with the Governor's 2018 Executive Order (leaves DEC's website) to make New York the first age-friendly state in the country. Over the past several years, DEC has utilized NY Works funding to make other infrastructure improvements the campground to enhance the camping experience that include:



- Accessibility improvements to trail system;
- Accessible fishing access;
- Accessible nature trail and wildlife viewing platform;
- Pavilion improvements including new floor, roof and ceiling;
- Accessible day use including picnic tables and grills;
- New accessible community fireplace;
- on bathhouse, comfort stations, recycle building, shower house:
- Accessibility upgrades to recycle building;
- New accessible children's playground;
- New accessible picnic viewing area on Wilson Lake;
- New accessible dog park; and
- New signage, staining, and other improvements throughout the campground.

For more information on Kenneth L. Wilson Campground and to make a reservation for the 2020 camping season, visit New York's ReserveAmerica website.

During the State's ongoing response to COVID-19, New Yorkers across the state want and need to get outside for a nature break, which is good for physical and mental health. Before visiting Kenneth L. Wilson Campground, take the PLAY SMART * PLAY SAFE * PLAY LOCAL pledge, and promise to use common sense to protect yourself and others when enjoying the outdoors. The new campaign encourages all New Yorkers to recreate safely, responsibly, and locally this summer and to always treat fellow outdoor adventurers with respect.

The campground improvements are just the latest project as part of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Adventure NY initiative, DEC is making strategic investments to expand access to healthy, active, outdoor recreation; connect more New Yorkers and visitors to nature and the outdoors; protect natural resources; and boost local economies. Read more about the Adventure NY initiative on DEC's website.

Grahamsville Reformed Church

ROAST BEEF DINNER

September 12, 2020 Saturday

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, String Beans, Salad, Roll & Cake

TAKE OUT ONLY \$13.00

Grahamsville Reforemd Church
Hall Grounds

Thank you for your support and God Bless You!

Astorino: Repeal Harckham Cashless Bail Law Now: Reinstate Broken Window Theory Policing 76 Shootings in New York City Last Week

Hudson Valley-Aug. 17...With 76 shootings in New York City alone last week - more than double the number from a year before - former two-term Westchester county executive and state senate candidate Rob Astorino today called for the immediate repeal of State Senator Peter Harckham's (SD-40) controversial cashless bail law and for a return of "brokenwindow-theory" policing in New York City, the bedrock of New York's rebound beginning in the early 1990's.

"Three New York City police commissioners have cited Peter Harckham's cashless bail law as a trigger for the crime wave we are experiencing, and Mayor Bill de Blasio's decriminalization of street offenses like turnstile hopping and public urination has handcuffed police officers and exacerbated the sense of lawlessness on our streets," Mr. Astorino said. "The Harckham-deBlasio-AOC wing of the Democratic Party has been playing with fire, and innocent New Yorkers are predictably getting burned. If New York City fails, New York State fails, and none of us can allow that to happen."

Mr. Harckham rushed through the controversial cashless bail law in Albany last year with virtually no input from New York's law enforcement community. The experimental new law tied the hands of judges, police officers, and district attorneys with disastrous results, Mr. Astorino and others have said.

The current New York City Police Commissioner and two former commissioners who served under both Republican and Democratic mayors have cited Mr. Harckham's law as the impetus for the soaring crime rates we are now suffering, as have many other law enforcement officials.

"It's bail reform. It's covid. It's emptying out prisons. One of the most frustrating pieces right now, is a criminal justice system that just is not working and I'm calling on Albany to fix it. Fix it now. People are dying on the streets of New York City," NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea pleaded in June.

"They had no public discussions when this legislation was being put together, had no consultations with district attorneys, with police executives, with judges. They just did it because they could do it. And they shoved it down the public's throat, and now we're seeing the ramifications of it," said former NYPD commissioner Ray Kelly in March.

"As we finally get rid of one virus there's going to be a second virus created by the legislature, which is gonna be the crime virus," former NYPD commissioner William Bratton correctly predicted in April.

"New York should be investing in its police departments, not defunding them," Mr. Astorino said. "Public safety is the bedrock on which job growth and individual advancement are made possible, and New York desperately needs both those things. Chaos hurts everyone."

