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## SC Manager Selects Public Safety Commissioner Legislature Unanimously Confirms His Appointment

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Manager



Joshua A. Potosek is pleased to welcome Thomas Farney as the new Commissioner of Public Safety, commencing September 13.

"Tom by far was the most qualified candidate I interviewed, with extensive experience in emergency management and counterterrorism efforts," Potosek

states. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## UC Criminal Justice Reform Task Force presents its recommendations to the Legislature

KINGSTON, NY-Legislator Eve Walter, chair of the Ulster County Legislature Criminal Justice Reform Task Force (UC-CJRTF), and task force members presented their recommendations at the August 17 Legislative Session.

"I originally convened the UC-CJRTF in October 2019 to examine the long-term impacts of recent bail and discovery reform," Chairman Donaldson said. "I thank Legislator Walter for her visionary leadership as chair of the UC-CJRTF. I also thank task force members for their tremendous dedication, diligence, and hard work over the past year and a half

to envision a safer and more just Ulster County." (Contd. Pg. 29)



Legislator Eve Walter, chair, UC-CJRTF; Nina Dawson, director, Ulster County Youth Board; Elizabeth Lee, New Paltz resident; and Chief Robert Lucchesi, New Paltz Police Department.

## SCCO Chamber Music: "Art of the Quartet"



The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra performs at the White Lake Reformed Presbyterian Church in 2019

(Monticello) The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) presents a Chamber Music concert entitled, "Art of the Quartet" with performances in Hurleyville and White Lake this September. The program includes: Johann Sebastian Bach - selections from "Art of the Fugue", Amy Beach - String Quartet in One Movement, Op. 89, and Ludwig van Beethoven - "Cavatina" from String Quartet No. 13, Op. 130 and Florence Price - Folksongs in Counterpoint. The performances are on Saturday, September 18th at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre at 6 PM and Sunday, September 19th at the White Lake Reformed Presbyterian Church at 3 PM. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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Isaiah 40:3

**DAYS OF YORE...****Today's History****August 29, 1951**

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol to Paul V. Denman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Denman Sr. of Grahamsville. The wedding will take place sometime in October.

Miss Dorothy E. Stephenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stephenson of Jeffersonville and Delos H. Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brooks of Sundown, were united in marriage at the Methodist Parsonage at Folkston, Georgia on Wednesday, August 22nd. They will make their home with the groom's parents for the present.

Elmer Vantran, 59, died early Wednesday morning at his home in Woodbourne. He was born on the Vantran farm on Thunder Hill to Charles and Hattie Vantran. He is survived by his wife, Bessie Knight Vantran, one sister, several nephews and one niece. He was a nephew to Mr. Preston Sheley of Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson of Lackawack are the parents of a son, Marc Quimby, born at Veterans Memorial Hospital on August 19th.

**August 30, 1961**

Frederick E. Finch of Grahamsville will be given a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration at the 48th annual summer commencement of Kent State University.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nash of Neversink are the proud parents of a daughter, born August 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Ackerley of Ferndale, N.Y. are the parents of a son born on August 22nd.

There will be a Baptismal Service in place of the regular morning worship hour this Sunday. The baptism will take place in the stream in front of Mr. Fred Eck's. Those being baptized are Mrs. Dorothy Marie Brown, Mr. Albro H. Brown, Mr. Vincent A. Robinson, and Mr. Walton J. Hamilton.

The first plane load of government supplied Sabin oral polio vaccine arrived

yesterday as the first death and four more cases of polio were reported in a three-county outbreak in central New York.

Health authorities prepared to start a mass immunization program with Sabin type 1 vaccine.

**September 8, 1971**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Robinson of Grahamsville on the birth of their daughter on August 28th in Liberty Loomis Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kinney are the proud parents of a son born on August 24th.

"Richard's Place", with the "finest food in the valley", located at the route 55 and 42 intersection in Grahamsville, will be opening will be opening its doors very soon. We wish them the best of luck.

Miss Roxanne and Master Darrell VanDover of the "Tri-Valley Squares" were among those who won first prize at the State Fair last week.

**September 2, 1981**

Frank Furman of Center St. Ellenville, a retired corrections officer at the Eastern Correctional Facility, Napanoch and a lifelong area resident, died Saturday at Benedictine Hospital, Kingston after a long illness. He was 88.

The son of the late Byron and Jennie Atkins Furman, he was born November 29, 1892 in Yeagerville. Mr. Furman was the widower of the late Fannie West Furman. Survivors include two sisters, Mabel Peters of Napanoch and Doris Furman Hornbeck of Grahamsville; two brothers, Arthur Furman of Sidney Center and Ward Furman of Wawarsing.

The Osterhout sisters returned home on Friday to visit their family and to attend the wedding of Terri Shaver and Gary Lockhart. Both girls were members of the wedding party. Ann, who arrived from Florida, returned home there on Sunday. Peggy, who came from Denmark, is visiting here awhile before joining Ann in Florida.

## Reflecting back 10 years ago

### CLARYVILLE HURRICANE IRENE NEWS

- Pat Wellington

"Neighbor helping neighbor"...residents rallied to confront the worst flooding anyone remembers. The tiny hamlet of Claryville could have used a town crier this week to report of on the goings on due to flooding and no power, but I discovered at least three news-worthy stories.

One volunteer fireman rescued a driver stuck in his car as the water rose on Claryville Road south of town. He tied a garden hose to a tree to help the man out of the car window. A young boy was snatched by another fireman from rising water in the road as he was walking with his family from the Blue Hill Lodge to the fire house for safety. Approximate 20 rented horses were hand walked from the Frost Valley YMCA that was completed landlocked by washed out roadways and bridges. They were walked by Y staff 4 miles one day and 3 miles the next to Kremer's field in Claryville where they were picked up by the owner from Vermont in horse trailers.

## Lighting of the Fire Towers 2021

At approximately 8:45 pm on Saturday, September 4, 2021, if the skies are clear, volunteers will place lights in the Red Hill Fire Tower as well as four other Catskill Fire Towers (Balsam Lake Mt., Mt. Tremper, Overlook Mt., and Hunter Mt.). There may be lights in towers on Mt. Utsyantha, outside of Stamford, and on Mt. Beacon, near Beacon, NY also. We have heard that towers in the Adirondacks take part in this event as well.

Many local people have participated in this event over the years, by signaling the towers with flashlights and spotlights from their homes and other viewing sites along local roads. Some of the places and roads you can see the Red Hill Fire Tower from are the pull off on top of the Merriman Dam of the Rondout Reservoir, Blue Hill Rd., Red Hill Knolls Rd., Denning Rd., Wild Meadow Rd. (Black Bear Rd.) and possibly a few places on Big Hollow Rd. There will be small signs in most of the locations identifying the viewing sites.

If you would like us to identify you when you signal us, call Doug Hamilton at 845-985-7427 or Tammy Porter at 845-985-5135, so we will know your location and possible flashlight code.

The rain date will be Sunday, September 5, 2021.

Many thanks to all who help make the Catskill Fire Tower Project a success!

*Red Hill Fire Tower Committee*

## Household Hint:

### Disinfect cutting boards

To disinfect and clean your wood cutting boards or butcher block countertop, wipe them with full-strength white vinegar after each use. The acetic acid in the vinegar is a good disinfectant, effective against such harmful bugs as E. coli, Salmonella, and Staphylococcus.

## 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, Barbara Slater and Shirley Davis.*

## Love Song of a Cricket

Listen! Chirp, chirp, chirp! The familiar song of a cricket is the same sound that has delighted people since ancient times all over the world.



If you happen to see a black cricket and it doesn't chirp, keep listening and you might begin to hear a cricket singing. A female cricket has a long spike tail and she lays her eggs in the ground with that ovipositor. But she can't chirp at all. Usually if you are

patient, you may begin to here a male cricket who is close by chirping his love song to attract her. She listens carefully with her knees, where a cricket's ears are –to locate him.

A cricket's music-maker is a fiddle-and-bow apparatus hidden in his two top wings. The leading edge of both wings has a thickened ridge; the bottom edge has rows of tiny teeth like a file. To chirp, a cricket raises his wings, crosses them one over the other and saws back and forth like a fiddler.

Scraping his wings vibrates a smooth area like a wee drumhead in the middle of each wing, increasing the volume like a tympani drum roll. One chirp lasts 1/10 second and is composed of three scrapes blended into one sound.

As male crickets get older, constant use wears down their file and scraper so that chirps grow fainter at the end of their lives which is about two months.

Crickets are ancient insects of the order Orthoptera (straight winged) and are distinguished by having very long antennae, often longer than their whole body length.

Crickets have a two-stage lifestyle or incomplete metamorphosis. Hatching from eggs laid in the ground, baby crickets look like miniature adults. They grow bigger through four or five skin molts and develop wings with the final change into adulthood.

In the North crickets have one brood; in the South they breed year around. In the Tri-Valley area we have three common crickets: brown house (*Gryllus domesticus*); Black field (*G. pennsylvanicus*) and green tree (*Occanthus fultoni*).

To me crickets look the same coming and going due to having two long antennae in front and two spiky tail feathers (cerci) in back. Tiny hairs on the cerci catch sound vibrations and help crickets find their way backwards and forwards in darkness.

Tree crickets are also called Temperature Crickets because the frequency of their chirps gives the temperature. The formula: count the number of chirps per minute, divide by 4 and add 40 for the temperature in Fahrenheit degrees.

Tree crickets also orchestrate together for the sheer love of singing - most unusual in the insect world where males sing usually to attract mates or bluff a rival.

Next to eating and singing, crickets like to groom themselves until they're thoroughly clean and shine like black patent leather.

No wonder the joyous chirp of a house cricket inspired Charles Dickens to write "The Cricket on the Hearth" about one that sang merrily when things were going smoothly and fell silent when they weren't.

An old proverb "merry as a cricket" came from the Greeks and Romans who called them *Gryllus* (basis for family name Gryllidae) and regarded them as good luck charms in the house. In ancient China pet crickets were kept in tiny bamboo cages and carefully fed and watered.

Another saying goes "Happy are the crickets" lives because they have such voiceless wives."

## SC Manager Selects Public Safety Commissioner –Legislature Unanimously Confirms His Appointment

(From Pg. 1) “I welcome Tom to the team and look forward to working closely with him to protect and enhance the safety and security of the people of Sullivan County.”

Farney possesses a master's in public administration from Marist College and has served as a NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services instructor; a policy, procedure and compliance officer; and an emergency management coordinator. For the past 22 years, he has worked for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Police Department, most recently as Detective Sergeant for its Interagency Counter Terrorism Task Force, which includes a close working relationship with the FBI and the NYS Intelligence Center.

The MTA network comprises the nation's largest bus fleet and more subway and commuter rail cars than all other U.S. transit systems combined. It serves a population of 15.3 million people across a 5,000-square-mile travel area surrounding New York City through Long Island, southeastern New York State, and Connecticut.

In his role with the MTA, Farney coordinated efforts between law enforcement and fire/EMS responders, including interagency meetings, emergency drills, and most recently the State response to the COVID-19 pandemic, for which the MTA played a vital role. He also responded to large-scale events throughout the City, including transports and escorts during 9/11 recovery efforts.

Overall, Farney brings more than 25 years of public service to his new County role, including over 20 in law enforcement.

“Serving as the Counter Terrorism Coordinator and developing relationships and working with leaders in the emergency services community - including Emergency Management, Law Enforcement and Fire Departments - I was privileged to play an integral part in the MTA PD's success in protecting and serving millions of commuters daily,” Farney acknowledges. “I retired in May and thought it would be easy to transition into that life, but I quickly came to realize that I miss helping others and doing the kind of work that makes life better and safer for all.”

“I'm grateful for the support of the County Manager and Legislature and am excited to come to Sullivan County,” he adds. “I look forward to getting to know and work with the very talented staff and a dedicated County leadership that places safety and quality of life for residents as a priority in government.”

As Commissioner of Public Safety, Farney will oversee the County's Division of Public Safety, which includes the Office of Emergency Management/Homeland Security, the Bureau of Fire, the Bureau of EMS, and the 911 Center. He'll also be responsible for the County's Emergency Operations Center when activated (as it has been for pandemic and storm events).

“I welcome Mr. Farney to Sullivan County, and I look forward to working closely with him on behalf of the public,” affirms District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone, chair of the Legislature's Public Safety Committee. “This is a position we cannot afford to have sit vacant for very long, and I expect he'll have plenty on his plate on day one.”

Farney resides in Stormville in Dutchess County but plans to relocate shortly to Sullivan. He enjoys outdoor activities such as ATV/snowmobile riding and hiking with his wife, 10-year-old son and two dogs.

“His resume speaks for itself,” says Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty. “I am very glad he chose to work and live here in Sullivan County.”

## SCCO Chamber Music: “Art of the Quartet”

(From Pg. 1) The artists include: Akiko Hosoi and Adrienne Harmon: Violin, Chiu-Chen Liu: Viola and Luke Krafka: Cello. The Host will be Emma Tattenbaum-Fine.

Bach is known as one of the greatest contrapuntists in the Western European tradition of music. He set the modern standard for counterpoint in his catalogue of over 1000 compositions for choir, ensemble, and orchestra. In his final years, Bach pushed the limits of his counterpoint practice into a near completed collection titled “Art of the Fugue.” This collection of Fugues and Canons has been a source of education and inspiration for future composers. Amy Beach and Florence Price were two composers who shattered the glass ceiling with a talent for performance and composition that was compared to Bach, by the critics and masses, with counterpoint being the thread that ties them all together. Using the string quartet as a vehicle, Amy Beach and Florence Price borrowed folk themes from the Inuit nation and African American spirituals to write two extraordinary pieces of music inspired by their studies and their lives that Bach would no doubt find mesmerizing. As for Beethoven, “cavatina” means a solo song. As described by Evan Leslie of New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, “Beethoven's Cavatina unfolds like a solo, with cello, viola, violin-two accompanying a plain, slowly sung, lonely melody in the first violin. The first violin is a solo singer. About two-thirds through Cavatina, Beethoven provides an unusual instruction in the quartet's score: beklemmt. It is not a common music term. Translations include choked, oppressed and heavy of heart. The music transforms radically and suddenly. The violin solo, now gaunt, stutters through clipped utterances over a faint pulse.”

Tickets for Saturday's performance at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre may be purchased at: [hurleyvillearts-centre.org](http://hurleyvillearts-centre.org). Please email [info@hacny.org](mailto:info@hacny.org) with any inquiries. Tickets for Sunday's performance at the White Lake Reformed Presbyterian Church may be purchased by visiting: [nesinculturalarts.eventbrite.com](http://nesinculturalarts.eventbrite.com). Questions? Call (845) 798-9006. Admission is \$25 for adults and \$10 for students at both venues. Seating capacity will remain limited and safety protocols will be followed as per CDC guidelines at both venues. Masks will be required for all upcoming SCCO and NCA events. Please purchase tickets in advance. For more information, visit [www.nesinculturalarts.org](http://www.nesinculturalarts.org), or email: [marina@nesinculturalarts.org](mailto:marina@nesinculturalarts.org).

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## The Heathens

### Mysterious Book Report No. 461

by John Dwaine Mc Kenna



**The Heathens**, (Putnam, \$27.00, 400 pages, ISBN 978-0-593-32839-2) by Edgar finalist and NY Times bestselling author Ace Atkins, is the eleventh in his Quinn Colson series . . . and it's easily the best one yet.

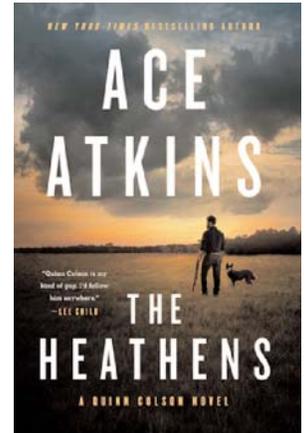
Colson is an ex-army Ranger who's come home to Mississippi, where he's now the Tibbehah County Sheriff, elected on a vow to "set thing right" after the previous lawman —Colson's uncle, Hamp Beckett —was killed. Now the beleaguered sheriff is trying to unravel the gruesome murder of one of his old high school classmates, a drug-addicted

woman named Gina Byrd, whose dismembered body was found covered in bleach and left in a barrel at an illegal dumpsite.

Suspicion for the crime falls on Gina's daughter, a seventeen year-old named TJ, who recently had a fight with her mother and beat her up. Suspicious of Sheriff Colson because his uncle Hamp may have killed her father, and thinking she'll be charged and found guilty because of her bad girl reputation, TJ goes on the run with her nine year-old brother John Wesley, her best friend Holly, and her car-stealing boyfriend Ladarius.

TJ is soon convicted in one-half of the court of public opinion, goaded and encouraged by Chester Pratt, her mother's current sleazy boyfriend and a conman with a nefarious agenda of his own. But at the same time, the young fugitive also becomes a folk hero to tens of thousands of others, thanks to her large internet presence. Relentlessly pursued by a Deputy U.S. Marshal named Lillie Virgil and a psychopathic father and son team of sadistic killers, TJ Byrd's flight for freedom seems doomed from the get-go.

As the tale alternates between the pursuit of TJ and Sheriff Colson's efforts to solve her mother's murder, Mr. Atkins explains, defines, and explores the interpersonal relationships of a diverse and bawdy cast of characters from a small rural Mississippi county into an electrifying southern noir that readers can't put down and won't soon forget!



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## Forest Pests in the Catskills

The hemlock woolly adelgid and emerald ash borer are wreaking havoc in our Catskills forests. But it can be hard to know how to identify these invasive pests, what they're doing here, and what we can do about it.

Mountainkeeper has assembled a panel of experts from Cornell University, the Cary Institute for Ecosystem Studies, and the Ecological Research Institute to explore these questions and more. Join us for a free Zoom webinar from 6-7pm on Thursday, August 26 to dig in on this critical issue.

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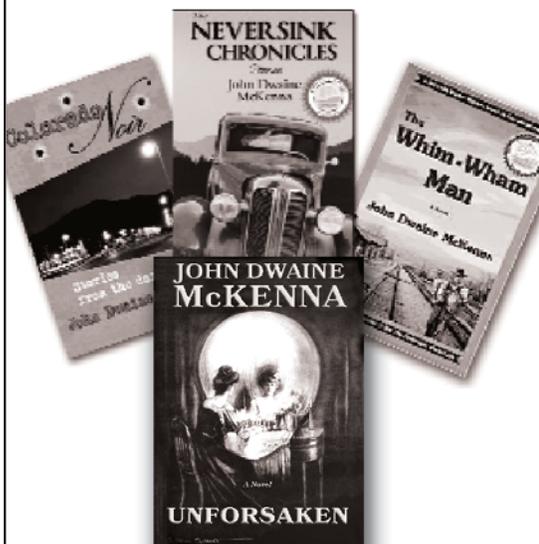
Mountainkeeper's Conservation Manager, Kate O'Connor, will host a discussion with:

- o Dr. Radka Wildova and Jonathan Rosenthal of the Ecological Research Institute's Monitoring and Managing Ash program;
- o Mark Whitmore from Cornell University's Department of Natural Resources & the Environment; and
- o Dr. Gary Lovett of the Cary Institute for Ecosystem Studies.

Touching on everything from effective biocontrols to potential policy solutions, and offering practical tips on what landowners can do to help, this webinar will help you understand what's happening in the woods and the role we all can play in protecting our Catskills forests.

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Join us to celebrate 40 years of creating homes, supporting people, and improving communities! Mark your calendar for Community Lunch this November 4, 11:30 AM at The Chateau.

We are excited to welcome back our friends, family, and supporters this fall, where we will gather to discuss important topics around the housing need in the Hudson Valley. So take a stroll down memory lane with us as we look back at four decades of creating affordable housing and fostering community development. Formed in 1981 as Rural Ulster Preservation Company and rebranded in 2013 as "RUPCO," our agency has expanded its geographical reach and breadth of services throughout the years. Still, we have stayed true to our original mission - to create homes and improve communities.

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## News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

Another Grahamsville Little World's Fair has ended. And it was a HUGE success! As was our Scavenger Hunt! Kids and parents had a great time searching through the fairgrounds for specific places, based on the clues, and finding the questions and answers at those places. They wrote down the answers to the questions on their entry form —returned the form to our Parks & Rec booth —and received a goody bag full of fun surprises, including a coin good for an ice cream bar at the FFA booth. At the end of the fair, two lucky kids got the grand prizes. Brea Sheeley won the girls bike and Anthony Pisaniello won the boys bike. Congratulations to both of them! And a big thank you to the Parks & Rec team (Dana, Tina, Janine, Jessica, Jennifer, Melanie) who worked so hard to help make this a big success. Parks and Rec wants to send out a **BIG THANK YOU** to Tara and the FFA team for donating the ice cream to our event! They helped to make the day for all our scavenger hunters! We can't wait until the 142nd fair next year!

I've received quite a few contacts on the Community Yard Sale. As promised in last week's *Townsmen* the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association and Parks & Rec have worked out the details of the yard sale and vendor/product distributor sales at their Annual Tractor Show and Swap Meet. The event will be on Saturday, September 25th from 9 am - 5 pm and Sunday, September 26th from 9 am - 4 pm. Parks & Rec has been designated well over 50 12'x12' spaces for the yard sale. Because of this, we have agreed to support the Antique Machinery Association and "rent" some of the spaces for their vendors and product distributors. So what does this mean? Participants who have gently used items or treasures they have found in their base-

ment, attic,, garage or anywhere treasures hide can sign up for a "yard sale" space (or spaces), with the only charge being the \$3 entry fee per day. Vendors and product distributors can "rent" a space at a fee \$15 for one day/\$25 for both days. This cost includes the entry fee and will be payable to the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association. Parks & Rec is coordinating the "renting" of these spaces for the Association! So here are the basic rules and requirements for all participants (yard sale and vendor/product distributors):

- Interested participants, whether you are a yard sale participant or vendor/product distributor, must submit a signed registration form/contract, along with any fees, to the Parks & Rec office. To obtain a contract, contact Parks & Rec at [cwparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:cwparksandrec@gmail.com) or contact Cher at 985-2401.
- All craft vendors and product distributors will be subject to the \$15 one day/\$25 both days fee which includes the entry fee, payable to the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association no later than September 14th.
- All yard sale participants must pay the \$3 per day entry fee (\$3 for 1 day, \$6 for both days), payable to the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association no later than September 14th.
- All spaces are 12'x12' on the grassy area of the fairgrounds. All spaces will be pre-assigned, with assignment occurring once the signed registration form/contract and fee is provided. Participants will be notified of their designated space prior to the event.
- No vehicles will be allowed in the yard sale/vendor space. Merchandise must be unloaded from the vehicles and vehicles must move to the parking lot areas for the duration of the event.
- Participants are to provide their own tables, chairs, canopy or tent.
- All participants are fully responsible for their merchandise. Security will be on site for the duration of the event.
- All spaces must be set up **NO LATER** than 9 am each morning of the event. Spaces can be set up Friday night (September 24) before the first day of the event.
- All participants must complete their own set-up of their space and **MUST** remove all merchandise and fully clean their space at the end of the event or when they depart, whichever comes first!

I know this sounds like a lot of rules, but it really isn't! We really want to see a big turnout of participants for this. We want to make it a very special marketplace and bazaar where folks can find all kinds of treasures-new and old! So if you have that gently used stuff or if you have some great products you sell, come and join us for what is going to be a fun filled day! Any questions reach out to me at [cwparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:cwparksandrec@gmail.com). And check out the flyer in this *Townsmen* to get a glimpse of what else is happening at this event! If you have any questions on the Tractor Show contact Hank Samyn @ 985-2548 or Paul Kelly @ 985-0081.

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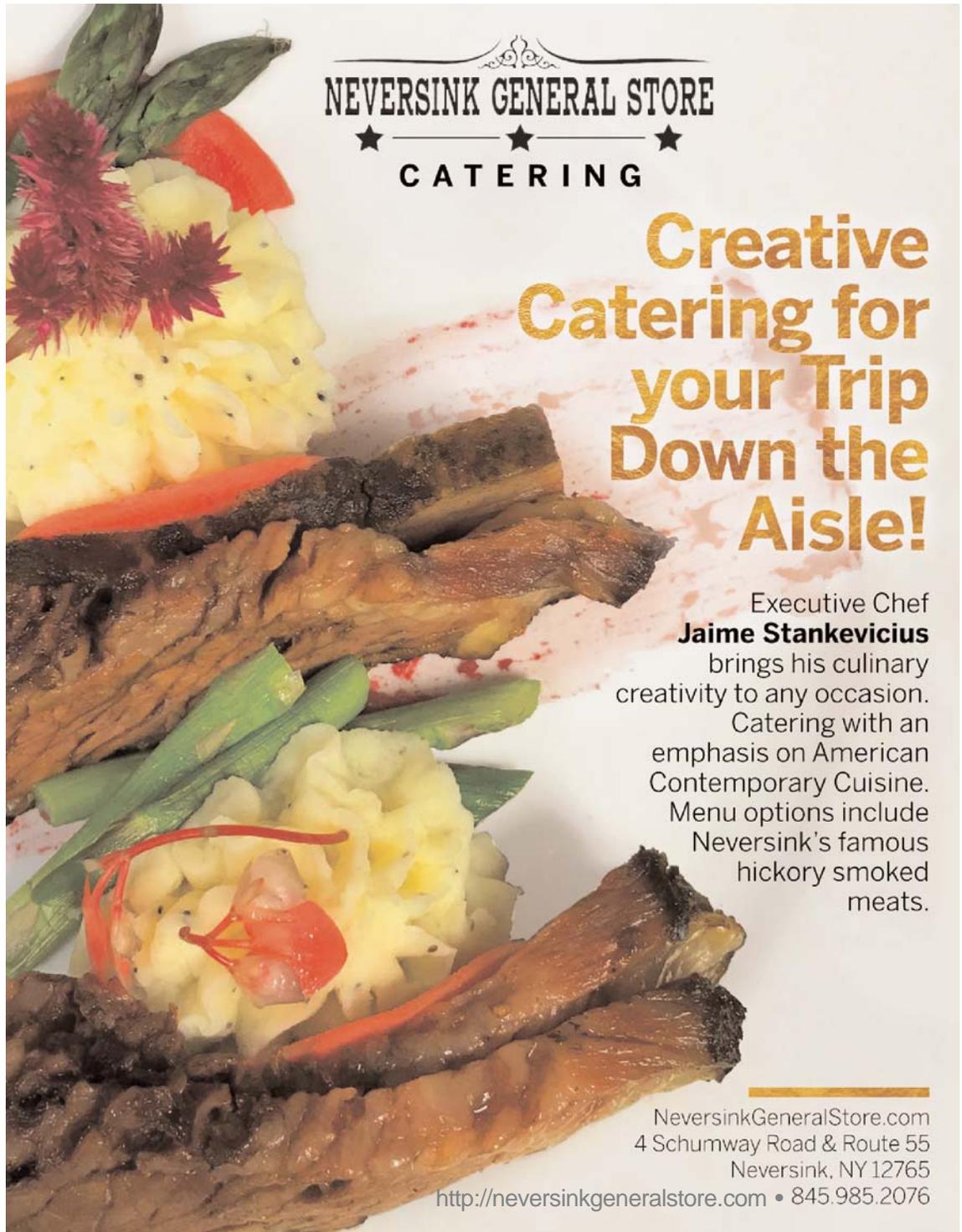
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September and October are going to be very busy months in our Town of Neversink. There are so many fun and exciting events happening in addition to the Antique Tractor Show and Swap Meet and the Community Yard Sale. So mark your calendar for these special days!:

o SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - SULLIVAN COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S PARADE hosted by our Grahamsville Fire Department. There will be volunteer fireman from all over our county parading in their fire trucks. Come join the celebration and take the time to thank them for all they do. For more information, check the Grahamsville Fire Department website.

o SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 - 34TH ANNUAL GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY sponsored by the Daniel Pierce Library. The Pumpkin Party is Back!!! And it will be a day of fun for everyone. Join us at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 9 am-4pm to celebrate the arrival of fall and the pumpkin season! For more information check the Daniel Pierce Library website!

o FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 - 2ND ANNUAL HALLOWEEN DRIVE THRU at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Parks & Rec is sponsoring the event this year, and we are looking to get several organizations and groups to "take on a space" to decorate for Halloween. We want to "Light up the Fairgrounds" this year. Look for more info as we get closer to the date. If you have any questions or want to sign up for a space, contact me at [cwparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:cwparksandrec@gmail.com).



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o SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 - TRUNK OR TREAT AT TRI-VALLEY. Parks & Rec will be partnering with Tri-Valley School to have the Trunk or Treat this year. We will be looking for folks to decorate their trunks and give the kids lots of treats for Halloween. Jennifer Pisaniello, our P&R Board Member, is coordinating this effort for Parks & Rec and will be sharing more information soon. If you have any questions, you can send them my way at [cwparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:cwparksandrec@gmail.com).

That's it for this week. Keep reading your Townsman for our Parks & Rec updates. Take care everyone. Be safe, stay healthy and most of all be happy.

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## The Scene Too -Jane Harrison

Jane will be back on line next week and wishes you all a safe and happy week.

# Forestburgh Playhouse Announces IN THE WORKS~IN THE WOODS Arts Festival

This new theater Arts Festival at the Forestburgh Playhouse is dedicated to nurturing playwrights, composers, lyricists and emerging theatrical works.

Forestburgh Playhouse announced today the creation of In the Works~In the Woods, a new annual arts festival to take place September 9-12, as part of its 75th Anniversary Season.

The announcement was made by Franklin Trapp, Producing Artistic Director for the Forestburgh Playhouse and Broadway veteran Matt Lenz, Festival Artistic Director and Director of Creative Development for the Forestburgh Playhouse.

"The Forestburgh Playhouse is thrilled to launch a brand-new annual theatre festival in the Sullivan Catskills," said Franklin Trapp. "Since 1947, Playhouse productions have provided exciting and developmental opportunities for artists. We are thrilled to add this all-important component of supporting and developing new works by emerging playwrights, composers and artists. In the Works~In the Woods is truly an opportunity to grow as a theatre and as a community."

Lenz says, "I'm thrilled and gratified to be a part of founding this exciting, new, annual theatrical event in the Sullivan Catskills. The artistic legacy in this neck of the woods is illustrious and diverse - and my hope is that the In the Works~In the Woods Festival will continue to celebrate and keep shining a light on that history for years to come. There is most definitely creativity in the DNA of these woods - so the bucolic Forestburgh Playhouse campus is the perfect home for this. It provides a gorgeous, inspiring environment for both established and emerging theatre-makers to explore and bring their new works to light."

Participants in this year's In the Works~In the Woods Festival:

### BY ANY OTHER NAME

A new musical by Deborah Zoe Laufer (Book and Lyrics) and Daniel Green (Music and Additional Lyrics) directed by Noah Himmelstein.