SC Discretionary Funding on Hold for 2021

Monticello, NY - This time of year, the Sullivan County Legislature commences accepting applications for the Legislative Discretionary Contract Program, intended for not-for-profit agencies seeking legislative funding. But this is no ordinary year.

"While we'd like to offer this funding opportunity to worthy local organizations, we're holding off on the continuation of this program until we have a better handle on our COVID-damaged finances," Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty explains. "There's just too much uncertainty about our fiscal future right now, and we have to be responsible to taxpayers every step of the way."

The purpose of the program is to give funding to community and not-for-profit organizations throughout Sullivan County that have specific needs or Countywide significance tied to County or municipal goals. Applicants must be not-for-profit agencies or civic organizations operating within Sullivan County but not part of County government.

"Due to the economic impacts of coronavirus, earlier this year we had to lower and even eliminate some of the \$300,000 in 2020 funding we provided to nonprofits," Doherty adds. "As those impacts lessen, we'll have a better idea of what we can and can't afford throughout County government in 2021, including the Discretionary Contract Program."

Notification will be issued publicly if and when the program restarts.

Attorney General James Renews Suspension of State Debt Collection for Fifth Time as Coronavirus Continues to Impact New Yorkers' Wellets

Impact New Yorkers' Wallets
New Yorkers with Student and Medical Debt
Referred to AG's Office - Will Have Payments
Automatically Frozen Through September 4, 2020
NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today
announced that the state will, on Sunday renew for the fifth time,
an order to halt the collection of medical and student debt owed
to the state of New York that has been specifically referred to the
Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for collection. In response
to continuing financial impairments resulting from the spread of
the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the OAG will renew
orders again from this coming Sunday, August 16, 2020, through
Friday, September 4, 2020 - a date which coincides with
Governor Cuomo's most recent executive order tolling statutes
of limitation and other legal time periods. After this period, the
OAG will reassess the needs of state residents for another possi-

ble extension. Additionally, the OAG will accept applications for

suspension of all other types of debt owed to the state of New

York and referred to the OAG for collection.

"Although New York has had remarkable success in containing the coronavirus, too many New Yorkers are still enduring the financial hardships of this pandemic," said Attorney General James. "We have the power to help tens of thousands of New Yorkers who are struggling to make ends meet, which is why we are again suspending the collection of state student and medical debt referred to my office. As we continue our work to stop the spread of this virus, we must also work to rebuild our economy and help New Yorkers get back on their feet, and that starts with ensuring our state's residents are not unnecessarily burdened with additional debt payments at this time." (Contd. Pg. 32)

Attorney General James Renews Suspension of State Debt Collection for Fifth Time as Coronavirus Continues to Impact New Yorkers' Wallets

New Yorkers with Student and Medical Debt Referred to AG's Office - Will Have Payments Automatically Frozen Through September 4, 2020

(From Pg. 31) Millions of New Yorkers, like Americans across the nation, have been impacted - directly or indirectly - by the spread of COVID-19, forcing them to forgo income and business. Since COVID-19 began to spread rapidly across the country in mid-March, tens of millions of residents across the nation have filed for unemployment, including more than 3.4 million in New York state alone. In an effort to support many New Yorkers economically impacted during this difficult time, Attorney General James will this weekend renew an order - first made in March and renewed in April, in May, in June, and in July - to ease the financial burdens for many workers and families by halting the collection of medical and student debt owed to the state of New York and referred to the OAG for collection through September 4, 2020.

The OAG collects certain debts owed to the state of New York via settlements and lawsuits brought on behalf of the state of New York and state agencies. A total of more than 165,000 matters currently fit the criteria for a suspension of state debt collection, including, but not limited to:

- o Patients that owe medical debt due to the five state hospitals and the five state veterans' homes;
- o Students that owe student debt due to State University of New York (SUNY) campuses; and
- o Individual debtors, sole-proprietors, small business owners, and certain homeowners that owe debt relating to oil spill cleanup and removal costs, property damage, and breach of contract, as well as other fees owed to state agencies.