In this new bluegrass romantic comedy, nine of Shakespeare's young lovers find themselves magically transported to the same forest, where together they grapple with love, loss, identity, and the constraints of gender roles.

### THIS HAPPENED ONCE AT THE ROMANCE DEPOT OFF THE I-87 IN WESTCHESTER

A new play by Gina Femia  
Directed by Taylor Reynolds

Kevin owns a Romance Depot. Beth needs a vibrator. The two of them form an unlikely relationship that straddles the line between friendship and romance. What happens when two lonely people find one another?

### EL OTRO OZ: LA MARAVILLOSA ADVENTURE OF DORA GARZA

The Other Oz: The Marvelous Adventure of Dora Garza is a new

bi-lingual musical for young audiences.

Book by Mando Alvarado and Tommy Newman, Music and Lyrics by Jaime Lozano and Tommy Newman. Directed by Rebecca Aparicio.

On the day of her quinceañera, Dora Inez Garza gets swept up by a gran tornado that drops her (and her little chihuahua, too) in a strange and magical world where she must slip on the ruby zapatillas and journey down the yellow brick road to find that true power comes from embracing who you truly are. Produced in association with Theatreworks USA.

### CATSKILLS CAB LAB

Directed by Alan Muraoka. Featuring new, solo Cabaret artists, Belinda Allyn and Frank James Johnson. Steven Cuevas is Musical Director.

Renowned actor and director Alan Muraoka (Miss Saigon, Pacific Overtures, Sesame Street) will develop and direct unique, intimate, musical cabaret evenings with two emerging young talents.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

#### HOLDING MY OWN: Journey to the Ring, Part I

A new play written and performed by Didi Conn, with music by David Shire.

The beloved star of stage, film and television, Didi Conn, shares this inspiring, funny and intimate new work in progress.

#### "OFF THE CUFF" Creative Conversations with Artists

The Festival will feature prominent theatre professionals in impromptu discussions about their careers and the creative process.

Forestburgh Playhouse is offering three different passport memberships to the Festival: Friends of Forestburgh: \$150 (Individual), Miracle of the Forest VIP: \$500 (2 Passes) and Festival Founder VIP: \$1000 (2 Passes).

Day Passes are also available for \$75/pass and tickets to individual events are \$35/ticket. A ticket to the Musical for Young Audiences costs \$10/person.

For more information: [www.fbplayhouse.org](http://www.fbplayhouse.org) or by calling 845-794-1194.

The In the Works~In the Woods Festival Advisory Committee includes Scott Evans (Actor/Director), Robin Levine (Director), Cori Thomas (Playwright), Banji Aborisade (Director/Choreographer), Trent Blanton (Director/Educator), Jillian Carucci (Director), Alan Muraoka (Actor/Director), Ana Flavia Zuim (Musical Director/Conductor), Anthony C. Daniel (Director/Associate Festival Director), Franklin Trapp (FBP Producing, Artistic Director) and Matt Lenz (ITW Festival Artistic Director).

### ABOUT THE FORESTBURGH PLAYHOUSE

The Forestburgh Playhouse is the oldest, continuously running, professional summer theatre in New York State. Located in the Sullivan Catskills, the Playhouse was founded in 1947 by John Grahame and Alexander Maissel. FBPH's mission is to present high-quality, professional theatre, including musicals, plays, cabarets and theatre for young audiences; to provide arts education programming for local youth; to develop and launch the careers of young artists; and to foster the development of new works through an annual new works festival. FBPH attracts over 30,000 patrons each summer and was one of the first venues in the U.S. in 2020 to return to live performance with its Under the Stars concert series. This year, the Playhouse is proud to celebrate its 75th Anniversary.

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## Gillibrand, Colleagues Call for the Immediate Evacuation of SIV Applicants from Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, chair of the Senate Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee, today joined her colleagues in a bipartisan effort urging the Biden administration to expedite the full implementation of the recently-passed emergency supplemental funding legislation that included key provisions of the Afghan Allies Protection Act (AAPA). In light of the situation in Afghanistan quickly deteriorating and the Taliban taking control of Kabul, Gillibrand and colleagues are pushing for the urgent implementation of reforms to improve the SIV program's efficiency and accessibility. Key provisions of the AAPA were successfully signed into law in July of 2021; however, the horrific events taking place in Afghanistan now threaten the lives of tens of thousands of Afghan partners. Full implementation of this legislation is urgently needed to address the escalating situation and evacuate SIV applicants whose service to the U.S. mission has put their lives in jeopardy.

"The Taliban's rapid ascendancy across Afghanistan and takeover of Kabul should not cause us to break our promise to the Afghans who helped us operate over the past twenty years and are counting on us for assistance. American inaction would ensure they become refugees or prime targets for Taliban retribution," the Senators wrote.

"Specifically, we urge continued coordination between the Departments of State and Defense to secure and hold Hamid Karzai International Airport, including to allow for the continuation of military flights and the resumption of commercial and charter flights. We also urge your Administration to assist with the passage of individuals to the airport to safety - both those within Kabul and those outside of the capital - as well as to consider cases where Afghans fleeing quickly may not have been able to collect or gather appropriate documents," the Senators added. "We were pleased that you immediately signed [our] legislation to make extensive improvements to the SIV program into law three weeks ago and now ask that you move just as quickly to ensure it is properly and fully implemented ensuring applicants and their families can get out of harm's way."

In the letter, the Senators call for the urgent evacuation of Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) applicants and their families, as well as the full and immediate implementation of their legislation to expand the Afghan SIV program and streamline the application process. They urge the administration to enforce strategic agency coordination and hold the Hamid Karzai International Airport to ensure the safety of Afghan partners and their families, in addition to U.S. citizens. The letter marks the latest congressional response to the Taliban's takeover and the danger posed to Afghan allies who served alongside the U.S. mission.



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# Fall for Art Celebrates their Silver Anniversary Virtual Juried Art Show and Community Fundraiser

7pm Saturday, October 23 - 5 pm Friday, October 29

Twenty-five years ago, Judy Polinsky had the idea for the Jewish Federation of Ulster County to sponsor an art event for Hudson Valley artists to gather together in one space to show and sell their artwork. Judy & Barbara Cohen asked local celebrated artist Katharine McKenna if she thought this idea would work. Katharine said: "Absolutely!" and now twenty-five years later, Fall for Art is established as a premier art event. Art shows were held in galleries and many featured solo artists. You only met the artist at the opening event and purchases made after the opening did not provide you the opportunity to meet the artist. Fall for Art, a juried art show and sale brought Hudson Valley artists together in a single space for several hours to show and sell their artwork.

Proceeds from FfA are allocated to the artists (70% of individual sales), Federation causes and local nonprofits. The Gift of Giving monetary award

has been presented to an organization representing visual arts & performing arts. Some years, the recipient selects artwork of a specific value for their space from the participating artists.

Some of the recipients have included Shadowland Theatre, Ellenville, Art Society of Kingston, SUNY Ulster Community College art restoration project, and the Cancer Center at HealthAlliance. Kingston City Hall was the first recipient in 1999. Fused glass artist Sara Beames was commissioned to create The Eternal Flame sculpture to represent the friendship between the Jewish community and City of Kingston.

The Fall for Art Committee Sara Beames, Barbara Cohen, Sloane Grubard, Louise Lefkovits, Darlene Levit, and Sue Worthman decided to continue FfA in 2021 as a virtual show that supports the Federation, Hudson Valley Artists, and local non profits Circle of Friends for the Dying, Hudson Valley Food Bank, Jewish Family Services, LGBTQ, Oncology Support Services and People's Place. Thanks to Mike Rice, owner of Net Prophet and graphic artist Supattra Samanyaphon the platform is created. Desiree O'Clair, Development Coordinator



works with the committee.

You will be able to visit 34 Hudson Valley artists spaces, representing a variety of 2 & 3 dimensional mediums. Great opportunity to purchase gifts for your family, friends and you.

## 2021 Participating Artists

Jewelry Harriet Forman Barrett, Janet Baskerville, Sara Beames, Susan Carey, Liz Horn & Ron Zukor, Helen Hosking, Lorraine LeClair, Lissa Queeney Matthews, Marysa Sacerdote, Heidi Spadter; Textile Denise Aumick, Alexa Ginsburg, Deborah Thackery-Mills, Suzanne Neusner; Turned Wood John Franklin; Photography John Fischer, Joel Mandelbaum, Bentley Potter; Two Dimensional Jane Bloodgood-Abrams (oils/limited edition prints), Leslie Bender (watercolor), Monica R. Cohen (oil, pen & ink), Carol Pepper-Cooper (pastel/ink/mm), Maxine Davidowitz (monotype collage/acrylics), Jennifer Decker (watercolor/acrylic/mm), Shulamit Elson (signed limited edition lithograph), Lynne Friedman (watercolor), Justin Love (acrylic on canvas); Ceramics/Pottery Neville Bean, Sally Rothchild, Dale Wolfeld; Mixed Media Patti Gibbons (handmade greeting cards), Glenn Grubard (paper cut, fine art) Leonie Lacouette (wood/copper clocks), Louise Lefkovits (painting/mats).

This popular community fundraiser made possible thanks to the generous support of corporate and individual sponsors, patrons, and contributors. Business and individuals are invited to visit [www.fallforart.org](http://www.fallforart.org), call the Federation office at

845-338-8131, or email: [info@fallforart.org](mailto:info@fallforart.org) to become a FfA sponsor. A sponsor of \$500 and above is listed on the invitation and all print materials. Visit [www.fallforart.org](http://www.fallforart.org)

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## Congresswoman Claudia Tenney Drafting Bill to Prohibit U.S. Government from Charging American Citizens for Evacuation Flights

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) today announced she is drafting legislation to prohibit the United States government from charging American citizens for evacuation flights out of Afghanistan. While U.S. officials have previously stated that emergency flights would be free, there are reports that American citizens are being asked to pay for them.

"I was horrified to learn that the U.S. government may be charging American citizens outrageous sums for evacuation flights out of Afghanistan. This is adding insult to injury for those American citizens desperately trying to flee the Taliban," said Congresswoman Tenney. "I'm drafting legislation to make sure American citizens are not charged a dime for a lifesaving flight out of the country. We have an obligation to bring our citizens home and we must do whatever it takes to achieve this critical mission."

Tenney is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. She has been an outspoken critic of President Biden's Afghanistan policy. Earlier today, she reiterated her call on him to resign for his mishandling of the crisis and failure to effectively execute his duties as Commander-in-Chief.

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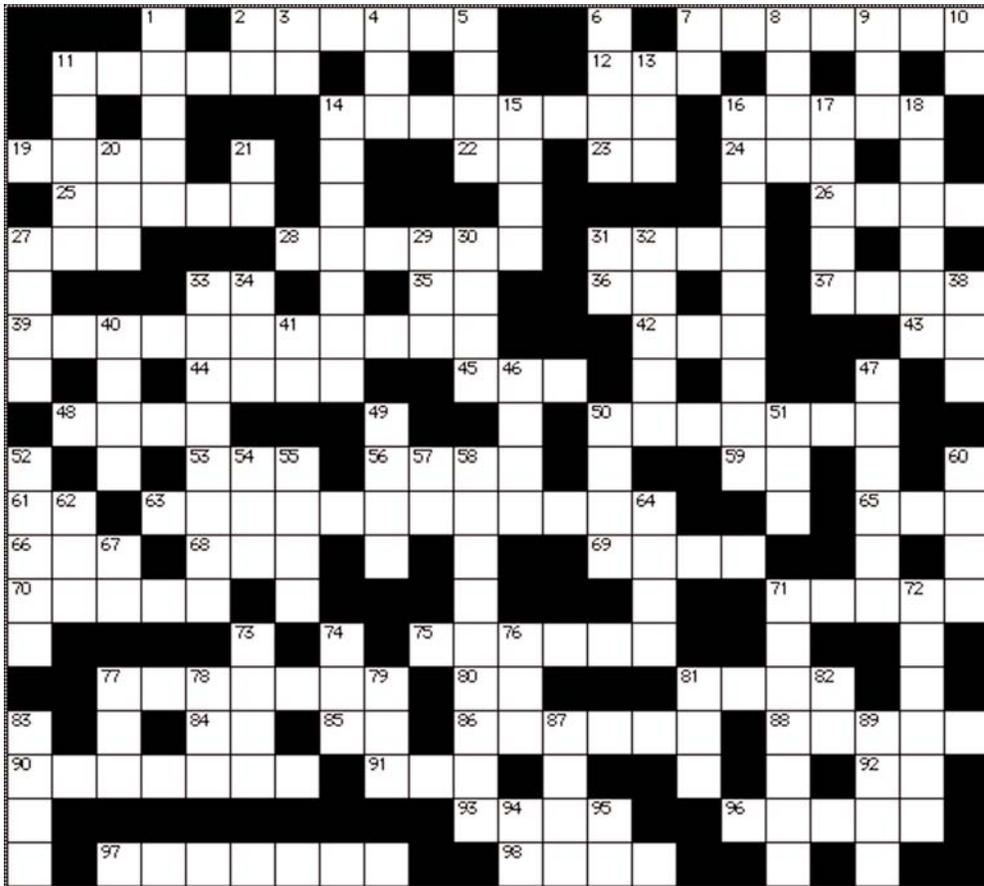
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- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 2 teaspoons salt o 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon black cracked pepper
- 2/3 cup parmesan cheese, finely grated or shredded
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped

Preheat oven to 390 degrees F. Use parchment paper to line a large baking sheet and set aside. Cut the potatoes into long wedges. You should get 8 roughly even wedges per potato. Place potato wedges in a large bowl and set aside.

In a small bowl, whisk together the oil, garlic, onion powder, salt, paprika and pepper. Pour the oil mixture over the potatoes and toss together until evenly coated.

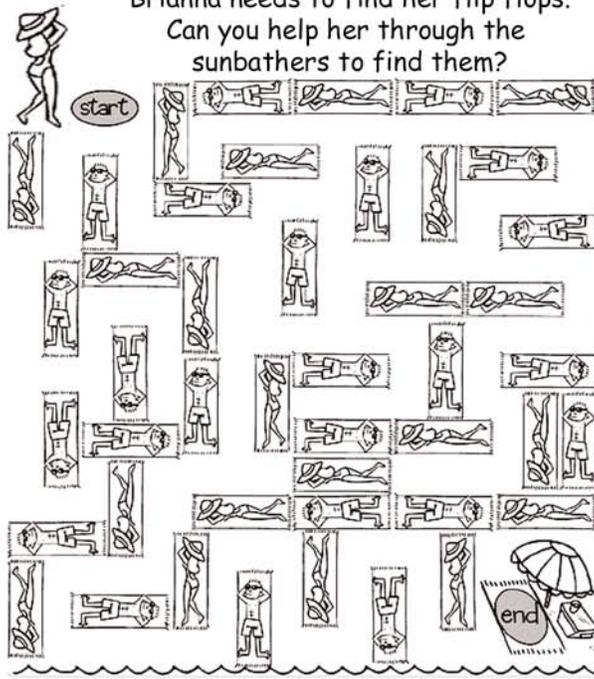
On your parchment-lined tray, arrange the seasoned potatoes skin-sides-down. Sprinkle with half of the parmesan cheese and extra salt if desired. Place the loaded tray in the oven and bake for 35 minutes, turning wedges halfway through the baking time. Once potatoes are golden, crisped, and soft when poked with a fork, carefully remove from the oven. Spike with chopped parsley and remaining parmesan cheese. Serve and enjoy!

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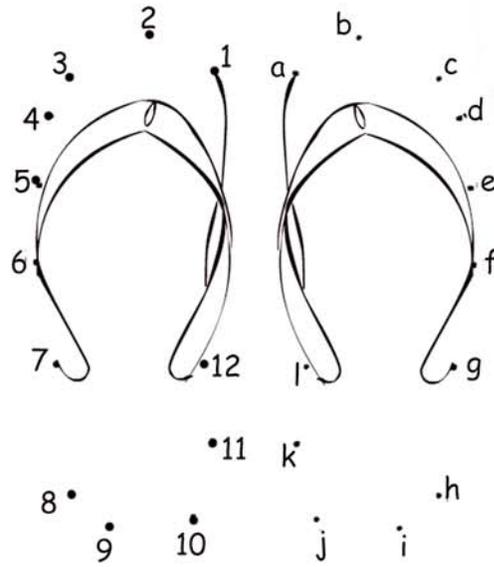
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Brianna needs to find her flip flops.  
Can you help her through the  
sunbathers to find them?



Finish

Follow the dots to  
see something that  
Brianna is looking for.



**WORDSEARCH**

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 V R F I S H I N G Z R

- SUMMER
- VACATION
- CAMPING
- HIKING
- FISHING
- PICNICS
- BOATING
- SAILING
- SWIMMING
- TRAVEL
- LUGGAGE
- RELAXING

The kids  
are taking  
one last swim  
before the  
storm. What are the  
differences between  
the two pictures?



**Kids' Summer  
Fun Page**

- L. Comando

**CRYPTOGRAM**

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**Cryptogram Key**

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# Sundown UMC Annual **CHICKEN BARBEQUE**

Sat, September 11, 2021  
4 - 7 pm

Take Out & Outdoor Dining

Adults: \$12.00  
Children (8 & Under): \$6.00

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

For information &/or tickets  
Contact: John Barnum 985-7065  
or  
Pastor Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES****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 Neysa Sensenig, for the purpose of an Area Variance for an addition to residence located at 7191 State Route 42, Grahamsville, NY (SBL# 44.-1-13.15).

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY, on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 7:30 P.M. At this 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

8/26

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

The Town of Denning will hold a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2021, Titled: Tax Levy Limit Override on Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 set to begin at 6 pm prior to the start of the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting.

At SAID meeting any and all interested person(s) will be heard either for or against.

A copy of the proposed law is available in the Town Clerks Office during normal business hours.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD  
Joy Monforte, RMC  
Town Clerk  
August 17th, 2021

8/26

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

The Town of Denning will hold a Public Hearing regarding the proposed renewal of the Sundown Fire Protection District contract, for a period of five (5) years. Scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 set to begin at 6 pm prior to the start of the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting.

At SAID meeting; any and all interested person(s) will be heard either for or against.

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**Sullivan County ROAD CLOSURES**

**Jeffersonville, NY** - The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of **Town Highway 17 (DeWitt Flats Road)**, in the **Town of Callicoon**, to replace County Bridge 241.

County Bridge 241 is located approximately 0.3 miles east of the intersection of State Route 52 and DeWitt Flats Rd and will be closed to all traffic starting 8 a.m. on June 1, 2021, remaining closed for approximately 4 months.

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works will post a detour route using DeWitt Flats Rd, State Route 52, Briscoe Rd. (CR 144), Huff Rd., Hubert Rd. and East Hill Rd.

## Anticipated Opening Tri-Valley Central School

### Cleaner

Please forward resumes & Tri-Valley's application  
(located at [www.trivalleycsd.org](http://www.trivalleycsd.org)) by **Sept 3rd**  
To: [tri-valley-recruitment@scbores.org](mailto:tri-valley-recruitment@scbores.org)  
Attn: Cleaner Search EOE

## Leave Replacement Opening Tri-Valley Central School

### Teacher Aide

High School Diploma or Equivalent Required  
Salary based on experience & qualifications.

Please forward resumes & Tri-Valley's application  
(located at [www.trivalleycsd.org](http://www.trivalleycsd.org)) by **Sept 3rd**  
To: [tri-valley-recruitment@scbores.org](mailto:tri-valley-recruitment@scbores.org)  
Attn: Teacher Aide Search EOE

## TOWN OF NEVERSINK FALL CLEANUP 2021

Fall Cleanup will be held on Saturday October 9, 2021, Wednesday October 13, 2021 and Saturday October 16, 2021. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with Green 2021 permits will be allowed 2 loads. Permit cards will be punched for the load.

TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of with payment being made by SW coupons. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires per year, permit cards will be punched. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. Due to the high volume of traffic during fall cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Fall Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.

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

**Tri-Valley CSD  
Board Meeting  
Thursday, August 26, 2021**

**Fallsburg CSD  
Board of Education Meeting  
August 25, 2021**

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## Governor Cuomo Signs Legislation Requiring Banks to Take Actions to Prevent Overdraft Fees

*Legislation (S.1465/A.1073) Requires Banking  
Institutions that Maintain Checking Accounts to  
Pay Checks in the Order they Are Received*

*Banks May Dishonor Checks Due to Insufficient  
Funds but Must Honor Smaller Checks if Customer  
Is Able to Pay*

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today signed legislation (S.1465/A.1073) requiring banks to take several actions that prevent overdraft fees. The legislation requires banking institutions that maintain checking accounts to pay checks in the order they are received. If a bank receives a check for a greater amount of money than the balance in the account, it may decline to pay the check. However, the banking institution must honor any smaller checks that can be paid with the existing account balance.

"The COVID pandemic had a devastating effect on our economy and as a result, many New Yorkers still struggle to pay their bills, and the arbitrary overdraft fees that banks have continued to issue only add insult to injury," Governor Cuomo said. "This legislation will require banks to take several actions that reduce the opportunities for charging overdraft fees and keep more money in New Yorkers' pockets. We continue to face the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and this commonsense bill will help many of the state's residents who need it most."

Under current law, if a banking institution receives a check for a larger amount of money than the funds in the account, it will not only dishonor that check, but all subsequent checks, even if there are sufficient funds in the account to pay them. This legislation requires banks to honor subsequent checks if they can be paid using funds in the account.

## Gillibrand Urges State Department to Aid Bard College Against Threat of the Russian Federation

*Bard College's Recent Designation as an  
"Undesirable" Organization Ends 25-Year  
Partnership with St. Petersburg State University*

WASHINGTON D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is urging Secretary of State Antony Blinken to support efforts in reversing the Russian government's recent designation of Bard College as an "undesirable" organization. The institution has a longstanding affiliation and degree partnership with St. Petersburg State University –started 25 years ago by Bard President Leon Botstein. The exchange and education programs have been critical to building ties between young Americans and Russians, and played a large role in developing a cohort of Americans well-versed in Russian language and culture. The recent designation of Bard College by the Russian government effectively ended this program and makes any student or worker associated with Bard's program a potential criminal subject to fines or imprisonment.

"This designation is not only highly disappointing to the Bard College community, but it also politicizes and undermines the important work that exchange programs achieve building human-to-human relationships between partner countries and students," said Senator Gillibrand. "The recent designation of Bard College as an 'undesirable' organization sets a dangerous precedent of punishing lawful institutions and partnerships engaged in free academic exchange. I look forward to working with Secretary Blinken on this matter and I urge the State Department to swiftly aid Bard College against threats from the Russian Federation."

"The Russian government's unwarranted designation of Bard College as an "undesirable organization" is a tragedy not just for the students and our colleagues at Smolny College but also for the future of higher education and cultural partnerships in Russia," said Bard College President Leon Botstein. "The Smolny partnership, which spanned more than 25 years, was successful in bringing Russian and American students together to pursue shared educational goals. For this collaboration to be forced to end abruptly at a time when this understanding seems most needed is disheartening. Bard will continue to support and strengthen the idea of international education and people-to people diplomacy in other locations across the globe. We are very grateful for Senator Gillibrand's support and despite this setback, we will continue protesting the Russian government's designation and push for the reinstatement of Bard's partnership with Smolny College."

For 25 years, Bard College has been a model for U.S.-Russia higher education cooperation through its partnership with St. Petersburg State University, and is one of the most robust education programs shared between the U.S. and Russia. Its Smolny College program has been consistently praised in both countries for its educational quality and opportunities it provides for American and Russian students, including receiving recognition from former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov. However, on June 21, 2021, the Prosecutor General's Office of the Russian Federation announced Bard College's classification as an "undesirable" organization that "threatens the constitutional order and security of Russia." This decision bars Bard from continuing its academic programming and would likely preclude any of its associates from maintaining similar programs as well. Further, this designation may also label any Russian citizen participating in Bard-sponsored activities as violating Russian law.



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# UC Executive Pat Ryan and RUPCO Announce Deal to Build Desperately Needed Supportive Housing for Ulster County Residents

*In response to Ulster County's urgent housing crisis, the new facility located at the Quality Inn on Route 28 in the Town of Ulster, will provide approximately one hundred apartments for those most in need. Those in need of housing will also be provided with on-site mental health care, career counseling and job training, childcare, and support for finding permanent housing.*



*NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Ulster County Legislator Brian Cahill, Ulster County Legislative Chairman Dave Donaldson, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan today announced that through a partnership with RUPCO, Family of Woodstock and Catholic Charities of Ulster, Sullivan, and Orange, the Quality Inn on Route 28 in the Town of Ulster, will be renovated to provide supportive housing for families and individuals.

"Coming out of the pandemic, Ulster County will continue to do everything that we can to assist those most vulnerable among us," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "No one in our community should go homeless, ever. These new apartments, along with all the supportive services, will allow our residents to live with dignity and pride while accessing critical services and support during a difficult time."

"New Yorkers experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness deserve supportive housing with robust services and a pathway to permanent housing," NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams said. "This project is an essential lifeline and an effective solution that will greatly improve the lives of so many in Ulster County, so I commend the work of County Executive Pat Ryan and all the organizations and advocates who came together to make this a reality."

The hotel's 145 rooms would be converted to approximately one hundred apartments with kitchen and other amenities to help address the critical need to provide housing to those most vulnerable. In addition, wrap-around services including health and mental health care, career counseling and job training, childcare, and support for finding permanent housing will be provided at the site. The ability to provide all of these services onsite will greatly accelerate residents' ability to secure sustainable, permanent housing. The hotel restaurant will be renovated to serve both residents and the community and may be used for job training opportunities.

"Housing is a priority issue for the Legislature and will continue to be," Ulster County Legislator Brian Cahill said. "We will work in partnership with Executive Ryan, RUPCO and any other partner that is working towards helping fill the need for housing wherever it exists. This project will fill a dire need for those who need transitional housing and are currently living in sub-standard, temporary solutions."

"Catholic Charities is grateful for the opportunity to partner with the County, Town of Ulster, RUPCO, and Family of Woodstock to address critical housing issues in our community," CEO of Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Shannon Kelly said. "Operating the County's Warming Center has allowed us to learn first-hand about the challenges faced by those who visited the Center. For many, housing insecurity is just one aspect of their struggles. In addition to providing safe, secure housing, the hotel conversion will offer increased access to services so that those in need are able to care for their health and well-being and improve their quality of life. We're very excited to be a part of this forward-thinking project."

"Family is very excited to collaborate with the County, RUPCO, and Catholic Charities on such a major initiative to respond to the huge numbers of homeless families and individuals who have been living in area motels," Executive Director of Family of Woodstock Michael Berg said. "The project will not only provide apartments with cooking facilities but

will co-locate extensive services needed to help address the other issues holding the residents back."

MASS Design Group, a Poughkeepsie-based award-winning architecture firm named the 2020 Architecture Innovator of the Year by the Wall Street Journal, will be tapped to do the renovations at the site and currently, they are exploring ways to incorporate solar and other green design features.

In March, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan released the Ulster County Housing Action Plan. Through a partnership with the Ulster County Legislature, the plan called for an increase in the supply of supported and transitional housing; today's announcement directly addresses one of the key housing needs highlighted in the report.

Last week, the "Housing Our Neighbors with Dignity Act" was signed into law. The new legislation calls for the creation of a fund to be used by the state to buy financially distressed hotels and commercial properties and convert them into permanent housing for vulnerable New Yorkers.

The first housing units at the new facility are expected to be available to begin meeting these needs by the Spring of 2022.

If you wish to download this week's Church bulletin from St. Peter's, Liberty, NY please go to: [stpeters/bulletin](http://stpeters/bulletin)

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

**Good News!**  
**St. Mark's**  
**UM Church**  
 68 Clinton St.  
 Napanch, NY  
**Thrift Shop**  
 and  
**Clothing Sale**  
 Will be opened  
 every Friday  
 from 10 - 3



**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
**Chicken BBQ**  
**Sept. 11, 2021**  
**4 pm - 7 pm**  
 See page 17 for details  
**Sept 25**

**Sundown Ladies Harvest Sale**  
**Sept. 25**  
 See page 28 for details

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Thrift Sale**

t/b/a

No donations at this time, hopefully soon!



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 The Little Church with the Big Heart  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**Sunday, 8:00am Service of Holy Communion**  
 Music by Fred VanWagn

5277 State Rt. 42  
 South Fallsburg  
 845-436-7539

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

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

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

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 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 & Sundown United Methodist Churches  
**House Worship Plan**  
**Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link**  
 Join Zoom Meeting - Worship Service & Tuesday Evening Bible Study Zoom Link  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2029912673?pwd=R2lJYUhyTVdsQWdMUXZvTEtCeGdLZz09>  
 Meeting ID: 202 991 2673 Passcode: 012740  
 Dial by your location  
 +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
 +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

**The Bible Study continues every Tuesday at 7 pm.**  
 The next meeting will be a Seventh-week gathering. If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please feel free to contact the Pastor, Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

*The Church with a friendly welcome*  
**Pastor Kenneth Ronk**  
 Sunday School 9:30 am  
 Worship Service 9:30 am  
 P O Box 238 - Route 55  
 Grahamsville, NY 12740  
 845-985-7480

**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
 Claryville, NY 12725  
 845-985-2041



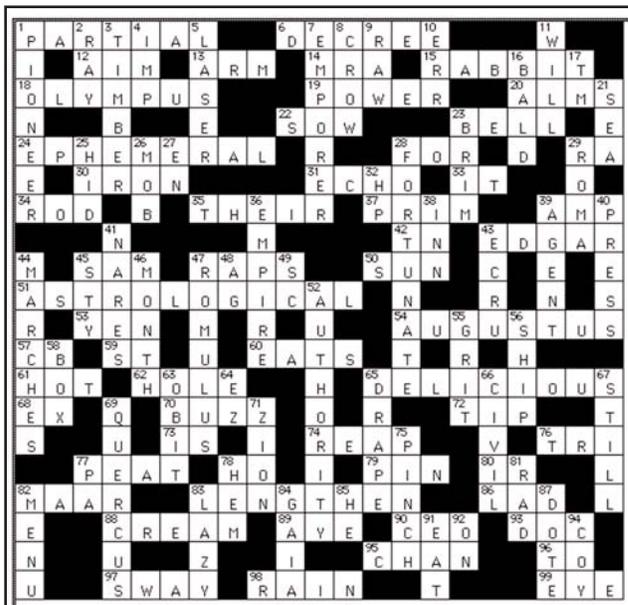
Worship Services @ 10:00 am

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**

**Loucks Funeral Home**  
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**"Celebrating Life, One Family at a Time"**  
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 Ellenville, New York  
 (845) 647-4343

Ans to last week's Crossword



## Community Driver Safety Programs Defensive Driving Classes

Community Driver Safety Programs will be offering two Defensive Driving Classes this summer. The first class will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021 and the second class will be offered on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Both classes will be take place from 10:00AM to 4:00PM at the Callicoon Town Hall located at 19 Legion Street in Jeffersonville, New York. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call Community Driver Safety Programs, Inc. at (845)807-6005 to register for a class or to obtain further details.