The temporary policy has also automatically suspended the accrual of interest and the collection of fees on all outstanding state medical and student debt referred to the OAG for collection, so New Yorkers are not penalized for taking advantage of this program.

New Yorkers with non-medical or non-student debt owed to the state of New York and referred to the OAG may also apply to temporarily halt the collection of state debt. Individuals seeking to apply for this temporary relief can fill out an application online or visit the OAG's coronavirus website to learn more about the suspension of payments. If an individual is unable to fill out the online form, they can also call the OAG hotline at 800-771-7755 to learn more.

WCCA Presents 2nd Annual "Off the Wall" Show Opening August 20



Siracha Jenna" by Tanner Simon

The Wayne County Arts Alliance is proud to present selected works by 2020 Great Wall of Honesdale artists in its 2nd Annual "Off the Wall" show displayed in the new WCAA Main St. Gallery. Paintings, watercolors, mosaics, photography and collage, in a wide range of styles, will be



Sunfish" by Jennifer Case

represented. Participating artists include Jennifer Case, Eva Drizhal, Stephan Foster. Jeff Hiller, Claudine Luchsinger, Patrick McLane, Trix Render, Mark Charles Rooney, Tanner and Simon.

Main Street

Gallery is located at 959 Main Street, Honesdale upstairs from Missing Pieces. The show is open to the public from Thursdays through Saturdays, August 20th through September 26th from 11am to 4pm. Masks and social distancing are required.



"Face" by Mark Charles Rooney

Lighting of the 100 year old Red Hill Fire Tower

On Saturday, September 5, 2020 at approximately 8:30 pm, volunteers will place lights in the Red Hill Fire Tower and use spot lights to signal the local community. Volunteers will also be placing lights in the four other Catskill Fire Towers; Balsam Lake Mt., Hunter Mt., Tremper Mt., and Overlook Mt..

The "Lighting of the Towers" has taken place for several years, but this year is special because it is the 100th anniversary of the building of the Red Hill Fire Tower. The Red Hill Tower was built by the New York State Dept. of Conservation in 1920.

We encourage the community to come out and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Red Hill Fire Tower by sending out light signals to the tower. If you flash your lights at us, we will do our best to flash a light back to you.

Some of the locations you can see the Red Hill Fire Tower from are; The parking area off of Rt. 55 on the Merriman Dam of the Rondout Reservoir, Blue Hill Rd., Claryville/Denning Rd. south of the East Valley Farm of the YMCA, Red Hill Knolls Rd., Rt. 55A just east of the bridge over the Rondout Creek, and Rudolph Rd., (one of the nearest locations to the tower.) There will be small signs placed by these locations.

We hope you can come out and show your support for the fire towers and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Red Hill Tower.

In the event of rain or zero visibility, the "Lighting of the Towers" will take place on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020. Stay safe and thank you for your support!

Red Hill Fire Tower Committee

Find Your Adventure: Celebrating 30 Years of the ADA Your Feedback Wanted, and More this Month! DEC Wants Your Feedback: Take the #AdventureAtHome Survey

Did you enjoy our #AdventureAtHome series throughout June and July? We would love to hear from you! Take this survey to provide your feedback, thoughts, and ideas on #AdventureAtHome or

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DECAdventureatHome. Your ideas for future #AdventureAtHome themes could be used!

Park and Trail Partnership Program Awardees Announced

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced 29 grants have been awarded to partner organizations to help improve maintenance of historic open spaces through the Park and Trail Partnership Program (PTPP) grants program. The program is administered jointly by Parks & Trails New York and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), in partnership with DEC. It is designed to enhance the preservation, stewardship, and promotion of New York State parks, trails, state historic sites and public lands, as well as increase the capabilities of not-for-profit organizations that promote, maintain, and support these lands.

The following DEC partners and friends groups received a grant:

- o Lake George Battlefield Park (Fort George) Alliance
- Winona Forest Recreation Association
- o Finger Lakes Trail Conference
- o Stony Kill Foundation Inc.
- o Upper Saranac Foundation
- o Friends of Rogers Environmental Education Center Congratulations to all awardees! Learn more about the projects these groups will be undertaking.