Courses are instructed by a RSVP volunteer and consist of lecture, discussion and video presentation. Participants will receive a certificate at the completion of the course which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance. This program can help reduce your auto insurance by up to 10% and may reduce up to four points on your license. The fee for the course is \$25 for individuals over 50 years of age and \$30 for individuals under 50 years of age.

These courses are sponsored by Community Driver Safety Programs, Inc., Sullivan County RSVP and Office for the Aging.

## SC Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Fish Stocking Program

The District is now taking orders for the annual Fish Stocking Program. If you are interested in stocking your pond with rainbow or brook trout or fathead minnows this fall, the District will be accepting orders until Monday, September 27, 2021. The pick-up date is Friday, October 1st. 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 [sullivanwcd.org](http://sullivanwcd.org) or contact the District office at (845) 292-6552 for a brochure, order form and a permit application

## Poets Invited to Enter Poetry Festival

The Liberty Museum & Arts Center invites poets to participate in its 12th Annual Poetry Festival to be held at 2 PM, Saturday, September 25th. Poets, published and unpublished, working in all styles, are welcome. We are planning this to be a hybrid event, to be held at the newly-renovated Liberty Public Library and via ZOOM. The festival is one of the Museum's most popular events.

The festival highlights the talents of the region's finest poets and the readings range from light humorous pieces to free verse to intense Gothic and expressionistic work. Organized and moderated by poet Marilyn Laufer, the festival continues to attract more and more poets each year. Ms. Laufer was recently named the second Poet Laureate of the Village of Liberty.

Please submit poems for consideration to Marilyn Laufer, PO Box 87, White Sulphur Springs, NY 12787 or email them to [mbrumess@gmail.com](mailto:mbrumess@gmail.com). Include your full name, address, telephone and email contact information. The last date to submit poems is August 26th (no exceptions). For more information, contact Marilyn Laufer at (845) 292-6628.

## VENDORS WANTED

Vendor applications are now being accepted for the Mountain Dale Rail Trail Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 on the rail trail in Mountain Dale, New York. Rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021.

Each 10'x10' space is \$20.00 for merchandise, \$25.00 for food. Electric is not available. You are responsible for bringing your own tables, chairs, canopies, etc.

Vendor applications available by contacting Jill at 845-798-6058 or [jweiner@gmail.com](mailto:jweiner@gmail.com) or Diane at 845-434-7023 or [dsenn10151@aol.com](mailto:dsenn10151@aol.com).

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

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU answer

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<http://gnomehomeinc.com>

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

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

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/28/21	<b>Claryville Fire Dept Annual CraftFair</b> 10 am - 4 pm
9/1/21	Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7pm. Submission date 8/18/2021
9/4/21	<b>Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid Bake Sale</b> 9 am till sold out
9/6/21	Town of Neversink Holiday - <b>LABOR DAY</b>
9/7/21	Claryville Fire District meeting 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville
9/8/21	Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular
9/11/21	<b>Sundown UMC Annual Chicken BBQ</b> - 4 - 7 pm. See pg. 17 for details
9/14/21	Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)
9/16/21	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
9/21/21	Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm- Submissioin date 9/7/2021

**Save the Date!**

**Neversink Parks & Rec Yard Sale/The Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Annual Tractor Show & Swap Meet September 25th and Sunday, September 26th**

**Oct 2 - 45th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party**

**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

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

**During these uncertain times -PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION** for updates & changes

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

## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update For The Week Of August 23 - August 27, 2021

**Monday, August 23**

- o 12:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board of Directors, at 999 Flatbush Rd, Kingston.
- o 7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

**Tuesday, August 24**

- o 3:00 PM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston

**Wednesday, August 25**

- o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Audit Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston
- o 10:00 AM (or immediately following the UC IDA Audit Comm.) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Audit Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston
- o 10:30 AM (or immediately following the UC CRC Audit Comm.) - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston
- o 11:00 AM (or immediately following the UC IDA Governance Comm.) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Governance Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston
- o 3:00 PM - Electrical Licensing Board, in the Town of Rosendale Town Hall, 1915 Lucas Tpk, Cottekill
- o 5:30 PM - Recycling Oversight Committee, at Robert Post Park, Large Pavilion, 515 Park Rd, Kingston
- o 6:30 PM - Environmental Management Council, in the Howard St. John Business Seminar Room, Clinton Hall, SUNY Ulster, Stone Ridge Campus, 491 Cottekill Rd, Stone Ridge
- o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District, at 5 Park Ln, Highland

**Thursday, August 26**

- o No Meetings

**Friday, August 27**

- o No Meetings

### The First Friday of the Month Book Discussion Group

The group meets  
at the  
Daniel Pierce  
Library in  
Grahamsville, N.Y.  
from 1 to 3 p.m.

Refreshments are  
provided by  
its members.

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JOIN US !**

### Dangerous Turtle

On Aug. 11, ECO DeRose responded to assist Suffolk County Police with a 911 call for a 'dangerous turtle' in the garden of a residence. Upon arrival, ECO DeRose determined it was a large native snapping turtle with a shell almost 18 inches long.



ECO DeRose, along with Suffolk County Police, safely removed the turtle and transported it to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator for evaluation. After it was determined to be in good health, they released the snapping turtle into a local pond.

### Playing Chicken



ECO holding hawk in a towel before releasee

While on patrol on July 26, ECO Crisafulli received a call for a hawk in distress at a residence in the village of Brewster. The ECO met with the homeowner and found the hawk stuck in a chicken coop where it was being attacked by some of the chickens. Officer Crisafulli safely rescued the Red-Shouldered Hawk, which did

not appear to sustain any apparent injuries. Following the incident, the ECO released the hawk and it flew away.

### If at First You Don't Succeed, Try, Try Again



On Aug. 8, ECO DuChene responded to an osprey in distress in the town of Fallsburg. Upon the Officer's arrival, she was met by several concerned local residents to assist with locating the young osprey. Working together, the osprey was successfully captured for closer observation. Missy Runyan at the Friends of the Feathered and

Furry Wildlife Center in the town of Hunter helped assess the extent of injuries and determined the fledgling was simply an unskilled flyer and took a tumble into the water. The bird was returned to the shoreline to reunite with its parents in a nearby nest. Thanks to ECO DuChene, the responding residents had the chance to get up close and personal with their very first osprey.

### Righting the Ship

On Aug. 4, while on patrol in Ulster County, ECO Chomicki responded to a 911 call for an overturned kayaker unable to swim near the DEC boat launch on Chodikee Lake in the town of Lloyd.



Two ECOs in two red kayaks pulling a third kayaker to shore

Upon arrival, ECO Chomicki grabbed a life jacket and throw rope and headed to the launch. Once at the water, the ECO and a Police Officer from the town of Lloyd borrowed two kayaks from recreators and paddled out to the man. The Officers found the 72-year-old

Staten Island man standing on a rock holding onto his kayak for balance. Although the man was wearing a life jacket, it was not properly secured, rendering it ineffective. After removing some water, the Officers returned the kayaker to his kayak and towed him back to the boat launch where he was evaluated by medical personnel. Additional responders included the New York State Police, Ulster County Sheriff's Department, Ulster County Sheriff's Dive Team, Highland Fire Department, Ulster Hose Dive Team, and Mobile Life Ambulance Services.

# **Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid Bake Sale**

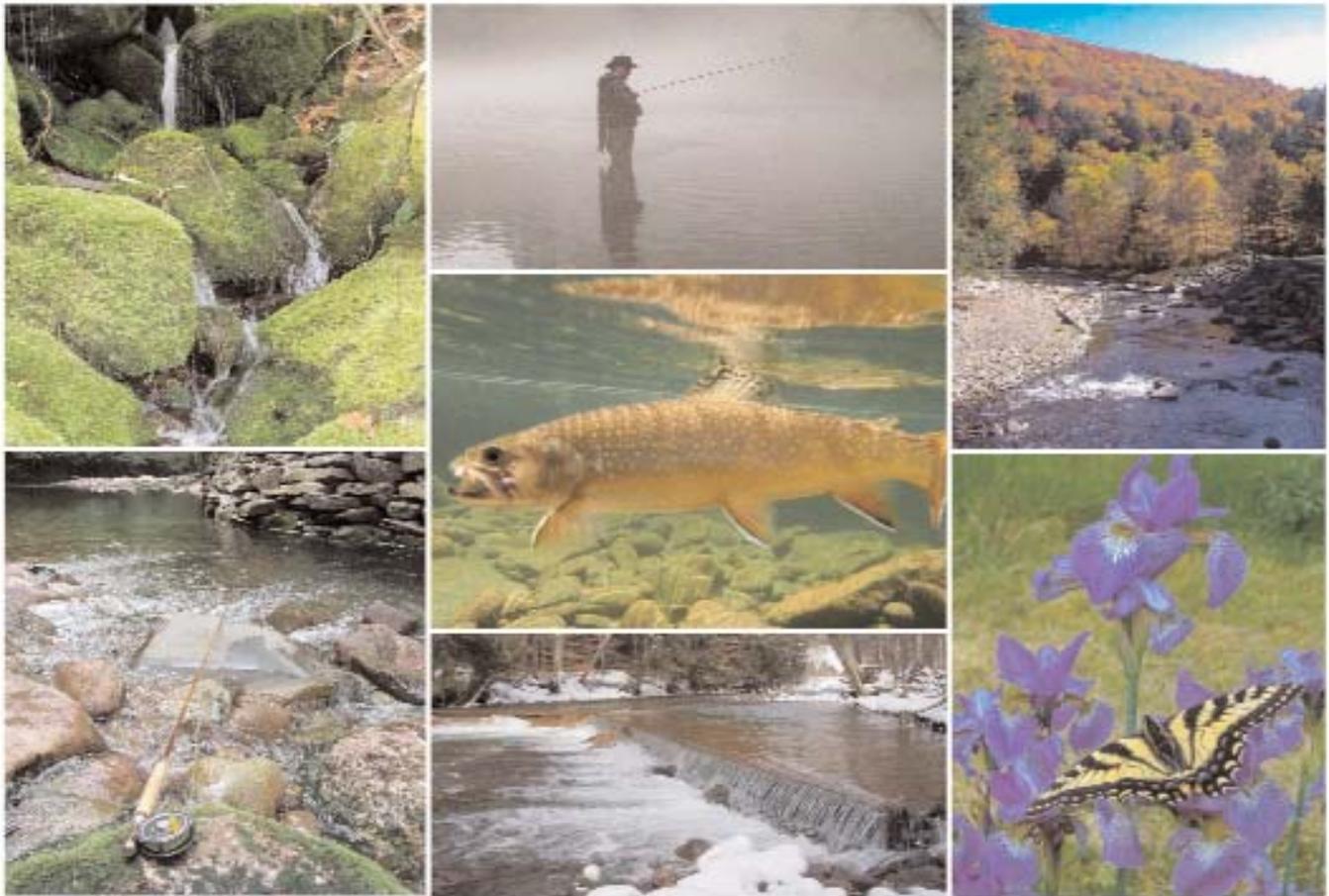
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**Saturday, September 4, 2021  
9 am till sold out**

**Homemade pies, cakes  
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**Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall  
845-985-7480**

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#### **ANNUAL BYO PICNIC & MEETING**

Sunday, September 5, 2021: noon  
Location: Claryville Fire Department,  
1500 Claryville Rd

#### **DUES REMINDER -**

**\$20/household, \$10 individual.**  
**Mail to: Neversink Association,**  
**PO Box 134, Claryville, NY 12725**

1. **Tracey Testo**, NYSDEC, will speak on deer browse and forest regeneration (known as AVID)
2. **Update on Neversink River West Branch Stream restoration.**
3. **Update on Neversink River fishing.**

# CHURCH + BAZAAR

## Sundown Ladies Annual Harvest Fair & Luncheon

September 25, 2021

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



LUNCHEON



needle work

Craft Table

Homemade Candy

baked goods

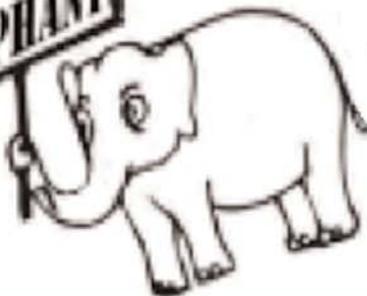
CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS TABLE



Jams & Jellies

WHITE ELEPHANT



# Sundown Community Hall

## UC Criminal Justice Reform Task Force presents its recommendations to the Legislature

Chairman Donaldson adds, "The perfect storm of the COVID pandemic and George Floyd's murder forced all of us to question how our criminal justice system can better protect our most vulnerable populations and to examine how to identify, prevent, and respond to discrimination. I applaud the thoughtful, integrated solutions put forward by the task force which simultaneously strengthens law enforcement, improves community policing, and protects the public."

Legislator Walter states, "The UC-CJRTF Report offers a holistic approach to expand criminal justice reforms in Ulster County. It seeks to balance the rights of the accused with the rights of victims, support law enforcement's capacity to work with people in crisis, reduce the revolving door of criminality, and identify and prevent discrimination in the county's criminal justice system."

"I was so impressed by the diversity and engagement of all members—we certainly do not agree on everything but found compromises that allow us, as a county, to move forward. These are not solutions we are suggesting, but rather, pathways toward solutions. The work must continue," said Legislator Walter.

### Key initiatives

- o Mandate Restorative Justice training for all Ulster County employees with direct contact with the accused and/or victims of crime
- o Create and fund a 24-hour crisis stabilization center and 7-10-day respite recovery homes, with a minimum of 8 beds
- o Establish a Professional Standards Division to independently investigate allegations of officer misconduct in the Office of

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the Sheriff, and to oversee Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) training

- o Hire a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) manager to develop and grow CIT training infrastructure countywide
- o Develop and staff a referral hotline for criminal justice discrimination concerns through the Human Rights Commission
- o Initiate a countywide Law Enforcement Community Advisory Board, formed from the membership of each municipal police reform task force, with the mission to support the implementation of police reform measures across the county (Contd. Pg. 30)

*Arm of the Sea Theater*

# THE REJUVENARY RIVER CIRCUS:

*A story about the life of a river*

Come see this show at Olive Day!  
 Saturday, September 11 at 1pm  
 Davis Park, West Shokan

This performance by Arm-of-the-Sea Theater of the Rejuvenary River Circus is made possible with funds from the Catskill Watershed Corporation in partnership with New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

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(From Pg. 29) o Implement an RFP for proposals to provide re-entry services to Ulster County Jail inmates  
o Create and implement a Centralized Arraignment system for Ulster County

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**-Balancing the rights of the accused with the rights of victims

"I commend the UC-CJRTF and the Legislature for their leadership to ensure that all county employees with direct contact with the accused and victims of crime are trained in basic restorative justice practices," said District Attorney Dave Clegg. "Restorative Ulster will be most effective and have the greatest impact when all stakeholders in the County's criminal justice system understand the benefits of restorative justice conferencing and the ways in which it can result in repairing the harm to victims and at the same time help rehabilitate the offender."