New and Improved Boat Launch Sites Completed

Major improvements have been completed at Cleveland Dock, located at 69 State Route 49 in the Village of Cleveland, Oswego County. This dock provides access to the excellent fishing on Oneida Lake and draws visitors for other recreational activities including fishing, ice fishing, and boat docking. The site also provides emergency services access and helps connect boaters to the New York State Canal system. Numerous improvements were completed including timber guide rails, railings, sidewalk, benches, lamp posts, a hand launch for non-motorized boats, and parking lot upgrades. In addition, universally accessible site features include parking spaces and access along the edge of the pier, a picnic table, and fishing access along the pier railing.

A new boat launch site has also been completed at Otisco Lake and is open to the public to explore the region and it's fishing and boating opportunities. The site is located in Spafford, Onondaga County. Features that enhance access for visitors of all ages and abilities include a new concrete launch

ramp and floating dock, accessible parking and portable toilet, solar powered lighting, and a paved parking area. Otisco Lake is the most easterly of the 11 Finger Lakes and was the only Finger Lake without a public boat launch.

30th Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the first comprehensive law guaranteeing equal rights to people with disabilities. Commissioner Basil Seggos renewed DEC's commitment to improving access to lands and waters across the state by ensuring accessibility efforts to help people with disabilities fully participate in and enjoy the benefits of the outdoors. DEC offers numerous facilities, services, programs, and activities_for New Yorkers of all ages and abilities. Special permits and licenses for hunting and fishing are also available to people with disabilities.

Watch a video about recent investments to outdoor recreation to help find a location near you.

Keep Outdoor Spaces Litter-Free

This summer when you PLAY SMART * PLAY SAFE * PLAY LOCAL, keep the areas you visit litter-free by always taking your trash home with you, or placing it in the proper designated receptacles if available. Be sure to plan ahead and bring a trash bag with you as many hiking areas do not have trash bins. Litter is both an eyesore and poses a danger to wildlife and delicate ecosystems. Follow these tips to ensure that every trip follows the principles of Leave No Trace:

- 1. Carry out what you carry in. Don't leave trash, food, gear, or any other personal belongings behind.
- 2. Trash your trash. Use designated receptacles when available or carry your trash in a small bag so you can throw it out at home. Never put trash in outhouses or porta-potties.
- 3. Use designated bathroom facilities when available. If traveling, use the rest areas closest to your destination before you arrive. Learn how to dig a cat hole (video) and properly dispose of your human waste for the times when nature calls and a bathroom is not available.
- 4. During the COVID-19 public health crisis, take extra precautions when picking up trash you find on the trail. Wear gloves, and make sure to hand sanitize when you are done.

PLAY SMART * PLAY SAFE * PLAY LOCAL

Summer's here and it's time to get outside safely and responsibly. During the COVID-19 public health crisis, take the #PlaySmartPlaySafePlayLocal pledge.

PLAY SMART * PLAY SAFE - Practice social distancing, wash your hands, wear a mask to protect yourself and others. If it's crowded, find somewhere else to go.

PLAY LOCAL - Stay close to home and #RecreateLocal in your region - amenities like restrooms and restaurants may not be open.

PLAY SMART - plan ahead. Make a list of alternate destinations and places to visit.

PLAY SAFE - stay home if you're sick or if you're part of a vulnerable population. Check DEC's website to see the current status of DEC campgrounds.

"MOUTH THAT ROARS" by Bill Liblick Resorts World Holds Racing at Monticello Raceway Hostage

Resorts World the operator of our gaming casino in Sullivan County is upset that New York State has not given them permission to reopen despite the fact guidelines and protocols are place to reduce the risk of COVID19.

New York State Indian run casinos are open because they are Sovereign Nations. Casinos in Pennsylvania, Atlantic City, and Connecticut have all reopened.

Elected officials including Assemblywoman Aileen Gunter are leading the charge for Resorts World Catskills to open so the region which includes Sullivan County can begin to receive important sales tax and gaming revenue associated with the facility.

Sullivan County which obviously is part of New York State is losing millions due to COVID19. Surprisingly two big potential revenue streams for New York State going untouched in Albany is online Sports Betting and the legalization of marijuana.

Without a doubt our local gaming facility should reopen. People will once again be employed, and casino goers can decide if it is safe for them to return.

With that said – Resorts World might not be the right company to operate our local gaming facility. Their refusal to open Monticello Raceway and treatment of our horsemen is deplorable and should make our leaders in Albany and the New York State Gaming Commission take notice.

The one industry that has been successful and fully operational for months is horseracing. Although people are not physically allowed on racetracks, thoroughbred and standardbred racing is operational throughout the United States. People can watch and bet the sport on the Internet.

In fact, many racing facilities have seen their revenue increase since opening several months ago. Saratoga is having an outstanding meet. They are cash cows for their owners and operators.

In an attempt to get New York State to open casinos, the operator of Tioga and Vernon Downs has said they might end their horse racing meet if casinos do not open soon.

Resorts World owns Monticello Raceway. They closed their racino operations to keep casino goers at Resorts World Catskills. They also plan on opening a new racino in Orange County near Woodbury Commons.

Monticello Raceway which was once one of the most well attended and revenue generating harness tracks in the nation has seen little support from its current owner Resorts World and previous owner Empire Resorts. They have milked the track to the bone.

In days past there were matinee and night racing attracting thousands of people. Monticello Raceway even hosted a long list of famed entertainment featuring the likes of Barry Manilow, The Village People, and Ike and Tina Turner. But, sadly like everything else, things have changed in Sullivan County.

The current owners of Monticello Raceway have no respect for the horsemen or an industry that has been the backbone of Sullivan County for decades.

Resorts World refuses to open the racetrack even though they can open the facility by using the purse money they are already holding to resume racing.

What Resorts World is doing is attempting to hold the horsemen hostage by seeking givebacks from their original contractual agreements to resume racing.

The horsemen have sued Resorts World, but a recent decision by Supreme Court Justice Stephen Schick was not favorable towards the horsemen. Schick said Resorts World have a right not to reopen. The horsemen are appealing.

I am told Resorts World is not willing to give an inch. Their idea is that they cannot operate until they open the casino. The horsemen have found money that Resorts World received from OTB that would give them the ability to operate.

The horsemen are also appealing to the New York State Gaming Commission.

Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Robert Doherty recently said on Sullivan County Post's facebook page, "The Harness Industry is an integral part of Sullivan County. Most of the hay that is produced for consumption and bedding comes from Sullivan County. Most of the hay is produced by dairy farmers. Without the harness industry most dairy farmers would lose a large part of their income. They must not end the harness industry in Sullivan County. No Farms No Food!!!"

I went directly to the horsemen asking them to speak directly to Sullivan County residents. They all asked me not to release their names because they were afraid of actions Resorts World might take against them and their livelihood.

Here are their comments:

"They don't want to open the track until the casino opens crying poverty, meanwhile this racetrack stood on its own for over 50 years making money and still does. They're just trying to break our contract and give the horsemen less of the take."

"We're the only racetrack in the state not racing, Why?"

"We're not asking the casino for money to race for, we have our own money in our purse account that we've generated that we can race for now, this is a pressure move by the casino to starve us out, they got the casino because of racing now they want to get rid of us."

"I have a family to feed, rent to pay, horses to feed and they care less about us the horsemen."

"There is absolutely no reason why they won't let us race for our own purse money except that they want us to starve."

"Every other racetrack in the state, I think in the country is currently racing why them and not us?"

"We are mostly all Sullivan County residents and supported this county, this racetrack, helped get them the casino and now they just want to push us aside"

"On June 1st, the governor gave the green light for the racetrack to re-open, every other racetrack in the state resumed racing except Monticello. They made us a proposal that provides they get all the proceeds and the horsemen get nothing. Does that sound fair? Just screw the horsemen!"

"I can't pay for horse feed, I can't pay the farmer for hay and straw, I can't pay the guy that shoes may horses, I can't pay the veterinarian, I can't pay my mortgage, I can't even buy gas for my truck. I guess I'll go to the food bank for food for myself."

"I heard the Casino may not plan to open until December. I'm sure their ultimate goal is to get rid of us altogether. Cry chapter 11, reorganize and boot us out."