**CRISIS RESPONSE**-Supporting Law Enforcement's Capacity to work with people in crisis

"The task force recommendation to establish both a 24/7 crisis stabilization center, and short-term crisis respite beds (as alternatives to mental health inpatient stays), would help Ulster County to prevent avoidable hospital utilization and criminal justice involvement for residents living with under-addressed mental health or addiction issues, said Joshua Gran, chief strategy development officer, People USA.

"Ulster County has an extraordinary opportunity to create a culture of treatment, healing, and connection instead of incarceration and punishment for people experiencing mental health or substance use crises," adds David McNamara, executive director, Samadhi.

Mr. Gran explains, "A crisis stabilization center is a place where people in distress can walk in, or be dropped off by law enforcement on crisis intervention calls, and immediately receive high-quality, integrated care that is welcoming, trauma-informed, and recovery-focused. It should be a gateway to our preventative care system, connecting people to the longer-term services they need to thrive."

Mr. McNamara adds, "This new and evolved version of the crisis stabilization center will be a gateway into our preventative care system and a way to connect people with their community and to the long-term services that they need."

### ETHICS & INTEGRITY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

The public entrusts law enforcement to demonstrate high ethical standards which are consistent with the laws they have sworn to uphold. Professionalism in law enforcement requires establishing minimum standards of ethical codes conduct, vigorous investigations into breaches of these codes, and defined rules for internal discipline to ensure compliance.

"One of the most significant outcomes from the UC-CJRTF is the recommendation to create and fund a Professional Standards Unit in the Sheriff's Office. The recommendation includes establishing a Professional Standards supervisor position and a Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) manager position," said Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa.

Sheriff Figueroa explains, "The Professional Standards Division would independently investigate allegations of officer misconduct in the Sheriff's Office." The Sheriff adds, "The Professional Standards supervisor would be a civilian with no affiliation with law enforcement unions and will be highly trained

to conduct internal investigations. The supervisor will be responsible for annual division audits, inspections, and quality assurance."

The further professionalism of law enforcement requires comprehensive and continuous education of its members, specifically around the type of crisis events that have historically resulted in breaches of these codes of conduct among law enforcement.

The UC-CJRTF recommends that the county expand Crisis Intervention Training to 50% of the Sheriff's Office personnel and 25% of all local police departments in Ulster County.

Lieutenant Joseph Sciutto adds, "CIT training equips responding officers with the skills, knowledge, and community connections they need to engage safely and effectively with people in crisis and link people in need to the best local services, supports, and resources. The program would divert people from the criminal justice system whenever appropriate and improve the overall safety of police interactions with individuals in crisis."

"The CIT manager would develop and grow local CIT training infrastructure countywide and work with county and municipal enforcement agencies to review, revise, and conform local law enforcement crisis response policies and procedures. They would also oversee CIT and Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) training programs and accreditations throughout the county," said Lieutenant Sciutto.

**RESPONDING TO DISCRIMINATION**-Identify & prevent discrimination in the County Criminal Justice System

"The task force recommendation to establish and staff a countywide referral hotline for criminal justice discrimination concerns through the Human Rights Commission is a positive step forward," said Commissioner Tyrone Wilson. "We identified a real need for the county to provide assistance to people who feel that they have been discriminated by any individual who works in the county criminal justice system. This includes law enforcement officers, attorneys, clerks, and judges."

Commissioner Wilson adds, "Every branch of our justice system has its own unique oversight body and complaint process. We can help educate and connect people to the proper channels and assist them in filing discrimination complaints effectively."

"The UC-CJRTF is moving in the right direction by recommending the creation of a countywide Law Enforcement Community Advisory Board. This Board can continue to expand the welcoming and open community engagement process used to develop the recommendations offered in this report, said Dr. Edgar Rodriguez, New Paltz Coalition for Community Safety and Wellbeing.

Dr. Rodriguez adds, "The experience of including and encouraging the active participation of any interested community member to engage with the Task Force was powerful and affirming and can be used as a model for future countywide community engagement in police reform and community safety."

**RE-INTEGRATION**-Reduce the revolving door of criminality  
The UC-CJRTF strongly supports implementing an RFP for proposal to provide re-entry services to Ulster County Jail inmates.

In New York State, the recidivism rate among people released from corrections and community supervision is approximately 43%. In stark contrast, the Family of Woodstock reports a re-entry recidivism rate of only 8% for the county residents they serve who are released from New York State prisons.

In Dutchess County, a recent study demonstrated that 37.5% of jail inmates with behavioral health issues could have been safely diverted in the pre-arrest stage if linked to treatment alternatives to incarceration-this accounts for almost 25% of the total jail population. (Contd. Pg. 31)

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(From Pg. 30) "Ulster County needs to establish a formalized re-entry program to reduce recidivism and the revolving door of incarceration so that we can reintegrate previously incarcerated individuals into our community and rebuild families," states Legislator Laura Petit. "This recommendation aligns with Executive's Justice Reform Commission's call to create discharge plans that connect locally incarcerated people with housing, mental health treatment, and jobs before release. And once released, to provide the skills, training and support programs they need to not re-offend."

### CENTRALIZED ARRAIGNMENTS

A UC-CJRTF subcommittee studied the option of implementing a countywide Centralized Arraignment Part ("CAP") in Ulster County. The task force spoke with diverse criminal justice stakeholders to explore the benefits and issues of concerns about transitioning to a CAP Program.

"A CAP program would offer increased efficiency and streamline the use of law enforcement and judicial resources by consolidating arraignments in one centralized location. Ulster County magistrates would have predictable schedules and no longer would be required to be on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week," states Andrew Kossover, vice-chair of CJRTF, co-chair of the UC-CJRTF CAP Subcommittee, legislative chair of the NYS Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section and Committee on Mandated Representation, and former president and legislative chair of the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

"The 2019 New York bail reform, and the 2020 revisions, resulted in what many have perceived as a reduction in the need for off-hour arraignments, adds Mr. Kossover. The COVID pandemic has greatly hindered our ability to measure the need for a CAP system in our county."

"The courts shut down for nearly a year immediately following the implementation of the new bail reform laws, said Chief Robert Lucchesi, New Paltz Police Department. We do not have the data to adequately measure the impact of bail reform on after-hour arraignments at this time." The Chief adds, "Once we are past the pandemic, and the courts and criminal justice system have resumed normal operations for a year or so, we can analyze the data and revisit the question."

"Success with implementing a CAP program in our county necessitates the full cooperation from the local magistrates", said Mr. Kossover. "Efforts are being made to encourage magistrates to consider the potential positive implications while also addressing other municipal impacts. To date, there is no consensus in our county as to whether we should move toward being a CAP county,"

17 New York counties have implemented centralized arraignments. Others, such as Dutchess County, are still in exploration.

## Congresswoman Tenney: President Biden is not up to Role of Commander-in-Chief and Should Resign

Utica, New York - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) today released the following statement reiterating her call for President Joseph R. Biden to resign from office following his mishandling of the crisis in Afghanistan and complete failure to execute his duties effectively as Commander-in-Chief.

"In addition to a full congressional inquiry, which must happen immediately, today I am reiterating my call for President Biden to resign from office following his unilateral, reckless retreat from Afghanistan.

"His mishandling of this crisis shatters all confidence in his ability to serve as our Commander-in-Chief, which is any president's most sacred responsibility. As American lives hang in the balance, our president has been isolated from his advisors and asleep at the wheel. As the situation deteriorated rapidly, President Biden only spent a few hours at the White House managing the crisis. Until recently, he hadn't even spoken with a single world leader about the situation, even though our NATO allies have a robust presence in Afghanistan.

"A full investigation will ultimately determine whether President Biden's disastrous handling of the crisis was the result of incompetence or some other cause. But even without this investigation, we can already reach the informed conclusion based on the available evidence and facts that President Biden is not up to the challenge of responding effectively to a national security emergency.

"As our adversaries watch on, one can only imagine they have determined America is vulnerable right now. The American people are at risk, and we cannot afford to wait for the next crisis to strike. President Biden is not up to role of Commander-in-Chief and should resign.



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# DEC Announces First Documented Lake Trout Reproduction in Lake Erie in More Than 60 Years

## Capture of Fry Marks Milestone in Successful Management Efforts

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced a significant milestone for lake trout rehabilitation efforts in Lake Erie following the confirmed identification of wild fry collected by DEC's Lake Erie Fisheries Research Unit this spring. The discovery of wild lake trout fry is a historic restoration indicator for a population that was once plentiful, but collapsed due to overfishing, habitat degradation, and invasive species.



Photo courtesy of NYSDEC

Capture of Fry Marks Milestone in Successful Management Efforts

once plentiful, but collapsed due to overfishing, habitat degradation, and invasive species.

"Today marks a key milestone in the restoration of lake trout in Lake Erie after six decades of significant investments to improve water quality and habitat and promote sound fisheries management," Commissioner Seggos said. "This phenomenal Great Lakes story of recovery is a testament to the perseverance of the researchers and biologists from DEC and partner agencies who worked tirelessly to help restore this fishery."

The recent discovery is the result of an acoustic telemetry study, conducted by DEC expert staff and partners, which identified potential lake trout spawning areas in eastern Lake Erie. On May 14, 2021, DEC's Lake Erie Fisheries Research Unit staff collected multiple, recently hatched fry in fry traps on a rock reef about five miles west of Barcelona Harbor in Chautauqua County. In July, Dr. Chris Wilson at Trent University positively identified the fry as lake trout through genetic bar-coding.

DEC works closely with partners to assess and restore lake trout, including the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC), Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources,

the Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Observation System, and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

Lake trout were once the top predator in Lake Erie with records of fish measuring in excess of 50 inches and weighing 75 pounds. Commercial fishing for lake trout in Lake Erie began in the late-1700s, and by the late 1800s, the population had significantly declined. By the 1930s, the commercial fishery had all but ceased, and by 1965, lake trout were considered extirpated from Lake Erie. Modern-day efforts to restore lake trout began in 1982, with annual stocking by USFWS in partnership with DEC and PFBC. In 1986, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission began suppressing the invasive sea lamprey population to support lake trout rehabilitation efforts.



Photo courtesy of NYSDEC

DEC Announces First Documented Lake Trout Reproduction in Lake Erie in More Than 60 Years

The sea lamprey is a parasitic jawless fish that feeds on other fish by attaching to them using a suction-disk mouth filled with rasping teeth and a file-like tongue.

Recently, biologists determined that adult lake trout stocks had improved to a level at which natural recruitment could be detectable. Although the number of wild lake trout fry collected earlier in 2021 was small, the discovery of evidence that lake trout are spawning and their eggs are surviving and successfully hatching is historic. Following decades of research, this finding validates that restoring wild lake trout populations is attainable. Biologists conduct annual assessments of the population in the eastern basin to measure progress toward rehabilitation goals.

## Olive Free Library 4th Annual Juried Group Exhibition

Our fourth annual juried summer group exhibition-*Eye to Eye*-runs until September 11 and features 58 works by over 50 different local and regional artists, covering all styles and media. Juried by renowned local artist Tom Sarrantonio. Come and check it out!



"A Shift in Reality" by Diane Christi



"Yellow Circle" by Ted Dixon



"Four Sisters" by Joseph Cozad

eye to eye  
fourth annual juried summer group show

July 24 – September 11, 2021

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## NICK NEEDS A KIDNEY TYPE O OR A(2)

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### More about our warrior Nick....

Nick was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) at birth. TSC is a neurological disorder that produces seizures, tumors, and lesions that effect the organs of the body and can cause Autism. Nick battled with seizures his whole life from infantile spasms to adult grand-mal seizures. Finally the past year and half Nick's seizures have been controlled but his kidney function was deteriorating. May 2019 we heard the worst news that Nick's function was under 10% on both kidneys! Since then Nick has had 2 surgeries to put ports in his neck and stomach so dialysis can be preformed. Nick has transitioned to home dialysis and has been a tough adjustment. Not what the sweetest, kindest, 29 year old should be going through.

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

## DEC Proposes Daily Limit Increase for Walleye on Oneida Lake

*New Population Estimates Reveal Need to Increase the Possession Limit from Three to Five Fish Per Day*

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released proposed regulations to increase the daily possession limit of walleye in Oneida Lake from three fish per day to the statewide daily possession limit of five fish per day.

"The walleye population in Oneida Lake is at a record high and we no longer need to maintain a reduced daily limit," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "This proposal encourages the increased harvest necessary to help sustain this outstanding fishery for years to come."

Scientists have been assessing the Oneida Lake adult walleye population annually since the mid-1950s. The population fluctuated in abundance from more than one million fish in the 1980s, to fewer than 300,000 fish in the late 1990s. In 2000, DEC reduced the daily possession limit for this popular sport fish from five to three per day to increase abundance. By 2019, the adult walleye population rebounded to an estimated one million fish, and in 2020, increased even further to a record estimate of 1.2 million fish.

While this is good news for the current fishery, the burgeoning walleye population could potentially create negative impacts on the forage base in the lake, particularly on yellow perch. The proposed moderate increase in walleye harvest is necessary for the health of both the walleye and yellow perch fisheries. A recent survey indicates most anglers support the increase and more information on the angler opinion survey (PDF) can be found on DEC's website.

The regulatory proposal is available on the DEC website for review and public comment through Oct. 17, 2021, and should be submitted via e-mail to [regulations.fish@dec.ny.gov](mailto:regulations.fish@dec.ny.gov) with subject line "Oneida Lake Walleye Regulations" or via mail to the Inland Fisheries Section, NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4753.

## DEC Announces 2022 Maintenance on Upper Saranac River Locks and Corresponding Campsite Closures in 2022

*Saranac Lake Islands Campground Sites 63-87 to Close*

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced it will temporarily close the upper locks on the Saranac River in late spring of 2022 to complete necessary maintenance. From May 20 through June 30, 2022, campsites 63 through 87 at the Saranac Lake Islands Campground will be temporarily closed, and reservations will not be available. Campsites on Lower Saranac Lake will be available for reservation beginning Aug. 20, 2021.

For additional information or to find an alternate site to recreate, visit DEC's website.

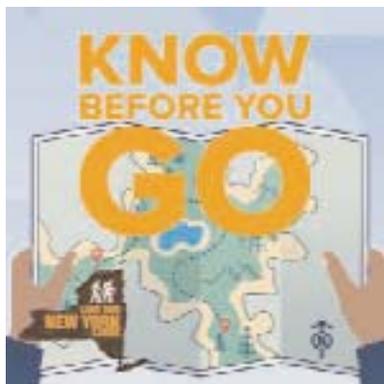
## DEC Accepting Waterfowl Hunting Permit Lottery Entries for Duck Hunting Opening Weekend at Oak Orchard and Tonawanda Wildlife Management Areas Applications Accepted through Sept. 15

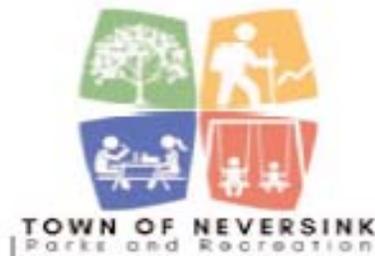
The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that special permits will be issued for the opening weekend of duck season to hunt waterfowl at two popular State-managed locations in Western New York. The permit requirement applies to waterfowl hunting at the Oak Orchard and Tonawanda wildlife management areas (WMAs) located primarily in Genesee and Niagara counties, with small portions in Orleans and Erie counties. The special permits are part of DEC's ongoing efforts to promote hunter safety, reduce hunter conflicts, and increase the quality of hunting on days when these areas receive the greatest use. (Contd. Pg 37)

## Peekamoose Blue Hole Permit Updates

DEC issued special regulations for the Blue Hole and Peekamoose Valley because of the huge increase in visitors. The purpose of these regulations is to increase public safety and reduce impacts to environmental resources. Before planning a trip to these areas, please make sure to review the regulations. Some highlights you need to know before you go are below: Visitors are required to obtain a permit for a \$10 fee through Reserve America seven days a week May 15 through September 15, consistent with fees for other recreation-oriented Day Use areas in the Forest Preserve; Each permit will be linked to a vehicle, and the permit must be displayed on/in the vehicle; Parking is limited to designated parking areas only. Parking along the shoulder of the road is prohibited by the Town and is a Tow Away Zone; Visitors are required to use portable restroom facilities for human waste disposal and the dumpster for all other waste;

The following are prohibited at the Blue Hole (limited use will be allowed at the nearby designated camping area only): Except for the nearby designated camping area, the Blue Hole is only open to the public from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. Camping; All fires (including charcoal fires, wood fires, gas grills, propane stoves or other portable stoves); Use of portable generators; Alcohol; Glass containers; Coolers larger than 12" in any dimension; Radios and other audio devices.