"There was NO legal reason why the judge did not grant our case. We presented a perfectly sound argument, but he did not want to hear it."

Shame on Resorts World - Open Monticello Raceway and do the right thing for the horsemen!

Bill Liblick has made a name for himself on National TV Talk Shows where he spouted his outspoken views from the front row. Now he offers you his opinion in the "MOUTH THAT ROARS" Column in THE SULLIVAN COUNTY POST.

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David Channon Exhibit at Woostock Art Exchange

After spending months trying to adapt to this new life style of staying home and limited activity, Frank and I decided to accept an invitation to attend the opening of a delightful exhibit of the work of Shandaken artist, David Channon. We always knew David for his unique paintings, but on Sunday we saw a very different and much needed whimsical style of art that added a much-needed sparkle to our day!

Not only did we get to stroll through the beautiful gardens along the pathway at the Woodstock Art Exchange located at 1369 State

Route 28, West Hurley, NY 12491, but David took us on the tour explaining specific details of each curious, but recognizable piece – and I mean each piece quite literally! David explained why he chose certain objects to be included in his sculptures. Each item indeed added to the spirit of the object he had created. For example, the eyes of the 'Discus Thrower' captured the intensity and zeal of someone intent on winning. Even his metal muscles were ready for the throw. Among the other sculptures were Pop-eye, Napolean, Wonder Woman and many more.

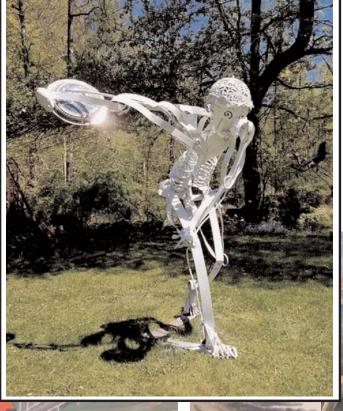
Each piece, meaning every nut, bolt, hub cap or wire added to the spirit of the personality created. David added to this in a very entertaining and playful manner as he explained his choice and placement of the body parts that made each sculpture come alive.

While the next open house exhibit is expected around Labor Day, you may check with Georganne Chapin (914-806-3573) to make arrangements for a pri-

vate visit. Also on display was the beautiful and elegant artwork of many other artists including Pablo Weinschenk. Many of the pieces at the studio are for sale. For more information visit:

http://.woodstockartexdhange.com and you can also visit David's site at http://EsopusCreek.com

We are looking forward to another visit to the exhibit and hope you too, will will have the opportunity to visit the Woodstock Art Exchange this summer and enjoy these beautiful and artful pieces. Guaranteed you will leave with a smile in your heart like we did.



All the artwork displayed on this page are the work of artist, David Chapman.

Message from

Frost Valley YMCA
It's hard to believe that August is already halfway through! We know the school year ahead is filled with questions, end-ofsummer plans have been put on hold, and many of us are feeling a little fenced in. Hopefully, some of these updates from your friends at Frost Valley will be a bright spot in your day. Maybe we can even give you a bit to look forward to - either by way of a visit to Frost Valley or maybe a little something from the store in the mail!

NEW Online Store is Open!

Frost Valley has a new online store, and we've added dozens of your favorite items from our store in the dining hall. PLUS! Check out our summer 2020 exclusive Rise & Thrive line, of which 50% of the proceeds will support our Rise & Thrive campaign to ensure the survival of Frost Valley. Shop Now!

Spend Labor Day Weekend at East Valley Ranch!

Bring your family for a Labor Day weekend getaway at our East Valley Ranch location! If you've never stayed in the East Valley, your family is in a for a treat. It really is one of the best kept secrets at Frost Valley. And we're hoping to be able to do a little bit more for our guests by that time. We expect to serve meals in the dining room and offer horseback riding lessons along with other limited activities, too!

Fall is Family Time in the Valley!

Join us for a 2- to 3-day weekend in October, when the leaves are colorful and the air is crisp! From October 9-12, your family can enjoy a variety of activities and safely receive meals delivered to your lodging.

Thank You Neversink General Store!

We want to wish our heartfelt thanks to the Neversink General Store for joining us in our core values of Community and Caring, especially during such a challenging time. Our friends at the Neversink General Store have graciously offered to provide snacks to children in our limited-run Day Camp, going

Community is all about helping our neighbors because it's the right thing to do, because we care about one another, and because mutual support creates a sense of belonging - which is especially needed right now.

A few months ago, we were honored to have the opportunity to donate some of our farm produce (including eggs!) to the Neversink General Store. The produce went toward the store's initiative to give local school children free breakfast once school turned virtual, causing many students to go without their usual in-school breakfast program.

Now our friends at the Neversink General Store are helping us with Frost Valley's Limited-Run Day Camp! Owned by Cristina Aby-Azar and Mark McLewin, the Neversink General Store is located at the Sinclair gas station on Rte 55 as you're driving to Frost Valley from the south, and the store is currently providing our day campers with their snacks each day. We are so grateful to be receiving 25 days of snacks! For 50 people a day, that amounts to 1,250 snacks - a savings of over \$1,000. At a time like this when we continue to suffer financial hardships due to program cancellations, this generous support helps us continue to carry out our mission to children and families.

Thank you to our friends at the Neversink General Store. We are so grateful to have such a supportive and thoughtful community!

The Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum Anglers Dinner

Our 3rd Emerging Anglers Dinner is being held September 26th, at the charming Beaverkill Valley Inn. Due to the Covid pandemic we will be outdoors under a great tent following social distancing guidelines, so seating will be limited - don't miss out!

Dinner will include wine, special local brews, and a great meal by the BVI's new chef, Tommy Finch. A filmed interview of Mac Francis, esteemed author of Catskill Rivers, Land of Little Rivers and other books, will debut at the dinner for your special enjoyment. As in years past, we will conduct a 'whip round' focused on raising funds for education, technology upgrades, and maintenance of our extensive grounds and facilities.

Fundraising allows us to turn our collective dreams into reality, but the pandemic forced us to cancel all of our other in-person fundraisers this year. Trustees with a fresh vision for the Center have volunteered extra time and sweat equity to accomplish many of our goals, alongside dedicated staff and member volunteers. Recent improvements attest to their collective efforts, but now more than ever, we need your support!

Our goal is to make The Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum a premier destination. The museum has been thoughtfully reorganized during our extended closure, with exhibits regrouped to tell the story of fly fishing in the Catskills in a more linear fashion. New content relating to central subjects has been added, along with video content to enliven the experience. The gift shop has a fresh new welcome center atmosphere.

Tickets for the special Emerging Anglers dinner event start at \$250 per person, and can be purchased most easily though our secure online form.

For those who cannot attend, we offer options for supporting donations, or for dinner delivery to Beaverkill Valley residents. If you have questions please email office@cffcm.com

With heartfelt appreciation to all who contribute to making the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum the treasured place it isthank you!

> Financial Resilience **Tools for Your Community**

FEMA works with partners to promote individual and community resilience. This September, FEMA will highlight financial readiness during National Preparedness Month.

In collaboration with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), FEMA will host a National Preparedness Month webinar on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. ET. You will hear experts from the FDIC and CFPB give real-world examples of how to be more financially prepared for emergencies or disasters and share tools that can help individuals and communities increase economic resilience.

FDIC will focus on the financial preparation and disaster recovery information in their Money Smart for Adults curriculum, where you can find practical knowledge, skills-building opportunities, and resources. CFPB will feature its Start Small, Save Up initiative, which offers tips on building savings, including guides on starting an emergency savings account, saving at tax time, and opening a bank account. A booklet that users can fill out to plan their savings goals is also available.

In addition, check out these free resources that can help you financially prepare for the future:

- Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK)
- Financial Emergency Fact Sheet
- Your Disaster Checklist

You can register to participate in this webinar. Throughout National Preparedness Month, use the hashtag #BeReady to join discussions around financial resilience.

To learn more about financial preparedness, please visit www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness.