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FORM THAT MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE EVENT.



## DEC Accepting Waterfowl Hunting Permit Lottery Entries for Duck Hunting

(From Pg 34)

A special permit is required to hunt waterfowl at Oak Orchard and Tonawanda WMAs on the duck season's first Saturday and first Sunday of the Western Zone Duck Season. Waterfowl may be hunted without a special permit any other day of the open duck season. The permit system has been used successfully at both WMAs for many years. Special permits are not required to hunt other game species in these WMAs.

Western New York's opening day/weekend dates for duck hunting season are Oct. 16 and 17. Goose season is not open during the opening weekend of duck season in 2021. No special permit is needed for goose season this year.

Opening weekend waterfowl hunting permits for the two WMAs will be distributed by a random lottery. For each of the two days, DEC anticipates issuing 100 permits for the Tonawanda WMA and 50 permits for Oak Orchard WMA.

### How to Apply

To apply for the lottery, hunters will fill out an online form. This link can also be found on the DEC webpage for Tonawanda and Oak Orchard WMAs. Hunters must enter their name, email address, zip code, and waterfowl ID number (applicants must have taken a waterfowl identification course to enter the lottery). Hunters also need to indicate their choices of hunt day (Saturday or Sunday) and area (Oak Orchard or Tonawanda) in order of preference. There is also an option to request email updates regarding habitat conditions (helpful information when planning your trip) and restoration projects at these WMAs.

For general questions, or for those unable to access the survey online, contact DEC's regional wildlife office at 585-948-5182. Online applications will be accepted through midnight Sept. 15, 2021. Anyone unable to complete the online survey should contact the office before Sept. 15.

Each permittee will be allowed to bring one companion over the age of 18 and an additional companion 18 years old or younger. Issued permits are non-transferable and are not valid for companion(s) unless the permittee is present and hunting within 50 yards. The permittee is responsible for completing an online harvest report (a link will be provided with your permit) by Nov. 15, 2021; even if the hunter did not go hunting, they must report. If the completed questionnaire is not received by Nov. 15, the permittee will be ineligible for the 2022 lottery.

### Annual Waterfowl Information Meeting

DEC is holding the agency's annual waterfowl information meeting virtually. During the meeting, wildlife biologists from NYSDEC and Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will discuss items of interest to waterfowl hunters, including:

Highlights of wetland management and research programs at Iroquois NWR, Tonawanda, Oak Orchard, Northern Montezuma, and Braddock Bay WMAs, including drawdown schedules and hunt program news;

Regional and statewide waterfowl news and updates;

Atlantic Flyway news and waterfowl population status; and,

NY 2021-22 duck and goose hunting seasons.

The meeting will be a live virtual event on Wednesday, Sept. 22, from 7 - 9 p.m. The link to join the meeting will be posted on the webpage for Tonawanda and Oak Orchard WMAs. A recording of the meeting will also be posted on this webpage.

### Wetland Restoration at Tonawanda WMA

Hunters should be aware of a wetland restoration project that will be under construction starting the second or third week in December within the southeast corner of West Ruddy Marsh at Tonawanda WMA. The project is being done in cooperation with Ducks Unlimited and the Finger Lakes and Western New York Waterfowl Association and will improve habitat for waterfowl and other wetland wildlife as well as access for hunters by creating potholes and channels within a section of dense cattail. In order for construction to proceed, water levels will need to be lowered in West Ruddy Marsh starting in mid-October. The marsh should still have water levels conducive to waterfowl hunting, although some areas will likely be harder to paddle with a canoe or kayak, especially by later in the hunting season. During construction, a portion of the marsh will be marked as off limits for safety reasons. Questions about the project can be directed to the DEC's regional wildlife office at 585-948-5182.

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## Sept. 11, 2021

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Car Club*



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# Olive Day 2021

**10 a.m. Frog Jump (bring your own frog)**

**11 a.m. Memorial to Honor 9/11 Heroes**

**11 a.m. Town of Olive Police Dept. - Bike Safety**

**12 pm Frog Hop Race 2 pm Egg Toss 3 pm Treasure Hunt**

**1 p.m. Arm-of-the-Sea Theater Performance**

**"The Rejuvenary River Circus"**

This performance is sponsored by the Olive Free Library and paid for by funds from the Catskill Watershed Corporation in partnership with New York City Department of Environmental Protection

## September 11, 2021

### Olive Day Jason Jones-Kent Reeves Memorial Run

Registration 8:30 a.m.  
5K run begins 9 a.m.

### Music

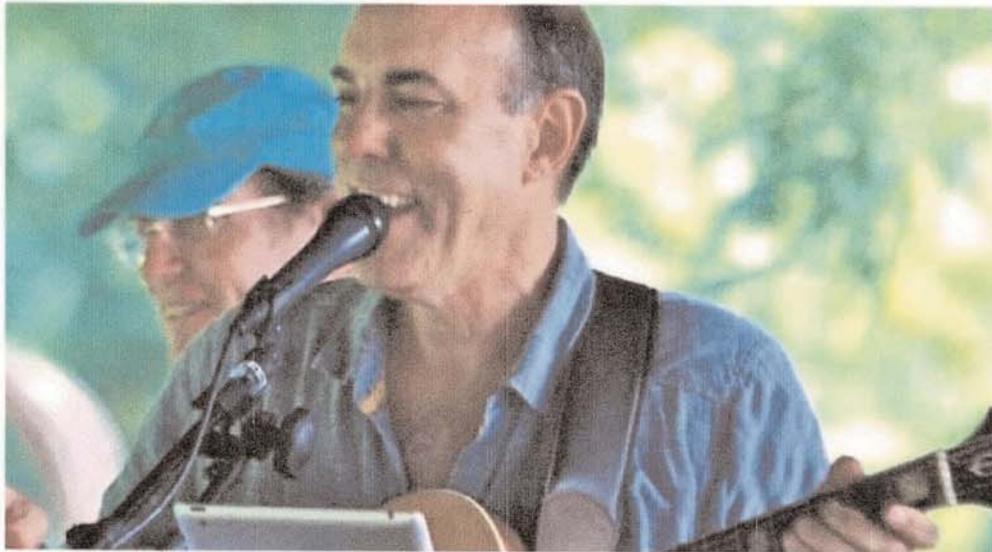
The Spillway Band  
11-2:30 p.m.

90 Proof Band  
3-6 p.m.

- **Classic Car Show (10- 2)**
- **BB gun shooting range**
- **Penny Social**
- **Blood Pressure testing**
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## Booster COVID Shots Not Here Yet –Public Health Urges Getting More Children Vaccinated

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services has begun preparations to offer a third dose of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to eligible populations.

“Right now we're waiting on the NYS Department of Health, whose Commissioner Howard Zucker has convened the State's Clinical Advisory Task Force to finalize guidance on how we can distribute and administer these doses,” Public Health Director Nancy McGraw explained.

Those preparations include:

- Determining locations and staffing for clinic sites
- Creating a notification system
- Gathering necessary supplies
- Informing local physicians, healthcare organizations and other partners

“We've amassed a good deal of experience delivering vaccines, so we mostly know what we have to do,” McGraw affirmed. “I just ask that people be patient as we develop these third-dose clinics. We will announce where they're happening and who's eligible just as soon as we can.”

In the meantime, Public Health Services continues to urge parents of children over 12 years old to be vaccinated, and anyone who works with children in schools or daycare settings to get vaccinated now if they have not yet done so, before school starts. Just over 63% of Sullivan County's year-round population age 18 and older has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, but active coronavirus cases continue to climb due to the Delta variant, currently standing at 175, six of whom are in the hospital. An additional death has also occurred, taking the cumulative total to 79.

“In communities with vaccination rates less than 70%, and in parts of the County with very low vaccination rates, the likelihood that the Delta variant will continue to put the unvaccinated at higher risk, and make them very sick, is real. This includes children too young (less than age 12) to be vaccinated yet,” stated McGraw.

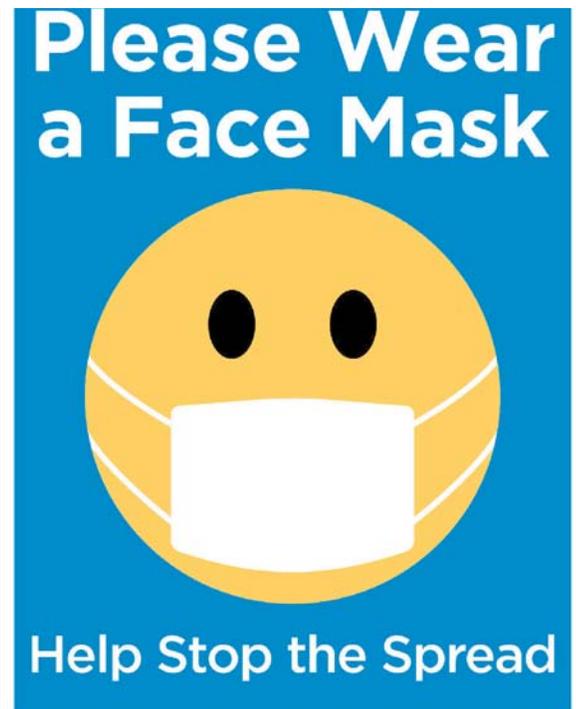
“The ages of those being admitted to the hospital - almost all of whom are unvaccinated - are getting younger, with 83% of the admissions currently between the ages of 19 and 54 years old. And over half of all new positive cases since July 1 have been among individuals younger than 35,” she added. “There is no pediatric ICU available in Sullivan County, and if younger children start getting sick enough to need hospital admission, their families will have a very difficult time, financially and emotionally, having to travel out of the county.”

Public Health Services continues to offer free Pfizer doses (ages 12 and older) every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m. at its offices at 50 Community Lane in Liberty. Walk-in or register at [www.sullivanny.us/Departments/PublicHealth/COVIDvaccines/clinics](http://www.sullivanny.us/Departments/PublicHealth/COVIDvaccines/clinics). Local pharmacies and healthcare providers are also offering free shots, and in homebound cases, Public Health can make personal visits. (Call 845-292-5910 to schedule, if homebound.)

Other vaccination locations with current stock can be found at [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov), by texting your zip code to 438829 or by calling 1-800-232-0233. If you have questions about COVID-19, call the New York State COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-364-3065.

McGraw also strongly encourages everyone - vaccinated or unvaccinated - to wear masks indoors and outdoors where you cannot be at least six feet away from another person, and you are in a large group for greater than 15 minutes.

“Our primary goal right now is to vaccinate individuals 12 and older in order to offer the best protection we can to our children before the school year begins,” she said. “Vaccination and masks are the two most effective prevention tools we have, and they work.”



## Why wear a mask?

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Wearing a face covering is a small inconvenience to protect others. We have gotten through this crisis by standing together and doing the right thing. The right thing - the respectful thing - is to wear a mask.

## UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces the Opening of a New Vaccination Site at the Kingston Plaza

**Opened Friday, August 20th, from 2PM to 7PM, the new location will be available for walk-ins, appointments, and qualifying booster shots**

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced the opening of a new vaccination site located at the Kingston Plaza. As Ulster County continues to see a rise in positive cases due to the Delta variant, this location will offer residents the safest and quickest way to combat the virus by getting vaccinated.

“With the national rise in cases due to the Delta variant, Ulster County is redoubling our efforts to make vaccines accessible,” County Executive Pat Ryan said. “As the summer comes to a close, it is essential that everyone gets vaccinated. Vaccines are safe, effective, and provide our best ability as a community to stay healthy and bring back a sense of normalcy.” (Contd. Pg. 42)

## UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces the Opening of a New Vaccination Site at the Kingston Plaza

(From Pg. 41) The new location, between Savonna's Pizza and Scanlon Cleaners, at 304 Plaza Road #25, Kingston, NY, will open this Friday, August 20th from 2PM to 7PM and continue to be open every Friday. Appointments can be made at [VaccinateUlster.com](http://VaccinateUlster.com) and walk-ins will be accepted.

Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are available on-site for first and second doses. The Pfizer vaccine is approved for people ages 12+. For anyone under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must accompany and give consent for vaccination. Documentation is not required. Any necessary forms will be available at the POD in English and in Spanish, and a Spanish interpreter will also be on site.

Last week, County Executive Pat Ryan announced that the Ulster County Department of Health has released guidelines for the safe reopening of schools during the upcoming school year. In a series of guidelines from Ulster County Health Commissioner Dr. Carol Smith, Ulster County recommended the return to five-days-a-week, full-time in-person learning and that all individuals (faculty, staff, students, and contractors) should be required to wear masks at all times inside school buildings regardless of vaccination status

## Sullivan County Energy Tax FACT SHEET

**WHAT IS THE UPDATE?** On August 19, 2021, legislators unanimously agreed to reinstate the residential exemption of the 4% Energy Tax law (described below), effective December 1, 2021 (upon State approval). This means that after that date, the Energy Tax will NOT be assessed on any retail sale/use receipts for electricity or heating fuel purchased or delivered in Sullivan County. The actions taken with this law do not affect commercial users, who remain subject to the tax.

**WHAT IS THE ENERGY TAX?** Since 1975, the County of Sullivan has assessed a 4% sales and use tax on every local commercial entity's/property's electric and heating fuel delivery bills. Residential entities/properties were exempted. On July 23, 2020, the Sullivan County Legislature unanimously removed the residential exemption, effective Sept. 1, 2020, in order to prepare for anticipated fiscal impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic - impacts that ultimately did not fully materialize. Thus the Legislature took action a year later to remove the Energy Tax from residential users.

**WHEN WILL THIS ENERGY TAX GO AWAY?** For residential properties and customers, on December 1, 2021, according to what the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance has told the County. Commercial bills will continue to be taxed as they have been since the law's 1975 enactment.

**BY WHAT AUTHORITY WAS THIS TAX UNDERTAKEN?** Resolution No. 3 of 1975 of the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors (which was succeeded in 1995 by the Sullivan County Legislature) authorized the collection of a 4% tax on the retail sale or use of fuel oil, coal, wood, propane (except when sold in containers of less than 100 pounds), natural gas, electric and steam. Residential properties were exempted at that time but, as described above, that exemption was temporarily removed.

**WHAT "ENERGY" DOES THIS TAX COVER?** Every electric bill generated for service provided in Sullivan County since September 1, 2020, has had the 4% Energy Tax assessed, unless the end user was/is exempt from paying sales tax. This includes customers of NYSEG, Central Hudson and Orange & Rockland Utilities, regardless of whether the electricity was generated in Sullivan County (for example, via grid-connected solar panels) or outside the County (for example, an upstate power plant). Until December 1, 2021, all retail sale/use receipts for heating fuel and electricity purchased or delivered in Sullivan County had the 4% Energy Tax assessed. After that date, those receipts (for residential purposes) are no longer subject to the tax.

**WHAT "ENERGY" DOES THIS TAX NOT COVER?**

- o Wholesale transactions
- o Energy generated or derived solely from one's own property and/or materials, and used exclusively for personal benefit, with no sale involved (for example, cutting wood on private property for use in a wood stove or the generation of electricity from solar panels unconnected to the electrical grid)
- o Electricity or other energy and fuel sources used outside Sullivan County, even if the bill is the responsibility of a Sullivan County resident
- o Propane tanks under 100 pounds
- o Highway diesel motor fuel

**As of December 1, 2021:**

- o Electricity
- o Oil
- o Natural gas
- o Propane
- o Wood (including wood pellets)
- o Biofuel
- o Kerosene
- o Steam
- o Coal

**DOES SOMEONE WHO HEATS THEIR HOME WITH ELECTRICITY PAY THIS TAX TWICE?** No, unless the bill for the use of electricity for home heating is generated separately from the household electric (power) bill.

**IS ANYONE EXEMPT FROM THE ENERGY TAX?** Only those entities and properties which are already exempt from paying sales tax are exempt from paying the Energy Tax, as this is a form of sales tax. However, come December 1, 2021, all residential properties will once again be exempt from paying the Energy Tax.

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**Governor Cuomo Signs  
Legislation Clarifying Provisions  
Prohibiting Wage Theft  
*Legislation Provides That There  
Are No Exceptions to Liability  
for Failure to Pay Wages***

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today signed legislation (S.858/A.1893) which relates to strengthening laws prohibiting wage theft and closes a loophole created by litigation, clarifying that there are no exceptions to liability for failure to pay wages.

"Hard working people deserve every cent they are owed - wage theft cannot and should not have any leg to stand on in our legal system," Governor Cuomo said. "Solidifying the language in the state's labor law is crucial to ensuring courts don't have a chance to deny workers any pay-

ment they are owed. Wage theft is illegal in New York, period."

The "No Wage Theft Loophole Act" serves to amend sections of Article 6 of New York's Labor Law to clarify that wage theft remains illegal with no exception, furthering the intent of the statute to protect the hard-earned wages of workers. Previously, language throughout the statute was narrowly interpreted by courts, depriving workers of the wages they've rightfully earned. The legislation closes that loophole and strengthens the rights of workers to be paid all they are owed.

**2021 WCAA Artists'  
Studio Tour**

The Wayne County Arts Alliance is excited to invite all to attend our 2021 WCAA Artist's Studio Tour on August 27, 28, 29 at Studios around Wayne County and our Headquarters at The Cooperage Project 1030 Main St. Honesdale. Free and open to the public August 27, 28, 29 10am - 6pm each day.

This is our 18th Annual Artists Studio Tour. The tour provides an opportunity to meet Wayne County's established and emerging artists in their studios. Something for everyone! Paintings, sculpture, jewelry, textiles, ceramics, collage, photography, and more original artwork of all kinds.

We encourage you to start your tour at our Headquarters at The Cooperage Project, 1030 Main St. Honesdale, where you can view a sample of art from each Tour Artist and talk with our docents to help you plan your tour. Visit one or all 14 locations. Our Studio Tour Artists for 2021 are: Bill Westmoreland, Sally Talaga, Kevin Storms, Ellen Silberlicht, Matt Povse, Paul Plumadore, Nancy Palubniak, Linda Krause, Bozena Janiszewski, David Harvey, Sue Stephan Foster, Denis Folz, Elaine Flynn, Jerry DeCrotie, Elizabeth Castellano, Berton Bullis and Susan Cottle Alberto.

The Artists Studio Tour is the premier event which was the catalyst for establishing the WCAA. The Tour gives the public a rare opportunity to visit with some of the professional artists who call this area their home. Here is your chance to meet the artists and discuss their philosophies, inspiration and working techniques while viewing their most recent collections of artwork. And if you see something you want to own, take advantage of the artist's studio pricing. Don't miss this opportunity to visit Wayne County's diverse and talented artists right in their own studios.

Our 2021 WCAA Studio Tour Brochure with map and detailed artist information is available at Visitor's Centers and other area businesses, and online at [waynecountyartsalliance.org](http://waynecountyartsalliance.org).



## Congresswoman Tenney Leads Letter Urging Pelosi to Reject Federal Takeover of Elections

Washington, DC - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22), co-chair of the House Election Integrity Caucus, today led several of her colleagues in a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi urging her to work with Republicans in Congress on targeted election reforms instead of forcing the House to vote on H.R. 4. This partisan bill would implement a disastrous federal takeover of elections in the United States. H.R. 4 was introduced just days ago, on August 17, 2021. Speaker Pelosi intends to bring the bill up for consideration before it is even debated in the appropriate committees of jurisdiction, completely bypassing regular order in the House of Representatives.

“Speaker Pelosi is once again trying to rush through a completely partisan bill that institutes a federal takeover of our elections. H.R. 4 is another unconstitutional proposal from the left that undermines the integrity of our elections by disregarding commonsense reforms enacted at the state level and granting unprecedented power to unelected Washington bureaucrats. Today, I led a letter joined by several of my House colleagues asking the Speaker to do the right thing and reject this legislation. At the very least, Speaker Pelosi must ensure robust, fair, and transparent debate in Committee before this bill is considered by the full House of Representatives,” said Congresswoman Tenney.

Tenney was joined by Reps. Mike Garcia (CA-25), Co-Chair of the House Election Integrity Caucus, Elise Stefanik (NY-21), Lisa McClain (MI-01), Nicole Malliotakis (NY-11), Tedd Budd (NC-13), Mo Brooks (AL-05), Louie Gohmert (TX-01), Kevin Hern (OK-01), Bill Johnson (OH-06), Madison Cawthorn (NC-11), Jim Banks (IN-03), Gregory Steube (FL-17), Jody Hice (GA-10), and Diana Harshbarger (TN-01) in sending the letter to the Speaker. Full text can be found here or below.

Dear Madam Speaker:

We write today to express our strong concern with and opposition to H.R. 4, the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. We urge you not to bring this bill up for consideration in the House next week. This bill is yet another highly partisan bill. It masquerades as a cure to end racial discrimination, but instead centralizes election control in the federal government, essentially enacting the worst aspects of H.R. 1. At the very least, you should hold an open Committee hearing on this legislation prior to scheduling a vote so the American people's representatives can debate it fairly and subject its dangerous provisions to greater scrutiny.

The 2020 election was a pivotal moment for election security in the United States. It is clear to us as members of Congress that our nation needs commonsense reforms to ensure fair, accurate, and transparent elections. We must take steps to restore the American people's confidence in the democratic process and address issues that were exposed in elections across the country.

This past March, you pushed through H.R. 1, the so-called “For the People Act,” without any Republican involvement or support. In fact, this bill to fundamentally reshape elections in America was not even debated and marked up in its committees of jurisdiction. H.R. 1 is a purely partisan, unconstitutional power grab that would codify some of these worst policies from the 2020 election, while opening the floodgates for almost anyone, including ineligible voters, to be counted in future elections. H.R. 1 would ban common-sense voter ID laws from being enacted, permit convicted non-citizens and felons to vote, give away taxpayer dollars to fund campaigns, and dramatically expand automatic voter registration—a giveaway to political operatives seeking to boost their ballot harvesting operations. Put simply, this bill is a disaster for election integrity.

Fortunately, H.R. 1 does not have the votes to advance in the United States Senate. However, we write today to express our equally strong

concern with H.R. 4. This bill, like H.R. 1, would federalize our election system, give more power to unelected career bureaucrats in Washington, and unconstitutionally erode the ability of states to oversee elections. For example, H.R. 4 would require states to seek permission from the federal government before making even minor changes to their election rules. The smallest change, such as moving a polling place across the street, could require the permission from career bureaucrats at the Department of Justice (DOJ). Unelected officials at the DOJ would have veto power over good-faith decisions made by state and local governments, without ever providing a justification. This would unconstitutionally expand the federal government's ability to reject commonsense reforms enacted at the state level related to things like voter ID laws, absentee voting, maintenance of voter rolls, the location of polling places, and the hours of operation.

In addition, H.R. 4 would create an even more onerous formula for determining discrimination in voting rights than the one employed by the original Voting Rights Act. The bill would attempt to overturn the Supreme Court's 2013 decision in *Shelby v. Holder*, which struck down the Section 4(b) formula for utilizing Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. House Democrats continue to claim that our current system suppresses minority voters, and that new legislation is needed that provides the federal government with even more expansive powers over state authorities. But this is just false. In April 2021, the Census Bureau concluded that the 2020 election attracted “the highest voter turnout of the 21st century”. The census also found that minority groups registered and turned out to vote in the highest numbers ever in our history.

H.R. 4 legislation violates the principles of federalism and exceeds the powers granted to Congress by the Constitution. We therefore urge you not to bring this legislation up for consideration and instead work in a bipartisan fashion with Republicans on targeted election reforms that respect our Constitution as well as the primary role of states in administering elections. Moving from consideration of H.R. 1 to H.R. 4 is a classic bait and switch that will continue to undermine confidence in the democratic process and make elections less secure. Sincerely,

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR We Equipped The Taliban Enemy

To quote from my letter of May 29, 2021, which was written in late April, “The planned withdrawal of all U.S. and European troops from Afghanistan by September 11, 2021 will probably allow the Taliban to reconquer Afghanistan and .....establish terrorist organizations devoted to attacking the United States.” We lost almost 2400 Americans killed, and spent over \$2 trillion in Afghanistan during the past 20 years.

The Taliban and their allied Muslim terrorist organizations have a vast base of operations to plan and support terrorist attacks against the world. They now have the economic base of an entire country to finance their terrorist plots and activities, and the terrorists have acquired large amounts of military equipment we furnished to the Afghan military.

We have outfitted an enemy with our military equipment they can use against us. Although Afghanistan is geographically isolated from us, it borders Iran to the west, and I am sure Iran will be acquiring some of our modern military equipment from Afghanistan for future use.

We should have disabling software in the computer modules in the equipment we provide foreign countries so we can electronically disable the equipment if it falls into adversarial hands.

As soon as our diplomats, other U.S. citizens and our military are out of Afghanistan we should inform the Taliban we are prepared to launch a pinpointed missile campaign and special operations against specific personnel and structures to thwart any Taliban attacks against the United States..

Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry NH

## Kathy Hochul was sworn in as the 57th Governor of the State of New York



At a procedural ceremony at midnight on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, Kathy Hochul was sworn in as the 57th Governor of the State of New York.

### Statement from Senator Mike Martucci

Middletown, NY - Statement from Senator Mike Martucci (R,C,I-Hudson Valley and Catskills) on the swearing-in of Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul as New York State's 57th Governor:

"I congratulate Governor Hochul and wish her well as she begins her time as the Chief Executive of our State. As the first woman to ever serve as Governor and an Upstater, she will bring a much different perspective to the office than her predecessor. She enters office at a time of turmoil and challenge but also at a time of promise and opportunity. I look forward to working with Governor Hochul when I can and disagreeing with her respectfully, but forcefully, when I must. The people we both represent deserve nothing less."

### Attorney General James' Statement on Swearing In of Governor Kathy Hochul

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James released the following statement on the swearing in of Governor Kathy Hochul:

"Today is a historic day for New Yorkers with the swearing in of our first female governor, Kathy Hochul. I congratulate Governor Hochul on this incredible accomplishment and wish her well in her new role building on the progress of our great state. I look forward to continuing to work with her and the entire incoming administration."

### Congresswoman Tenney Blasts Cuomo's Shameful Decision to Commute Sentence of Convicted Cop Killer David Gilbert

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-22) released the following statement after *soon-to-be former* Governor Andrew Cuomo commuted the 75-year sentence of David Gilbert. Gilbert is a convicted cop killer and former member of a domestic terrorist group, the Weather Underground. The group is known for its violent anti-American activity, including bombing the U.S. Capitol, Pentagon and other government buildings. Cuomo also commuted the sentences of four other convicted murderers.

"Governor Cuomo's shady decision to pardon David Gilbert on his last day in office is despicable and outrageous. Incoming Governor Hochul can right this wrong. She should consider renaming the new bridge in Nyack, formerly the Tappan Zee, after Peter Paige, Edward O'Grady and Waverly Brown, those murdered by Gilbert.

"Gilbert's son, Chesa Boudin, is a George Soros-funded District Attorney in San Francisco, who is pushing one of the most radical anti-police agendas in the country. It is no surprise that Cuomo, a card-carrying member of the political insider's club, was possibly persuaded by the power and financial benefits that could be gained by appeasing Soros' political network.

"My deepest sympathies to the families of these brave public servants murdered by David Gilbert, who are now witnessing justice undone by Cuomo's callous betrayal. Thankfully, we only have two hours left of Andrew Cuomo's tenure. It is time to restore integrity and justice to the Empire State



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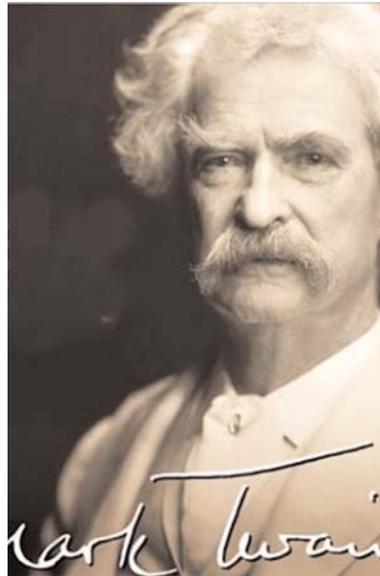


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with soul of Mark Twain driving his performance. Thank you Fredric March. Also starring **Alexis Smith**, in a wonderful performance as Twain's wife, and **Donald Crisp**.



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An invalid poetess defies her father's wishes to marry a dashing young poet. **Directed by Sidney Franklin**, and starring **Norma Shearer, Fredric March, and Charles Laughton**.

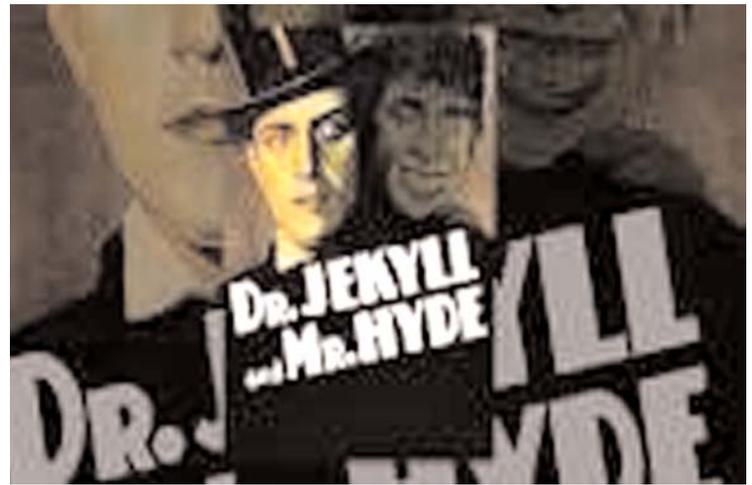


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