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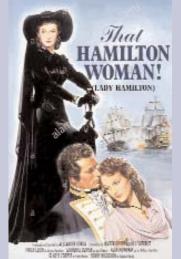
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HONORING SIR LAURENCE OLIVIER, AND THAT HAMILTON WOMAN

Lady Hamilton, The Enchantress of "THAT H A M I L T O N WOMAN, the film a

1941 romantic drama is a black-and-white film, produced & directed by ALEXANDER KOREA. The film stars VIVIAN LEIGH as "EMMA," LADY HAMILTON & SIR LAURENCE OLIVIER as ADMIRAL HORATIO NELSON.

LAURENCE OLIVIER, - in full -Laurence Kerr Olivier, Baron Olivier of Brighton, also called (1947-70) Sir Laurence Olivier, (born May 22, 1907 in Dorking, Surrey, England; died July 11, 1989, near London, England), a towering figure of the British stage and screen, acclaimed in his lifetime as the greatest



English-speaking actor of the 20th century. He was the first member of his profession to be elevated to a life peerage.



VIVIAN LEIGH, was born Vivian Mary Hartley on November 5, 1913 in British India on the campus of St. Paul's School in Darjeeling, Bengal Presidency. She was the only child of Ernest Richard Hartley, a British broker, and his wife, Gertrude Mary France (née Yackjee; she also used her mother's maiden name of Robinson). Her father was born in Scotland in 1882, while her mother, a devout Roman Catholic, was born in Darjeeling in 1888 and may have been of Irish and Armenian or Indian ancestry.

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TCM @ 6:00 PM WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26, 2020 HONORING Laurence Kerr Olivier, Baron Olivier of Brighton, in

(1944)

Oct 28, 1945 · Directed by Laurence Olivier. With Laurence Olivier, Robert Newton, Leslie Banks, Felix In the midst of the Hundred Years' War, the young King Henry V of England embarks on the conquest of France in 1415. The St Crispin's Day speech is a part of William Shakespeare 's history play Henry V, Act IV



Scene 3 18–67. On the eve of the Battle of Agincourt, which fell on Saint Crispin's Day, Henry V urges his men, who were vastly outnumbered by the French, to recall how the English had previously inflicted great defeats upon the French.



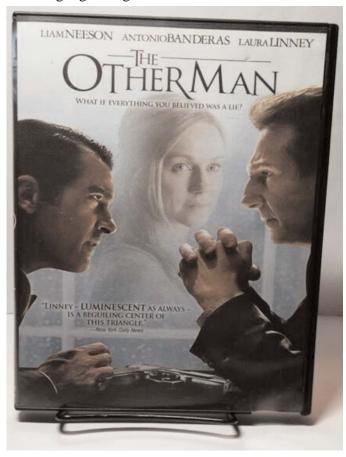
The first *Henry V*, directed by and starring Laurence Olivier, is a colorful and highly stylized version which begins in the Globe Theatre and then gradually shifts to a realistic evocation of the Battle of Agincourt. Olivier's film was made during the Second World War and was intended as a patriotic rallying cry at the time of the invasion of Normandy.

Quiz: in the film "The Other Man" 1. What town was love affair in? 2. Who was the other man?

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(Drama, Suspense 2009)

Driven to pursue the mystery surrounding his wife's adultery, Liam Neeson embarks on a global pursuit with a haunted passion that begins to probe the nature not simply of jealousy, but of loss and forgiveness. The film is beautifully shot on location in Milan and Lake Como as well as in London and Ely by renowned cinematographer Harris Zambarloukos (Mamma Mia!, Heart in the Sand) Director Richard Eyre. Starring Liam Neeson, **Antonio Banderas, Laura Linney** Subtitles English [CC] Audio languages English.



LIAM NEESON once again rivets us with a superb portrayal of a "Cuckold" man. Liam John Neeson born June 7, 1952 is an actor from Northern Ireland. He has been nominated for several awards, including an Academy Award for Best Actor, a BAFTA Award for Best Actor in a Leading Role, and three Golden Globe Awards for Best Actor in a Motion Picture Drama. Empire magazine ranked Neeson among both the "100 Sexiest Stars in Film History" and "The Top 100 Movie Stars of All Time". He is one of the highest grossing actors of all time.

> Stay safe and stay well, Knarf Odnamoc Gnome